

Empire State Association of the Deaf, Inc.

Minutes of ESAD General Meeting II
June 25, 2011
Hilton Garden Inn
Buffalo, New York

President David Staehle opened meeting at 1:09 pm

Roll Call:

President- David Staehle
Vice-President- Steve Lovi
Secretary-Treasurer- Dean DeRusso

Branch Directors:

Buffalo Civic Association of the Deaf Michael Cross
Southwestern Association of the Deaf (Olean, NY) Susan Snyder
Utica Civic Association of the Deaf Deborah Pardi

Regional Representatives

Niagra Regions #1	BCAD Director
Niagra Regions #2	SWAD Director
Genesee Valley Region	Kelley Crocker-Kirschke
North County Region	Dora Bradley
Letherstocking Region #1	UCAD Director
Letherstocking Region #2	Jonathan Dollhopf
Capitol Region	Paul Kenneth Shreeman (excused)
Hudson Valley Region	Veron Bonse
Downstate Region	TBA

Financial Manager – Anthony Di Giovanni, ex officio (excused)

ESAD News - TBA, ex officio

NYS Pageant Chair - Julia Martin Bustos (excused)

Chair of Ways & Means Committee - Roman Kazragis (excused)

Law Committee Chairperson - Veron Bonse

Gallaudet Home Funds (GHF) – Paula Wollenhaupt

ESAD Conference Chairperson – Carolyn Cross and Melissa Lackey

Guests:

ESAD Members

Mike Cross did a roll call and counted 30 people presented in the meeting.

Frank Kimmes second to accept minutes with corrections. (Veron Bonse second) passed.

Dave announced that he appointed Vernon as the election nominate person.

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Ways and Means Report:

Roman said that he can not do the 2011 – 2013 budget report because there are a lot of questions and concerns about the Financial Manager report. He feels he needs more time to sit down with the future Financial Manager to see what ESAD can do in future

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Steve Lovi wanted to inform the General members that there was a motion made by the Board members that ESAD will follow up with Adults Senior Citizen Housing Advocates for the Deaf (ASCHAD) about the results after receiving \$5,000 from ESAD GHF funds.

Sean Gerlis moved that ESAD to develop, edit, propose and implement State Law Interpreting License on evaluation, Medical, legal and community sections. (Ray Park second) passed.

Frank Kimmes moved that ESAD has big conference in Mexico, NY for the 150 year old celebration in 2015. (Robert Tawney second) Passed.

Jonathan Dollhopf amend to have the ESAD Board to take the role of the committee for the 150 anniversary (Kelly Crocker-Kirschke second) failed.

Alice M Guinane moved to key all ESAD policies/guidelines/roles on the ESAD website so anyone can be aware of them. (Deborah Pardi second) passed.

Dora Bradley amends that they must be updated first. (Ray Parks second) passed.

Steve Lovi amend to update of the Policies and Procedures by Law Committee before being part on-line. (no second) failed.

Ray S. Praks Jr. moved that ESAD to establish a new committee called Outreach and Promotion for the purpose of recruiting and maintaining members. (Deborah Pardi second)

Alice M Guinane moved that the chairperson of committee by the president. Tabled to the Board of Directors.

Deborah Pardi Moved that the UCAD host the ESAD conference in 2013. (Frank Kimmes second) passed.

Colleen Kazrazis moved that ESAD has a budget overseer (watchdog) (Robert Tawney second) failed.

Steve Lovi amend that the overseer becomes the way of means chairperson. Passed.

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Frank Kimmes second to accept minutes with corrections. (Veron Bonse second) passed.

Vernon Bonse moved that 2017 ESAD Conference will be in New York School for the Deaf in White Plains it will be the 200th bistedog. (Frank Kimmes Second) passed.

Sean Gerlis moved that ESAD to set up uniform Instructional model which contains inclusive of America Sign Language instructions in every deaf friendly pre-K to 12 schools in the state. (second Betty Silva) passed.

Sean Gerlis moved to create, edit, implement a new law specifying each schools districts for ability to provide appropriate services to establish deaf students or refer to deaf schools (Deborah Pardi second) passed.

Sean Gerlis moved that ESAD to develop, edit, propose child Education Rights for the Deaf Law (Robert Tawney second) passed.

Ray Park moved that ESAD president establish an AD Hoc Committee to work on new projects related to interpreting, license law, deaf children rights and etc. (Pauline Rakowski second) passed.

Alice M Guinane moved to change ESAD organ as ESAD newsletter to quarterly ES Newsletter as email to all members. Second by Kelley Crocker-Kirschke. Passed. Paula W amends that ES Email newsletter is send out in video blogs. Mary Ana Slone second. Failed.

Jonathan Dollhopf moved to closed New Business. Susan Snyder second. Passed

Nomination Chairperson:

Vernon announced that David Staehle was nominated as President, Steve Lovi was nominated as Vice-President and Dean DeRusso was nominated as Secretary. All officers accepted nominations. General Members approved of each nominate after Vernon announced.

Dean referred the Town Hall Meeting notes to the Board of Directors to review.

Vernon Bonse moved to close meeting. (Molly Allis second) Passed.

David announced meeting adjourned at 3:46.