

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE AGENCIES OF THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING
Directors' Annual Meeting
Phoenix, AZ
8:00am – 5:00pm, July 5, 2016

Business Meeting Attendance:

Cliff Moers (CO)
Ronald Lanier (VA)
Steven Snow (ID)
Pete Seiler (NE) (For John Wyvil)
Jan Withers (NC)
Carmen Green (AZ) (For Sherri Collins)
Steven Florio (RI)
Opeoluwa Sotonwa (MO)
Nathan Gomme (NM)
Kurstin Chun (HI)
Heidi Reed (MA)
Annie Urasky (MI)
Virginia Moore (KY)
Mary Hartnett (MN)

Professional Development Attendance:

All of the above
Terry Morrell (ME)
Curtis Humphries (AZ)

Meeting Logistics:

Eric Raff (VA) (Board Liaison)
Danielle Smith (AZ)
Jeremy McCown (AZ)

Communication Access:

Karla Martin (CART)
Dustin McLaws (Interpreter)
Jeremy Brunson (Interpreter)
Joy Plote (Interpreter)
Bryanna Browder (Interpreter)
Amy Drewek (Interpreter)

Meeting open via livestreaming until approximately 12noon; discontinued due to technical difficulties.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Welcome and Introductions:

Steven Florio, NASADHH President, welcomed everyone; introductions were made.

Intercultural Affairs

Panel moderator: Dr. Khadijat Rashid

- **Tim Albert:** National Black Deaf Advocates
- **Rogelio Fernandez, Jr:** Council de Manos
- **James Wooden Legs:** Native Americans

Dr. Rashid had an established set of questions (which was shared with meeting participants) and posed them one at a time. Each panelist had the opportunity to respond to these questions.



Intercultural Affairs
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Strategic Management

Presenter: Dr. Mark Myers, Gallaudet University, Dept. of Government & Public Affairs

Dr. Myers reviewed major elements of the strategic management process (see PPT attached). A number of State directors shared their challenges and successes. All agreed major challenges include the development of clear and relevant metrics, especially outcome-based metrics, and ensuring a thorough evaluation to round out the strategic management process.



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Interpreter Certification/Licensure:

Chris Wagner, President, National Association of the Deaf

Howard Rosenblum, Executive Director, National Association of the Deaf

Wagner and Rosenblum provided a general overview of NAD's decision to sever their formal business arrangement with the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) with respect to testing and certification of sign language interpreters. Both emphasized that NAD and RID will continue to work together to advocate for full communication access for Deaf people. A question-and-answer period followed.

Dawn Whitcher, President, Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf Board of Directors

Melvin Walker, Vice President, Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf Board of Directors

Whitcher and Walker provided an overview of the restructuring of RID, specifically the formation of the Center for the Assessment of Sign Language Interpreters (CASLI), and the future of testing and certification. A question-and-answer period followed.

State of the State

Open discussion facilitated by Steven Florio. Major topics: licensure, BEI (certification developed and managed by Texas), legislative activities pertaining to licensure and communication access.

Remarks by Roberta “Bobbi” Cordano, President, Gallaudet University

Cordano spoke a few minutes, emphasizing not only the need to focus on outcomes (as was reinforced in Dr. Myers’ presentation) but also the importance of collaboration in order to leverage limited resources and to help partners, including those who make decisions impacting State agencies understand what we do. Cordano advised that the National Association of Governors, which meets annually, might serve as an excellent resource for State agencies.

BUSINESS MEETING

Called to order by Steven Florio, President, at 4:12pm.

Treasurer’s Report:

Virginia Moore, Treasurer, reported that NASADHH as a 501(3)(c) is now back in good standing with the IRS. NASADHH’s board understands now the necessity of ensuring the annual payment to the IRS to maintain its 501(3)(c) status. The IRS refiling fee, which NASADHH paid, is \$400.00. Moore noted that the monthly fee charged by the Bank of America has been reduced from \$50.00 to \$25.00. There is a possibility that NASADHH will not have to pay the approximately \$300.00 in taxes for hotel expenses (e.g. rental of meeting room for 2016 directors’ meeting) due to its status as a 501(3)(c). Copies of the financial statement for 06/2015 – 07/2016 were distributed (see attached).



NASADHH Financial
Report 2015-2016.xls

Minutes for 2014 NASADHH Directors’ Meeting:

Motion: Florio (Gomme) moved to accept the minutes as written. Passed.

Minutes for 2015 NASADHH Directors’ Meeting:

Motion: Snow (Urasky) moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Correction: Opeoluwa Sotonwa, MO, and Ernest Garrett, III, MO should be listed as having been in attendance. Passed.

New Business:

Motion: Mary Hartnett (Snow) moved that NASADHH establish an ad hoc committee to address the Affordable Care Act policy language regarding the definition for “qualified interpreter.” Passed.

Motion: At 4:43pm, Pete Seiler (Moore) moved to close New Business. Passed.

Election of Officers:

President: Sherri Collins (AZ)

Vice President: Nathan Gomme (NM) (by acclamation)

Secretary: Jan Withers (NC)

Treasurer: Steven Florio (RI)

Member-at-Large: Virginia Moore

Meeting adjourned at 5:37pm