

Nebraska School for the Deaf Alumni Association, Inc
ESTABLISHED 1901

NSDAA Board Minutes

M – Motion by, S – Seconded by, F – For, A – Against, AB – Abstain, MC – Motion Carried

We had our board meeting in the basement of the Bethlehem Deaf Lutheran Church, Omaha, Nebraska on Sunday afternoon, **August 24, 2008**. President Darnall called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Present: President Linsay Darnall, Jr., Vice-President Julie Dahlke, Secretary Peggy Scherling, Treasurer Robert Chadwick, Historian Daniel Darnall, and a committee chair: Jonathan Scherling, NSLP.

Minutes of May 10, 2008 were read. M – R. Chadwick approved. S – D. Darnall. MC.

President's Report: President L. Darnall Jr. mentioned about a letter from Alice Hagemeyer and will let VP Dahlke read during the committee report.

President Danrall Jr. extends his comment about NeAD biennial meeting yesterday (8/23/08) was very good and successful.

He also mentioned that our term ends very soon and with time running out, we need to focus more with our NSD Museum, communicate more with our members.

Vice-President's Report: Vice-President J. Dahlke informed that NSDAA picnic picture is now on the website and to this date, no one has purchase it.

Secretary's Report: Secretary P. Scherling has no report at this time.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer R. Chadwick informed that our Museum Fund has matured and automatically transferred to the ML checking account. Stephen Hlibok is not happy with our mutual fund and he will transfer with high yield. He will visit with Stephen again soon via videophone.

He mentioned that he received \$100 donation for our Museum Fund and requested our secretary to send them a thank-you letter.

TierOne Bank (Checking Account)

General Fund: Previous balance was \$880.47 & new balance is \$781.07.
Museum Fund: Previous balance was \$1,006.32 & new balance is \$2,937.57.
Memorial Fund: Previous balance was \$213.52 & new balance is \$163.52.
Reunion Fund: Previous/new balance was 0 & new balance is \$88.00.

Merrill Lynch (Investment)

General Fund (FDP): Previous balance was \$9,886.14 & new balance is \$9,638.44.
Museum Fund (EAFE): Previous balance was \$5,894.17 & new balance is 0.
Merrill Lynch Bank USA (checking): Previous balance was \$1,889.26 & new balance is \$6,816.74.

Total of previous balance was \$16,969.57 & the new balance is \$16,455.18.

TierOne Bank (checking account): \$3,970.16.

The balance for overall total is \$20,425.34.

Historian Darnall: Historian D. Darnall said that in the past three months, we had 22 visitors. Gordon Bayne and his family came to visit our museum during MAAD weekend and he was very impressed with it. He donated \$50 and requested our secretary to send him a thank-you letter.

Committee Reports:

Hall of Fame: T. Tighe informed that she is still working on the guideline and policy and is not official yet. She wants the Board to review and give her feedback. She contacted 8 people to be on the committee and they have turned down. She needs two more to be on committee. She sent donation letters to five different businesses and only one donated \$25 but she said she would continue except that she needs letterhead. It was discussed that Tricia should contact our secretary to take care of the business letter. She will copy, paste, and let the Board revise before the letter can be send out to different business.

By-Laws: Larry Johnson wasn't available to share his report.

Website: R. Chadwick placed NSDAA picnic picture on our website and is now up for sale. He also needs to put on information about NEBVRS

Museum: D. Darnall has already informed this in his Historian Report. He has developed donation form and agenda for the museum committee meeting that will be held very soon.

Guideline: D. Darnall has continued working on the guidelines and need few more. VP J. Dahlke asked him to give her the name list for those who need to complete the guideline so that way she would get a hold of them.

NSLP: Jonathan Scherling reported that he went to David City to visit Edwin Spatz, our oldest NSDAA Alma mater twice and would like to visit with him again soon. He would also like to visit Otto Gross and few older NSD Alma maters

Survey: n/a

NSDAA Reunion: R. Chadwick had lunch meeting with Amy Willman and Tricia Tighe. Amy will be in charge of catering for Hall of Fame luncheon and Tricia with award. Kelli Johnston recently resigned her position as program book due to her personal reason so Tricia said she would take over.

He has discussed with some feedback from outside source on sponsorship letter.

He also has discussed with a person in regarding to our workshop at the NSDAA reunion. That person seems is interested to involve giving a presentation about board members' duties as to govern the meetings, and should be separated from involving with other things like committee, etc. That should help teaching people instead of throwing many responsibilities on us. He also will include the fundraising. We will grant him approx 2 hour presentation then 30-60 minutes Q&A between him and audience. We would pay him such as honorarium, transportation, one-night lodging, and two-day registration (Thursday and Friday - maybe that will cost us like \$25 or \$35). He didn't remember if that person wanted to include the meal but he will ask. The workshop will be on Friday afternoon, July 30.

About a month ago, he brought up his idea with the sales manager at our conference site, *Crowne Plaza Hotel*, asking him if the hotel can create the link allowing our people to make the reservation via online with room rate per agreement between NSDAA and hotel. He has requested his colleague at the hotel to develop one for us. As soon as he gets the link from the hotel, then he will put in our conference website. And of course, he also will include 800, fax, and snail mail address if some people don't want to make the reservation online. Our ppl can have more choice.

He received \$88 donation from UNL and \$25 from Madison Bank.

Amy will do the program book for NSDAA Reunion ... she has been with Golden Rod Printing Co. in Lincoln. The full page advertisement for business to put in our program book would be \$350 ~ ½ page for \$225 ~ ¼ page for \$100.

Membership Development Coordinator & Membership Relations Chairperson: These are new additions to our Committee Report. Tracy Ivins is our Membership Development Coordinator and she is responsible with developing the data contact system to update their addresses that also includes email addresses, telephone, etc. She also will search the addresses of long lost NSD alumni. Debbie Haley is our Membership Relations chairperson and her job is to set up a system to identify the decades (1960, 1970, 1980, etc.)

Library Committee: J. Dahlke reads Alice Hagemeyer's letter regarding that she have been in contact with several NSDAA members about the library committee. So far Jerry Siders has expressed his interest in serving on the committee. J. Dahlke also read to carry out the charge:

1. *NSDAA to form partnerships with the National Literary Society of the Deaf (NLSL). NLSL mission is to promote deaf culture, books and literacy through programs and exhibits, particularly at public libraries.*
2. *NSDAA will participate the NLSL's reading promotional project: "One Book" Deaf America Reads: 2008-2010*
3. *NLSL will consult NSDAA on its needs to develop deaf resources for use by Nebraska's public libraries in observing Deaf History Month. NSDAA also will ask Governor to proclaim the month.*

If approval, she will discuss further with Jerry Siders and others who may be interested in serving on the committee. S - D. Darnall. MC.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

M – R. Chadwick to develop the non-refundable policy. S - J. Dahle. MC.

M – R. Chadwick asked that commission of NEBVRS would go to our Museum Fund. S – J. Dahlke. R. Chadwick opened with discussion that with this commission in our Museum Fund, it would help with paying the rent. MC.

M – R. Chadwick to close the new business. S – J. Dahlke. MC.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

No announcement at this time

The meeting was adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

Submitted by,
Peggy Scherling, Secretary