

**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 Heritage Presbyterian Church in Lincoln, Nebraska on Saturday afternoon, **February 2, 2008**. President Darnall called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

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

**Absence:** Treasurer Robert Chadwick.

Minutes of November 11, 2007 were read and approved with one correction: Stephen Hilbok should be spelled Hlibok.

**President's Report:** President L. Darnall informed about our recent event, NEBVRS Kick-Off that was held on Saturday afternoon, January 19th at the former NSD Key Club Room. It was a good turn-out. L. Darnall as NSDAA/ CSDVRS point-of-contact will attend to the CSDVRS ClearBlue training on the weekend of February 15th in Florida. The expense is being paid by CSDVRS.

**Vice-President's Report:** Vice-President Dahlke has no report but she has a letter that would be brought up during the Committee Report.

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary Scherling noted that she received a thank you note from Donna Cuscaden. She mailed formal thank-you letter to those who sent in the memorial fund for Dennis Cunningham.

She mentioned that R. Chadwick has emailed her two motions for the New Business along with the Treasurer's Report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Secretary Scherling passed out the copy of earning and expensing.

▪ ***TierOne Bank (Checking Account)***

- General Fund: Previous balance was \$993.07 and new balance is \$910.47.
- Museum Fund: Previous balance was \$1,107.59 and new balance is \$887.59.
- Memorial Fund: Previous/new balance is 38.52.
- Reunion Fund: Previous/new balance was 0.

▪ ***Merrill Lynch (Investment)***

- General Fund (FDP): Previous balance was \$10,996.33 and new balance is \$10,625.00.
- Museum Fund (FBICX): Previous balance was \$6,726.40 and new balance is \$6,323.15.
- Merrill Lynch Bank USA (checking): Previous balance was \$1,686.44 and new balance is \$1,188.21.

- Total of previous balance was \$19,409.17 and the new balance is \$18,136.36.
- TierOne Bank (checking account): \$1,836.58.
- The balance for overall total is \$19,972.94.

Our FDP's annual percent of return is 7.39% ~ that is very good number.

**Historian's Report:** Historian D. Darnall said that in the past three months, we had 45 visitors. He was very pleased to announce that Bill Kasier, 1958 NSD Graduate, has donated a computer, scanner, etc. for our Archives.

NSD Museum has a new display corner about our Deaf people linking with the event that occurred during the WWII. Those who saw this display during the NEBVRS Kick-Off were the first one to witness this awesome display.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Hall of Fame:** J. Dahlke read Tricia Tighe's letter since she was unable to present at the meeting. She mentioned that she still has not received any more nomination for our Hall of Fame and she gave us a list of names that was nominated earlier. It was determined by the committee that they will not pursue the completion of the committee guideline since they have received a word that the NSDAA will be extinct within 5 years. President Darnall clarified that there is no such thing as the dissolution of the organization and the development of such guidelines from each committee will help to ensure the survival of the organization. He then instructed the committee to complete the guideline.

**By-Laws:** No progress was made. President L. Darnall gave Vice-President J. Dahlke an authority to find someone to replace Richard McCowin as a By-Law committee.

**Website:** No report at this time.

**Museum:** D. Darnall has already informed this in his Historian Report but L. Darnall added that they're now in process with working on sponsorship page. He has received an example from Olathe, Kansas and has been working with James Johnson for his advice.

**Guideline:** D. Darnall is has continued working on the guidelines and still is waiting for few more. He said he should have the complete draft ready by our next board meeting.

**NSLP:** Jonathan Scherling reported that he has been working on the grant and now it is ready to go. As an employee of UNO, he was able to loan one of their camcorders so he is going to do this sometime soon and start taping/interviewing with Nebraska Deaf people for NSLP. He noted that he has a permission form for anyone to sign before he can process with videotaping.

**NSDAA Reunion:** R. Chadwick (via e-mail) noted that he has been developing the reunion website. So far, the website looks great. But it hasn't goes online yet. He needs to collect some more information. Hopefully everyone will see our reunion website sometimes this

spring.

He did develop some reunion sponsorship packages. He decided to put it on hold temporarily.

He needs to ask anyone, audience, and board members, see if they are interested to be on the reunion committee. He need as follows:

- a.) REGISTRATION CHAIR
- b.) PROGRAM BOOK CHAIR
- c.) ENTERTAINMENT CHAIR
- d.) HALL OF FAME LUNCHEON CHAIR
- e.) CONFERENCE TREASURER

Our NSDAA 20th Reunion may consider be named as "NSDAA 20th Quinquennially Conference". This title hasn't been confirmed until I talk with one of my friends who are excelled in English.

**Old Business:** None.

Before we start the new business, we had 5 minutes break then open to public discussion.

**New Business:** M – P. Scherling (for R. Chadwick) to form the membership dues survey committee asking our currently NSDAA members allowing us to raise the membership dues prior to the NSDAA Reunion Conference in 2009. S – D. Darnall. MC. J. Dahlke will arrange the survey committee meeting soon.

M – P. Scherling (for R. Chadwick) to take the \$250 out from the Museum Fund to pay for an exhibition space set up at the April 19, 2008 DEAFNATION EXPO at the Omaha Civic Auditorium. S - J. Dahlke. MC. R. Chadwick will take care of the paperwork to fill out on their Application and Contract. >> L. Darnall's hat has been passed around and collected \$71.00 to put toward the funding of the booth at the DeafNation booth. P. Scherling said she would take care of this and mail a check to R. Chadwick shortly. <<

M – J. Dahkle to close the new business. S – D. Darnall. MC.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Patti Rietz announced that Miss Deaf Nebraska Pageant (MDNP) will host breakfast at the OAD Hall on Saturday, March 1st from 8 a.m. till 10 a.m. then ORTD from 10 a.m. to 12 noon ... Domestic Violence workshop from 1 to 5 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

The meeting was adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

Submitted by,

Peggy Scherling, Secretary