

Maryland Association of the Deaf Board Meeting
Thursday, March 19, 2020
Zoom Conference

Present: Richard Jeffries (President), Kirsten Poston (Vice President), Jacob Leffler (Secretary), Marie Campbell (Treasurer), Steven Gagnon (Board Member at Large), Jill Owens Brick (Board Member at Large), Penelope Miller (Appointed Board Member), and Vikki Porter (Appointed Board Member)

Absent: MaryLynn Lally (Appointed Board Member), and Jade Sims (Appointed Board Member)

President Richard Jeffries called the meeting to order at 8:36 p.m.

President's Report

President Richard Jeffries explained to the Board the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the current situation of coronavirus (COVID-19) and Symposium Committee Updates.

President Jeffries reported that the Media Team has been working on the website to keep the community informed regarding COVID-19. The website will have different resources from different sites such as Governor's Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ODHH), National Association of the Deaf (NAD), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Maryland School for the Deaf (MSD), and Maryland Relay. If there are any other links, send it to the President.

President Jeffries had a meeting with ODHH Executive Director, Kelby Bricks regarding the coronavirus. ODHH plans to begin the phone tree for community to get involved and keep informed. If anybody is interested, please contact ODHH.

Committee Report

Steve Gagnon reported that the Committee decided to reschedule the Symposium to the Fall due to the coronavirus situation that is happening right now. The topic and theme will be same.

There was a discussion about how MDAD can adhere to the bylaws requirements with the priorities and delegates for the 2020 National Association of the Deaf (NAD) Conference. The Committee will send expects to send out a mass email to the members to collect the priorities and delegates for the NAD Conference. There is a possibly of doing a live or virtual discussion online.

President Richard Jeffries adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Jacob Leffler
Secretary