

Maryland Association of the Deaf
Board Meeting
Saturday, January 28, 2023
Zoom

Present: Kirsten Poston (President), Tina Joyner (Vice President), Vikki Porter (Board Member at Large), Blaise Delahoussaye (DeafBlind), Peter Un (Senior Citizens), and Angela Rogers (Youth)

Absent: Jacob Leffler (Secretary), Toyin Fasakin (Board Member at Large), and Tiasha Bera (General)

President Kirsten Poston called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Vice President Tina Joyner moved that MDAD approves the minutes of October 29, 2022, as read.

Seconded by Angela Rogers

CARRIED

President

President Kirsten Poston has been working with the United States Department of Justice (USDOJ) regarding Javarick Gantt's murder. USDOJ wants to participate in a forum with our deaf community including our coalition partners in the near future. They are specifically interested in collecting data on our communities' experience and interaction with law enforcement.

President Poston mentioned that the National Association for the Deaf Region 1 will have an event, State Associations Day on April 29, 2023.

Vice President

Vice President Tina Joyner writes this meeting's minutes due to Secretary Jacob Leffer's absence.

Vice President Joyner shared the information about the Open Captioning team. The team is preparing for the hearing which will occur in February.

Tina also shared the plan where and when we will have Marie Campbell's Celebration of Life.

Secretary

No Report

Treasurer

Due to Marie Campbell's recent passing, the transition has not been completed. Jacob Leffler will act as the Treasurer for the organization until further notice per the Board's decision during the executive session meeting.

Board Member at Large

Board Member Vikki Porter stated that several Town Hall meetings were held with the Governor's Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing at the library in Prince George County and Community College of Baltimore County and met several people and heard their suggestions/feedback.

Board Member (DeafBlind)

Board Member Blaise Delahoussaye shared the information that Eddie Martinez, Jacob Leffler and Tina Joyner had a discussion with Angela from Washington State about the Co-Navigator Bill. This bill will be a big support to Maryland's DeafBlind community and would be considered to be submitted for the 2024 Legislative session.

Committee Reports

- Legislative - The Legislative Session in Annapolis is currently underway from January 11, 2023 to April 10, 2023.
- Media - The team is working on the MDAD Newsletter and they hope to release the newsletter in the near future..
- 2023 Conference - Vice President Tina Joyner and Chair Heidi Burghardt had a tour at three different places. The conference will be held in late summer/early fall.

Mandates Updates

Mandates #1 and #2 Maryland Sign Language Interpreters Licensure and Deaf Interpreters - Vice President Joyner reported that The House Bill (HB) has been introduced and is sponsored

by Delegate Heather Bagnall. HB 260 has been scheduled for a hearing on February 22, 2023 before the Health and Government Operations Committee.

Mandate #3 Taskforce for Online Video Accessibility - Since we have a new Governor, MDAD will write letters to all the state agencies.

Mandate #4 Scholarship Program - The Scholarship Program is set and will be announced shortly.

Mandate #5 Language Deprivation - The Committee has developed two subcommittees: Legislative and Outreach.

Mandate #6 New Traffic Signals - No Updates

Mandate #8 Deaf Seniors - Board Liaison Peter Un has been working with DSA to address issues.

Old Business

None

New Business

Tina Joyner moved that MDAD sends Dr. Thomas Horjeres to the Early Hearing Detection Intervention (EHDI) Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio during the weekend of March 5-7, 2023.

Seconded by Vikki Porter

CARRIED

Tina Joyner moved that MDAD has a fundraising event - Mystery Dinner.

Seconded by Vikki Porter

CARRIED

Tina Joyner moved that MDAD donates \$500 for the NAD State Associations Region 1 Day.

Seconded by Angela Rogers

CARRIED

Tina Joyner moved that MDAD establish a scholarship program in honor of Marie Ann Campbell's name for either the Youth Leadership Camp or Academic.

Seconded by Vikki Porter

Vikki Porter amended to strike out “either the Youth Leadership Camp or Academic” and insert “any camp or academic that is vetted by the Board.”

Seconded by Tina Joyner

CARRIED

MAIN MOTION: MDAD establishes a scholarship program in honor of Marie Ann Campbell’s name for any camp or academic that is vetted by the Board.

CARRIED

Tina Joyner moved that MDAD hosts the next biennial State Conference at the Frederick Community College on August 12, 2023.

Seconded by Peter Un.

CARRIED

President Kirsten Poston adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Tina Joyner

Vice President