

#MDAD2019 Conference
Minutes

Call to Order @ 8:33 am

Quorum met (approximately 85 people at the start of the meeting)

President Report:

- Recognized board members, NAD Region I representative, State reps, prior presidents, former board members, and new members
- Recognized Gertie Galloway (March is Women History Month) so wanted to recognize first woman MDAD president and first woman NAD president
- Reviewed MDAD mission statement to help guide us as we propose mandates
- Invited Malibu Barron to discuss creating a brave space (not safe space) by being open to uncomfortable ideas but be mindful of nonverbal cues that we may make
- Introduced general meeting agenda:
 - Call to Order
 - Prior Mandates
 - New Business
 - Elections
 - Announcements
- Reported on prior mandates:
 - NG911: There is a legislative activity on this bill in the State right now
 - CDI for judicial and medical systems: Bill not drafted & proposed yet
 - Interpreter Licensure Bill: Bill was withdrawn after some organizations felt there were not enough representatives on the workgroup. MDAD remains committed to working on this and wants to propose this again in the next legislative session
 - Online Video Accessibility: Ongoing work
 - Scholarship Program: Proposal received and will share with the new Board for implementation
 - Language for All Bill: Bill was withdrawn after bill was amended to much smaller scope

Treasurer's Report:

- Current Balance: \$137,473.80

New Business/Mandates:

- MANDATES: Lally moved that we carry over all mandates from 2017 conference to the next two years (Seconded by Zinza). PASSED.
 - Some discussion on whether we need to vote on this if mandates have not been completed. Voting is encouraged to "affirm" on previous mandates.
- Westfall moved that mandates be posted on website (Seconded by Schmitt). PASSED.
- Morales moved that all minutes be posted on website (Seconded by Egbert). PASSED.

- MANDATE: Jacobowitz moved that MDAD propose a bill requiring that traffic lights need new signals to warn Deaf drivers about emergency vehicles running red lights (Seconded by Harrington).
 - Weinstock amended that MDAD work with the Governor's Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing, the Department of Transportation, and the State Highway Administration (Seconded by Yates).
 - MANDATE AS AMENDED PASSED.
- MANDATE: Darrin Smith moved that MDAD send a letter requesting that the Department of Information Technology replace outgoing director with a Deaf individual and that the search committee include individuals/members of MDAD. (Seconded by L. Dixon)
 - Morales amended that the search committee be consisted of individuals/members of MDAD and BBDA. (Seconded by Egbert)
 - Kelly Frey amended that the search committee includes MDSC. (Seconded by L. Smith)
 - Kulikov amended that MWADB be added as well. (Seconded by Ferran).
 - Leffler asked that we emphasize that the replacement be a Deaf/Hard of Hearing person.
 - Weinstock amended that we replace BBDA, MDSC, and MWADB with "all organizations and stakeholders in the State of Maryland." (Schmitt seconded). AMENDMENT PASSED. MOTION PASSED.
- MANDATE: Morales moved that MDAD work on submitting a bill requiring that MD-EHDI have equal number of Deaf individuals working in the office as the number of hearing audiologists (two at the moment). (Seconded by Egbert). PASSED.
- DeLap moved that all future conferences shall have VP, Secretary, and Treasurer give their own reports. DOCUMENTED AS A NOTE.
- MANDATE: Jacobowitz moved that MDAD work towards establishing a community center with housing for Deaf individuals and assisted living. (Seconded by A. Markel).
 - Weinstock referred to appropriate committee. (Seconded by Hill). PASSED.
- Westfall moved that MDAD allot more time to general meetings at all conferences. DOCUMENTED AS A NOTE.

NEW BUSINESS/MANDATES CLOSED.

Elections: (Managed by Board-Member-at-Large Mayer)

- Board Member Lally & Volak assisted with counting votes
- Nominations opened.
- P. Singleton moved that ballot be suspended and that voting be done by hand. (Gagnon pointed out that Bylaws require $\frac{2}{3}$ vote to suspend Bylaws). (Seconded by Hattaway). FAILED.

PRESIDENT:

- CANDIDATES: Richard Jeffries & Tina Joyner
- ELECTED: Richard Jeffries 76 to 43

VICE PRESIDENT:

- CANDIDATES: Kirsten Poston & Stephanie Summers
- ELECTED: Kirsten Poston 69 to 46

SECRETARY:

- CANDIDATES: Shannon Cooley & Jacob Leffler
- ELECTED: Jacob Leffler 71 to 37

TREASURER:

- CANDIDATE: Marie Campbell
- ELECTED: Gagnon moved to vote ACL. (Seconded by S. Yates). PASSED.

BOARD-MEMBER-AT-LARGE:

- CANDIDATES: Jill Brick, Steven Gagnon, & Penelope Miller
- ELECTED: Gagnon (4-year) & Brick (2-year)

Adjourned @ 12:09 pm