

Maryland Association of the Deaf
Board Meeting
Thursday, June 8, 2023
Zoom

Present: Kirsten Poston (President), Tina Joyner (Vice President), Jacob Leffler (Secretary), Vikki Porter (Board Member at Large), Toyin Fasakin (Board Member at Large), Tiasha Bera (General), Blaise Delahoussaye (DeafBlind), Angela Rogers (Youth), and Peter Un (Senior Citizens)

Absent: None

Vice President Tina Joyner called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

Previous Minutes

Peter Un moved that MDAD approves the minutes for March 28, 2023, as read.
Seconded by Vikki Porter
CARRIED

President's Report

No Report

Vice President's Report

Vice President Tina Joyner reported that she has been working with a person who wants to attend the Federally Employed Women Conference. They would not provide interpreters for the full conference so MDAD sent a letter and asking them to provide interpreters for the full conference. She continues to work on the Mystery Dinner Fundraiser. She reported that the registration for the National Association of the Deaf Leadership Training Conference has been completed for two people.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Jacob Leffler reported that he has been working with the MDAD Conference Committee and the Media Committee to develop a page on the website related to the conference. He also reported that the newsletter should be released in July.

Treasurer's Report

No Report due to not having access to all accounts.

Appointed Board Member's Report

Appointed Board Member (DeafBlind) Blaise Delahoussaye reported that he has been working with Vice President Joyner, Secretary Leffler, Eddie Martinez on the Co-Navigator (CN) Bill. The Metro Washington Association of the Deaf (MWADB) has an Acting President and is part of the group for the CN Bill.

Appointed Board Member (Seniors) Peter Un reported that he had a meeting with the Taskforce. He is currently waiting for President Poston to let him know when to meet with the Department of Aging.

Committee Reports:

Bylaws – Penelope Miller has resigned as the chair and Martin Caha is now the new chair and the deadline for the proposals for bylaws amendments is on June 12, 2023.

Finance – William Hughes is now on the Finance Committee.

Hospital – Board Liaison Tiasha Bera reported that she met with the Frederick Health Hospital and discussed the accessibility. She plans to meet with other hospitals and is plan a workshop during the conference.

LEAD-K – Board Liaisons Tina Joyner and Jacob Leffler reported that the committee now has 2 subcommittees – Legislative and Outreach. The bill has been developed and plan to have a meeting with 3 main stakeholders, Maryland State Department of Education, Maryland School for the Deaf, and the Governor's Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing to seek their input.

Legislative – Board Liaisons Tina Joyner and Jacob Leffler reported that Dr. Judith Mounty is interested to serve on the Social Work Working Group and representing MDAD. The Maryland Sign Language Interpreter Licensure Bill was signed by the Governor on May 3, 2023. We will need to look for a MDAD Representative on the Licensure Board.

New Business:

Jacob Leffler moved that MDAD appoints Dr. Judith Mounty to the Social Work Group and representing MDAD.

Seconded by Kirsten Poston

CARRIED

Vikki Porter moved that MDAD goes into the executive session.

Seconded by Tiasha Bera

CARRIED

The Board went into the executive session at 8:26 p.m.

The Board resumed from the executive session at 9:23 p.m.

Jacob Leffler moved that MDAD spends up to \$8,000 for the Conference.

Seconded by Tiasha Bera

CARRIED

Kirsten Poston moved that MDAD approves the conference registration that is set-up by the Conference Committee.

Seconded by Peter Un

Toyin Fasakin amended to insert 5 free admissions for the youth.

Seconded by Jacob Leffler

CARRIED

MAIN MOTION: MDAD approves the conference registration that is set-up by the Conference Committee and provides 5 free admissions for the youth.

CARRIED

It was agreed that Tiasha Bera, Vikki Porter, and Angela Rogers work on the criteria for the youth admission.

Vice President Tina Joyner adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Jacob Leffler

Secretary