

Michigan Deaf Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Woodridge Clubhouse-South Lyons, Michigan
October 22, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Scot Pott at 9:21 am.

Freida Morrison led the pledge.

Roll Call:

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| Scot Pott, President | Shelly Chu, Region 2 (arrived at 1 pm) |
| Kat Vogtmann, 1 st Vice President | Chris Hunter, Region 4 |
| Alan Mc Call, 2 nd Vice President | Ronald Hartman, Kalamazoo Chapter |
| Kathy Mitchell, Secretary | Sam Draggo, Muskegon Chapter |
| Steven Chu, Treasurer (arrived at 1 pm) | Helen Boucher, Member at Large |
| Freida Morrison, Membership Coordinator | Susie Parnes, DAD |
| Todd Morrison, Public Relations | Roman Karpinski, DHHS |
| Elizabeth Bystricki, Region 2 | Bob Grumm, GRAAD |

Excused Absences:

Patty Schultz, Region 1
Phillip Williams, Region 4
Mary Klein, MSDAA

Visitors:

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| Barney Morrison | Hester Meyerson |
| Arlyn Meyerson | Robert Cox |
| Frank Bystricki | |

Todd Morrison moved to accept the agenda. Liz Bystricki seconded. **Passed**

Todd Morrison moved to accept the minutes of August 11, 2011. **Second and Passed**

Open remarks:

Susie Parnes: Coffee is ready and water is available in the kitchen. There will be subway platter, cookies, chips and pop for lunch. Please pay Susie \$5.00 if you want to buy lunch.

President Scot reported we need to approve Helen Boucher as member at large and Chris Hunter as Region 4 Rep. Alan moved to accept both as member at large. Liz seconded. No discussion. **Passed**

Todd Morrison gave brief presentation about NTLC in Minnesota. He attended several workshops:

- Use Maslow theory
- Liaison-between radicals and other deaf groups
- Schiswager- NAD workshop Fundraising/friend raising as means to raise funds
- Robert Harris- Harris Communications (not beneficial workshop)
- Flash Drive consisted of workshop information to be passed among board members for downloading.

President Scot explained what Mike Berger advised regarding meeting agenda. He advised we do not wait to the next meeting to approve the minutes. We should approve minutes within a month. We can email to board/members so at next meeting we will not need to approve minutes. Oct 22 minutes will need to be approved via email within a month.

Conference general minutes will be emailed.

Financial report will be moved to 1 pm

President Report:

- Chris Hunter (Region 4 Rep)/Helen Boucher (Member at Large) took the oath.
- Thanks to old board members for their services
- Central Michigan University will host Deaf Awareness Festival- 50 different booths
- He has not heard from MSD Valedictorian and Salutorian.
- MDA's was printed in Deaf Art Festival program book.
- Deaf Quilter Retreat- sponsored but no words from them. We need to make sure MDA is on their sponsor list.
- Deaf Can- newsletter picture of Marcy Colton and Freida Morrison for award. Video was played during Deaf Awareness Day. Thanks to Kat for taking care of this. There were approximately 2,000 people at the Mall.
- DSAT- Deaf Self Advocate Training- 2 days training.
- Detroit Chapter- Freida talked with Ken about the bank account. Freida contacted him via VP but no response. She met Pat Dudis and spoke with her instead. Ken was treasurer and Pat was VP at that time. Jeff H and Ken names were on the account. Since Jeff passed, Ken is the only person on the account. Ken was also Senior Citizens rep and felt MDA was not supportive of his opinion so he has been avoiding MDA officers for that reason. Freida has been thinking of ways to communicate with Ken to resolve the bank account issue. For that reason, Freida developed a list of Region 1 members. She thought MDA should mail them a letter to set up Town Hall meeting about Detroit Chapter. We can use the letter as a way to work with Ken. Freida believe there is about 1,000 dollars in the account. Alan brought up the issue of transferring money to MDA account and hold for 2 years. Todd made motion to send letter to Region 1 members to come to special meeting. Alan seconded. Alan expressed concerns about leaving money in the account with Ken on it. Scott wants to see chapters by

law regarding dissolution. Todd rephrased Freida to contact region 1 members to meet and discuss plan with Detroit Chapter. Kat explained about PPG regarding dissolution procedures. –Passed

- Presented at GRAAD recently regarding MDA membership. GRAAD want pro rate membership instead of anniversary date. Mike Berger uses calendar year. Muskegon people are concerned about having to pay in August then again in January. Freida explained back in Bay City conference, the issue was discussed at that time. Members passed to keep calendar year.
- Discussed yahoo vs. google account. He will continue to experiment with it and see how it works. Todd added comment about using Google plus “hangout” no limit on # of people in group compared to CZVRS. Nothing has been decided yet.
- Miss Deaf Pageant Director Candidates will come at 1 pm for presentation. One person dropped out due to transportation problem. Scott instructed candidates to discuss fundraising plan and how they will run the program. They will need \$ 7,000 to attend NAD conference coming up and it is too soon to raise that much. MDA usually give 300 dollars seed money. We need to wait for Steven to report on finances.
- Senate Bill 6638: English as 1st language. MDA need to be on top of this.
- MCDHH- Todd, Scot, Dianne and Kathy discussed recently and decided to put it off. Next MDCHH will meet in January- host by DHIS. Tammy is newly elected president and Deana Welch as VP. Todd motion to rescind CAG. Kat seconded. Passed
- Recent video conference- use MOU to train DSAT
- DODHH advisory board- Chairperson Mel not sure when. Main concern is CIL, MH and Senate Bill.
- ITP- OCC /Baker- Todd continue to sit on OCC committee.
- EHDI- attended conference- overwhelming due to auditory language used during meeting. He will attend next meeting in December.
- Received thank you letter from Kyle Dreyer for MDA
- No bid from Flint for MDA 2013 conference. Helen mentioned MIRID did state on their website that MDA will co- host with them. Todd will attend MIRID meeting in November.
- Received newsletter from AG Bell chapter. MDA will mail MDA newsletter to them as well.
- WSU Law School request MDA representative to attend their meeting on Ethics guidelines for allocation of scarce medical resources services during public health emergencies in Michigan. Todd will attend on our behalf- Nov 18th
- Office of Public Health Booklet
- President will delegate others to attend meetings.
- Region Reps to host board meeting, 2 fund raisers in 2 yrs and recruit new members. Fund goes to MDA and can make motion later to transfer fund for conference.
- Discussed with SE about DI- DODHH will appoint from Michigan to represent us for DI planning in Texas.

VP Report- Kat

Deaf Celebration Day – September 24, 2011- It was held at Northland Mall in Southfield, MI. MDA had a booth. Alan did wonderful job of putting together the information on the display case. Todd did an awesome job on the DVD of the MDA 2011 Conference which we played on loop during the day. (Thanks to Erik of DAD

for a hint for the laptop). One person joined on the spot. Many people picked up the membership form. We need a new form as the old form has 62 as the age limit for Senior Citizen membership rate as it should be 60. I hope we get many hits over the website. Few organizations expressed interest in becoming an affiliate. (ITP Club and interpreter agency). There were a total of 51 tables listed on the program book but few more were added at the last minutes. It was packed! Alan and I worked there most of the day; we were relieved by Freida and Kathy for few hours. Scot came by to help take down the booth. Scot also provided candies for the booth. Thanks to all. Alan and I discussed a bit about the display case and after looking around at other booths I would like to move that MDA make a “stand” for the display case. Freida seconded. **Passed**

Mark Nayeart makes signs; he also can make a vinyl banner, any design, for booth. I have his business card.

Fundraising ideas: Erik (DAD) suggested that maybe MDA could host a Charity Poker on the west side of Michigan as a fundraising for MDA, He will be happy to explain how to set it up.

2nd VP Report- Alan Mc Call:

Newsletter: Deadline for our next issue (winter) is November 1st for our Officers and affiliated members, organization and community news, flyers, etc. I really need every one of you to give me as much as possible whatever you have – article, news, schools and communities. I will continue to send newsletter by electronic mail. If some of you prefer use old snail mail method, [lease let me or our membership coordinator, Freida Morrison know. For affiliated organizations, they will still continue to receive by mail and electronic so they can place our newsletter in their lobby or public bulletin board.

Website: It is mostly updated. I need to update new events up to early 2012. I need to have more topics to put up for the VLOG. Please send me an email with a link from you tube to me and I will put a link to our website and in our newsletter also. I will be able to post pictures as soon as I have it from all of you. I hope it will be done this time.

Other: The storage room is all set. We should consider post meeting agenda on our face book. It might bring in more people and allow them to get involved with public comments, to meet Board members in person and know each other better. I feel it's important to send message statewide to show them what we are doing during meeting and what action we did.

Since we do not have Social Chair, the board should brainstorm ideas for hosting events, maybe 8 different events and split in 4 regions and allow our RR to contact their local area for a place to use during our events.

Alan Mc Call made a motion to send editable PDF to EB for them to print their business cards. Kat seconded. **Passed**

Secretary: Kathy Mitchell

This is the first secretary duty for me. Please continue to give me your reports. I have colored motion forms from previous secretary.

Treasurer: Steven Chu:

The unofficial balance was given to the board meeting. Also, the MDA's budget for the next two years was presented with a LCD projector.

Membership Coordinator Report- Freida Morrison

- Region 1: 67 members
- Region 2: 61 members
- Region 3: 2 members
- Region 4: 9 members
- Out of State: 3 members

- Brochure- no copy but 1 hard copy. Need to update membership form and brochure – need someone to work on it –can't depend on Todd on everything. We need to consider using PayPal on our website for payment.
- Freida made a motion to find or hire person to redesign website to meet the need /improve. Second by R. Hartman. Person to design and board to approve before webmaster post on website. **Passed**

Public Relations- Todd Morrison

- Senate Bill – 638 - Todd to develop press release/VLOG-so deaf community will be informed
- DSAT- Attended 2 days training. He received manual and DVD. The training was provided by DODHH. Plan to make NAD/DSAT training for deaf community.
- Will be more active in participating in regional events and outreach.
- CIL wants to invite MDA community to their event this evening. They will host another event in February. Please make effort to attend next time.

Region 1: absent

Region 2: Liz Bystricki:

- Versa Effect Movie- September 30, 2011 at KVCC. 65 people attended
- Simon Carmel- magic show on Wednesday November 16th 8-9 pm
- Sean Forbes- ½ hour motivation talk and ½ hour performance on Friday March 30, 2012.

After Lunch:

Rosie Switras/Micki Lewis gave PowerPoint presentation on their plan for Deaf Michigan Pageant.

Todd Morrison made motion to accept Micki/Rosie as co directors- Susie P seconded- **Passed**

Todd made motion to host next MDA meeting on January 14th in Flint instead of Grand Rapids – Helen seconded. – **Passed**

Susie Parnes made motion to loan money to MDMA. –Alan seconded. –**Failed**

Kat- motion MDA to give MDMA seed money of 300 dollars. Shelly seconded. **Passed**

MDA board members agreed to give Freida a check of 570 dollars and hold until Rosie /Micki pay their Pageant not in their names.

Kat moved to accept 3 auditors chosen by Steven. Freida seconded- **passed**

Region 3: - Kat got an email from Jackie Mc Mall. She found someone who is interested to be Region 3. R Cox wants to be Region 3 rep. He lives in region 4 but is a member of TCAD in region 3.

Todd moved to hold bylaw criteria regarding region residency until next term (. Article 8 sec 2 b) Shelly seconded. **Passed.**

Freida Morrison moved to accept Cox as Region 3 Rep. Alan Mc Call seconded. **Passed**

Cox was sworn in as MDA Region 3 Rep.

Region 4- Chris. Hunter moved to host Board Meeting in Traverse City Oct 2012. Susie Parnes seconded. **Passed**

- He shared information from ADA workshop held in Lansing. He will write short article for the newsletter.

Kalamazoo Chapter: Ron Hartman :

- Host ASL movie at KVCC on September 30th. It was very interesting movie.
- Kalamazoo Chapter will host annual dinner sometimes in the spring.
- Hosted picnic at a park in Oshtemo, Michigan. 33 people attended.
- Most Kalamazoo Chapter members were at 2011 Conference. They reported enjoyable experience and great floorshow.

GRAAD- Bob Grumm:

- Our membership is growing. We have 23 members. We may have problems with membership dues issues. Hope MDA will consider extending membership for those who joined few months ago. They will continue to host Dingo/Bank Nite .
- Will host Thanksgiving dinner and dingo on November 12, 2011.

Muskegon Chapter- Sheila can't show up. Current VP is Sammy Draggo and Treasurer is Nancy Sams

MSDAA-Mary Klein :

- MSDAA board applied for 501 © 3 . We hope to hear from them soon.
- MSD updated Construction on campus: The Stewart Gym, Annex and Orchard Cottage were demolished. They broke ground for the new school. There was ground breaking ceremony on October 6, 2011. It was simple and beautiful. 4 MSD students, MSDAA President, Freida Morrison, the developers, Mr. Dave Lurvey and Mr Ridgway White and Mark Bouvy participated in the ceremony. Please keep checking on our website (vlog) www.msdaa.org for more updated construction at MSD. MSD is here to stay!
- MSD (school) event: Last weekend of October 15, MSD had homecoming games. MSD girls' volleyball team played against Ohio School for the Deaf. MSD girls won 3 out of 5 games. MSD boys' football team played against Bentley High School (hearing) team. MSD boys lost 0 to 20. The MSD alumni and friends helped support the Tartars teams and cheerleaders. Check www.deaftartars.com for more information.
- MSDAA events: MDAA hosted the ASL film, "Verse Effects" on October 2nd. It was very successful. They enjoyed watching the comedy film very much.
- MSDAA is hosting Halloween Party on October 29th at Flint Association of the Deaf from 6 pm to 2 am. Admission: \$5 per person. Prizes for best costume. Games will be played. Euchre will be played after the costume winner announcement. Refreshment will be sold. Please command and support MSDAA. Check www.msdaa.info for more details.
- MSDAA plan to make more announcements on the website.
- MSDAA fundraising items: MSDAA are selling the items to help raise funds for MSD historical movie and general funds.
 - Glass mugs : \$10.00 (Engraved: MSD)
 - Magnets: \$4.00 each (4 beautiful colorful pictures of Fay Hall, Supt Cottage, Thelma Heck Building and Fay Academy).
 - 2012 MSD Folklore calendar: \$15.00 including cartoons and MSD folklore short stories.

If you are interested in buying them, contact Freida Morrison (aslmorrison@yahoo.com) or Carole Mair (cmair@sprint.blackberry.net).

Helen Member at Large- We should recruit ITP. She made a motion that MDA rep to recruit new members at MIRID meeting next week. This is good way to raise fund and new members. They can pay 15 dollars as associate members. **Passed**

DODHH Report

- Transition to MDCR is complete as of October 1st. DODHH will continue to operate with 2 full time staff. 1 full time administrator and ½ contractor (Kathy).
- The Department will attempt to find additional money for making Kathy full time but no money in the budget to make position permanent or full time.
- The Division will not be moving. LARA and Civil rights were able to come to an agreement to let us stay in our current office space. We will be sharing the office with new suitemates from Michigan Economic Development Corps. They will move in during last week of October.
- All DODHH staff participated in MDCR All Staff meeting. DODHH were able to meet with all the staff of the MDCE and Director presented to all staff about Deaf Persons Interpreter Act. The Division also met with investigation and legal staff to work on integrating MDVR practices for investigation and reporting into DODHH system. The meeting went very well and should strengthen our alliance with MDCE. Janet Jurus is also doing some sensitivity training with the MDCR staff.
- The Division trained 13 deaf and hard of hearing people in the Deaf Self Advocacy Training (DSAT). The 13 people were selected from across the state to help train deaf people in their own area or with their organizations. The Division will offer the training again two more times between October of this year and October 2012. We had a sign up list at the DODHH table during Deaf Celebration Day. People interested in training may send an email to the Director at DODHH@Michigan.gov
- The Division is working with the Commission for the Blind to apply for communication equipment for deaf blind persons under a federal distribution program. We do not know if it will succeed or not as the program requires that you must first spend a great deal of money before you get the money back. However we will try.
- The rules have been completed we are waiting for departmental approval. We do not know when it will be approved. Director has requested Civil Rights move toward approval.
- Currently there are 467 records in our interpreter database of qualified interpreters. The Division is scheduling on monthly basis. No test schedule has gone up for November yet but it will go up soon. We couldn't post new schedule until we know what was going to happen with Kathy.
- DODHH webpage being re-organized and new forms are being posted weekly. We will be working on our vlog this week.
- Next DODHH Advisory meeting date has not been set yet.

CAC Report- None

DAD Report- S. Parnes:

- Halloween Party on October 28th- 1st place prize \$200.00
- Thanksgiving Dingo on November 19th- Give away coupons for Turkey
- Children Christmas Party on December 3, 2011
- Christmas Dingo on December 10th- give away coupons for Turkey

Deaf Can- None

DEBS- none

DHHS- Roman Karpinski:

- DHHS will have Signing Santa Claus on December 10th
- Will host a 5th annual Best Practice Business Series Workshop on November 12th
- DHHS is showing ASL Film "Versa Effect" AT Northview High School on November 19th. Proceeds will go to DHHS Programs.
- DHHS is hosting a 2nd annual Silent Weekend for ITPs and Interpreters from February 24-26, 2012.

FAD- none

Committee Report-

By Laws/PPG-Kat:

- I struggled with it. But to give you an idea...need a lot of cleaning up and clearing up!
- In PPG, Article 4- Duties of Officers.
President- ADD: Can accept on other association/agency/club as a board member or delegate a member, first choice choose a member from the MDA Board before looking for a member to serve on the other association/agency/club board. Will not hold other office during the term.
- 1st Vice President: add – will not hold other office during the term.
- 2nd Vice President- use MDA credit card for the website. If MDA doesn't have a credit card, 2nd VP will use his/her own credit card and he/she will be reimbursed for it.
- Treasurer-Chairperson of Ways and Means Committee.

2011 Conference- Freida Morrison: We had great committees- ran conference meeting smoothly. Participants reported satisfaction and gave great feedbacks I didn't finish final report as few expenses needed to be approved before our wrap up meeting and small gifts. I kept all paper work, contracts, etc for next chairperson. It is filed in a binder so the next chairperson will know where to start. Extra name tag holders have been packed for next conference. Hope to finalize report soon.

Conference 2012- FAD dropped out- no other bidder so far.

Alan Mc Call made a motion to let President appoint chairperson before Jan 14th meeting. C. Hunter seconded.
Passed

Public Comment:

None

Unfinished Business- None

New Business:

#1: Freida Morrison-proposed motion to protect our deaf children in Michigan. MDA to form a committee of Deaf Child's Bill of Rights. (Deaf Children Bills of Rights)- Helen- seconded- **Passed**

#2: Robert Grumm- Propose to host a celebration for MDA's 125 th anniversary next year for fundraising purpose. - Passed

Amend: C. Hunter proposed to be held at MDA picnic. and **Failed**

#3 Alan Mc Call- Proposed MDA to send Scot Pott and Kat Vogtmann to 2012 NAD Conference in Louisville, Kentucky R Hartman seconded.- **Passed**

#4 F. Morrison- proposed MDA to donate \$100.00 for MSD students at Book Fair. Seconded by C Hunter. **Passed.**

Shelly move to motion to close new business. C Hunter seconded. **Passed**

Announcements: R. Grumm- GRAAD host Valentine Party Feb 11 2012

F. Morrison- Interpreter Law- Gov Granholm – picture of bill signing with MSD students. Gave framed pix to MDA.

Kat:

MWAD- THKG dinner at Matawan TWP Hall Nov5th.

Alan:

FAD- MSDAA host Halloween party next Friday Oct 28th

Thanksgiving Dingo 50 turkeys 15 admission- November 19th

Dec 3- Craft show

Kathy to email minutes to EB first for any edits before members. President reminded committees to act on projects starting Monday.

Next MDA Board meeting will be held in Flint on January 14, 2012

Grand Rapids on March 17 or 24 2012.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:02 pm

Respectfully Yours,

Kathy Mitchell, Secretary