

**Oklahoma Association of the Deaf (OAD) Executive Board Meeting
February 11, 2017
Tulsa Community College, NEC
Tulsa, OK**

In attendance: President Renee' Sites of Broken Arrow, Secretary Anna Harman of Edmond, Treasurer Andrew ("Drew") Pitchford of Norman, and Members at Large Jennifer Boss of Broken Arrow and Miranda Pollard of Moore. (The Vice President position is vacant.)

Excused absences: Member at Large Carl Moore of Broken Arrow

Visitors: Jocelyn Ennis of Moore, Donna Fine of Sulphur, Kara Floyd.

Meeting Openings: President Renee' Sites called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM.

President Renee' Sites: Renee' Sites automatically moved from her former post Vice President to President. She will continue to chair conference committee since plan is still progressing.

Minutes:

Drew Pitchford made a motion to accept the November 5, 2016 minutes as corrected. Miranda Pollard seconded. Passed.

Email ratification: There are email ratifications for Lynn to be released from her post. Jennifer Boss made a motion to accept the email ratification sending an email memo to Lynn Null. Drew seconded. "Send certified mail with letter (Jan. 18, 2017) to Lynn Null of her release from OAD AS President s voted by unanimous majority Jan. 15th. Follow with email memo to her on Jan. 21st, 2017."

Motion #34 - email ratification

Send certified mail with letter (Jan. 18, 2017) to Lynn Null of her Release from OAD as President as voted by unanimous majority Jan 15th. Follow with email memo to her on Jan. 21st, 2017.

Motion #34 passed.

President's Report: President Renee' Sites

Rumors – Lynn Null and Wanda Hull contacted Renee' Sites to put the rumors of the accusation of \$23,000 theft. Renee' Sites emailed to OAD members to put these rumors to rest. The copy of the email is in the Secretary's files.

OAD Facebook – Lynn Null's release from OAD was announced on OAD Facebook. News will be updated periodically and regularly.

NAD Regional III – It was Renee' Sites' first Zoom meeting with Regional III representatives on January 26, 2017. The meeting lasted for one hour and a half. These meetings will take place monthly on Zoom.

Members at Large – Renee’ Sites delegated responsibilities to handle memberships to Miranda Pollard, Members at Large 3.

Drew Pitchford runs the OAD website.

Jennifer Boss is the Second MAL. She will share OAD website duties with Drew Pitchford.

Visitor: Jocelyn Ennis from Moore introduced herself to the board and addressed her concern about Lynn Null’s termination. She asked why the OAD board officers did not give Lynn Null a chance to make a resolution. Renee’ Sites and Drew Pitchford explained that the Lynn Null was given several chances to resolve and it is recorded on the past minutes. Jocelyn Ennis asked for more specific reasons for Lynn Null’s termination. Renee’ Sites explained that it was related to the leadership and management of funds. She mentioned that the bylaws said that the board has the authority to make that decision, to have a just cause, and that the board felt compelled to take an action to protect OAD.

Donna Fine from Sulphur asked about the wording for termination. Renee’ Sites explained that the appropriate term is “released.”

The OAD Board has agreed to respect Lynn Null’s wishes not to delve in for information. This situation cannot be discussed furthermore until the auditors close the books and answers will be given at the OAD Conference 2017. It is not a personal issue and the board wishes to reflect NAD and OAD.

Officers’ reports

Treasurer’s Report: Drew Pitchford

The balance is \$544. The board has to be wise with the finances.

Checking balance \$18,360.09 (it should be put into a CD account)

Merrill Lynch \$62,350.29

PayPal \$137.93

Total balance \$81,392.31

To make up the CD deficit, \$1,639.91 is needed to account for \$20,000.

\$96 for two years for the OAD website, starting in June 2017.

The Money Mind renewal fee will come up in April 2017. It is easy to track money with Money Mind. Miranda Pollard suggested a trial run with this interactive software.

The OAD website (\$96.00) and Money Mind (\$159.00) would cost \$255.00. It would be \$414.00 for two years.

Drew Pitchford is still searching for a comparably inexpensive software to manage funds and reports.

Wild Apricot and Tech Soup are domains which could be built to comprehensive websites. Links could be added. Two years for \$414.00 is affordable.

A budget (general funds) needs to be set up for OAD 2017- 2019.

Secretary's Report – Secretary Anna Harman

Anna Harman is updating written records of members and collaborating with Drew Pitchford and Miranda Pollard to ensure the accuracy of the records.

Drew Pitchford suggested Google Site for OAD Board page. He will set up generic email addresses for the board officers.

At the OAD Conference 2017, Drew Pitchford will ask the members' vote for the legislative word tracker.

LEAD-K –Farah Curry is a new member of the OAD Education Committee.

Kim B. Majeri is giving a workshop at the OAD Conference 2017. Her training will help us get on the right path.

In March, Anna Harman will ask Victor Oladipo for donations to help OAD.

Members at Large Reports – MAL Jennifer Boss and Miranda Pollard

Jennifer Boss' Report

SWSAD (Southwest Softball Association of the Deaf)

Jennifer Boss went to the meeting on Saturday, January 23, 2017. No one representing OAD went to the first meeting. SWSAD would have dropped OAD if no one showed up at the second meeting. Jennifer Boss attended the SWSAD meeting. She was delegated to do the Family event. TSHA will try to help with funds. Some of her ideas include a bouncer or moon walk for \$135 for five hours for three days from 9am to 4pm. Volunteers from Tulsa Community College and Tulsa University will help. They would not have to be OAD members to volunteer.

In June 2017, a water activity may be planned. Jennifer Nix will be contacted about the water activity. Waiver forms must be written up and signed. Jennifer Boss will look for sponsors. She can go to YMCAs and athletic stores to ask for monetary donations. She will set up a committee to help her.

It is suggested that OAD T-shirts with printed sponsors' logos or names be sold to raise funds.

The SWSAD event will be held in the third week of June at Carl Smith Softball Sports Complex located at 17120 E. 21st (21st and 164th) in Tulsa.

Miranda Pollard's Report

Miranda Pollard does not have a report at this time.

OAD Conference 2017 Committee Report: Chair Renee' Sites

Kim Majeri will present a workshop about what OAD is all about, how a bill becomes a law, how OAD members can be involved as lobbyists, how to prioritize, and discuss LEAD-K.

Manda Chebultz from OSD sent a new contract for lodging for OAD board members. Board officers may arrive on Thursday at 4pm.

OAD Conference 2017 Tentative Schedule:

Thursday

Registration: 5pm - 8pm on Thursday night.

Ice breakers: 7pm-9pm (socialization)

Friday

Workshop: 8am-10am

Interpreters can get CEUs.

Auditors will do the registration table.

Super Deafy's fee is too expensive.

Renee' Sites wants to ask the current YAP to be the MCE.

Dinner: 5pm-6pm

YAP: 7pm-9pm (doors will be opened at 6:30pm)

Saturday

Morning: OAD Conference meeting

Afternoon: more details later

OSD decorations will be used for YAP. Jennifer Boss can contact Manda Chebultz to reserve beds for YAP contestants.

OAD Conference 2017 Committee Report: Jennifer Boss

Members of Jennifer Boss' YAP committee are Audrey Schwyhart and Kara Floyd. They are looking for YAP judges and sponsors. They will compose admission forms, photography release forms, and other forms.

Jennifer Boss asked Drew Pitchford to secure ten beds for three nights for YAP contestants.

She suggested one chaperone per contestant. The tentative goal would be 20 beds (10 chaperones and ten contestants).

Jennifer Boss will email Anna Harman a sponsor letter for her to give to a Thunder basketball player Victor Oladipo.

Kenra Lundy is a party planner and can help out with YAP decorating and planning.

Spouses may lodge with board officers for three nights for \$75.00.

Jennifer Boss will plan on making a Vlog about YAP.

Nomination Committee (Chair Carl Moore)

Carl Moore is on the Nomination Committee. Members on this committee are Renee' Sites, Miranda Pollard and Lynn Null.

Awards Committee (Chair Miranda Pollard)

Golden Hands and other awards will be discussed at a later date.

Miranda Pollard has sent out nomination letters. She will need to let Carl Moore know on social media and website.

Committee Reports

OAD-OKRID Partnership

Susan Nelson contacted Renee' Sites to ask if OAD would form a partnership with OKRID.

OAD-OKRID Legislative Committee

The Oklahoma Interpreter Act will prevent the proposed bill OKRID does not like. The President of OKRID, Ben Davis, highlighted important parts of the bill of concern.

OAD board does not choose the chair of the OAD-OKRID Legislative Committee. Charo Guillory is not the chair but she can be a committee member.

Renee' Sites is willing to be the liason for OAD. She as the President will contact OKRID and will cc to Miranda Pollard and Jennifer Boss. Jennifer Boss will handle the business part of the OAD-OKRID Legislative Committee. Jennifer Boss is the chair of this committee. Drew Pitchford is the new committee member.

Bylaws Committee (Chair Miranda Pollard)

Miranda Pollard is still working on it. Jennifer Boss asked about the purpose of Resolutions Committee.

Jennifer Boss will ask the previous president for the functions and duties of this committee.

Necrology Committee (Chair Anna Harman)

Kathy Stroyick is on the committee. Wanda Hull and Lynn Null are not on this committee.

Anna Harman will ask Nathan Flystra to be on the committee and to perhaps do the Necrology at the conference.

Old Business

Motion #35

Drew Pitchford made a motion to transfer fund to new bank Arvest with a \$50.00 deposit into the account. Jennifer Boss seconded. The motion passed.

Motion #36

CD Fund in General/Checking Account- Need to cap the fund to protect the CD. The CD should have \$20,000. The conference may cost up to \$10,000. The board will not cap the funds until at a later date. The board will look for sponsors and donors. The motion is tabled.

DGM-OK Partnership

Donna Fine will look for someone to be the DGM liaison person.

Motion #37

Allow budget for \$400.00 for two years to use for Treasurer, members, and website resources. Motion was made by Drew Pitchford. Jennifer Boss seconded. The motion was tabled.

Renee' Sites will email the board officers information about NTLC 2018.

Next Board Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 10:00 AM in Oklahoma City. An exact date will be determined at a later time.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Anna Harman, OAD Secretary (2015-2017)