

**Oklahoma Association of the Deaf (OAD) Conference General Meeting
September 21, 2019
Embassy Suites by Hilton
Tulsa, OK**

OAD Board Officers in attendance: President Renee’ Sites of Broken Arrow, President Katelyn Journey of Tulsa, Secretary Anna Harman of Edmond, Treasurer Jennifer Boss of Broken Arrow, and Member at Large Emma Pruitt of Tulsa.

Absences: Members at Large Erin Shepherd of Broken Arrow and Miranda Pollard of Moore

Meeting Openings: President Renee’ Sites called the meeting to order at 1:28 PM.

President Reneé thanked OAD Conference 2019 sponsors for their support: OKRID, OSU-OKC, Equal Access Interpreting.

The board officers gave their reports.

Secretary’s Report: OAD has 191 members.

The OAD Conference 2017 Minutes were read. Steve Guard made a motion to accept the June 9, 2017 OAD Conference general meeting minutes as read. Emma Pruitt seconded. Passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Jennifer Boss gave her report. The current balance is \$18,822.90. Howard Gordineer made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report as read. Emma Pruitt seconded. Passed.

Motions:

Motion #1: Remove Article X, Section 4 from the OAD Bylaws.

Rationale: NAD closed the program. Cost: \$0

Motion Maker: Katelyn Journey, seconded by Emma Pruitt. Passed.

Motion #2: In Article VIII, Section 4, replace “Board of Directors” with “other members of the executive board”. In Article X, Section 7, replace both instances of “board of directors” with “executive board”. “Board of directors” is not defined in Bylaws. This creates confusion.

Motion Maker: Clint Reininger, seconded by John Reininger. Passed.

Motion #3: In Article VI, Section 1, add to the end of the first sentence “where appointment is not already defined in the bylaws”.

Rationale: Clarification. Bylaws already define who will be chairperson of standing committees. Cost \$0

Motion Maker: Clint Reininger, seconded by John Reininger. Passed.

Motion #4: Article XII, Section 6 “...waived ~~from membership~~ and registration...”

Rationale: Waived from membership is already written in Article III, Section 3.

Motion Maker: John Reininger, seconded by Clint Reininger

Motion to Amend: Remove the last line Miss Deaf Oklahoma

Motion Maker: Brenda Willingham, seconded by Glenna Cooper. Both passed.

Motion #5: Add Article X, Section 1 “...shall appoint a minimum of three (3) members...”

Rationale: We don't want to restrict to only a total of 4 members on the committee. Cost: \$0.

Motion Maker: John Reininger, seconded by Clint Reininger. Passed.

Motion #6: Add Article V, Section 1: “...executive board in an ascending order of administration of the association.” Remove Article VI, Section 5: first sentence “the president, vice president..”

Rationale: repetitive. Cost \$0

Motion Maker: John Reininger, seconded by Clint Reininger. Passed.

Motion #7: Add a new article “special meetings”

Section 1: a notice stating the time and place of the special meeting of the members, any member by petition signed by 10% of members in good standing, may call to assemble.

Section 2: Business transaction at said special meeting shall be limited to the purpose stated in writing.

Add Article VIII, Section 2: Removed from office for just cause by $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of executive board “or members present at special meetings.”

Rationale: To give members a voice during/in between conference to conference. To hold the board accountable by members. Cost \$0

Motion Maker: John Reininger, seconded by Clint Reininger. Passed.

Motion #8: Motions for bylaw revisions must be submitted 30 days prior to business meeting for bylaw committee to review.

Rationale: More organization and it will prevent from business meeting drawing out. Cost \$0

Motion Maker: Katelyn Jurney, Second: Brenda Willingham. Failed to pass.

Motion #9: Article XII - Conferences, Section 3: Adding: The conference shall be in the month of June traditionally.

Rationale: The members knew the conference falling in June. Other state conference always kept their months. Cost \$0

Motion Maker: Howard Gordiner, seconded by James Allen

Motion to Amend: Remove “traditionally”,

Motion Maker: Clint Reininger, seconded by Renee Sites. Both passed.

Motion #10: Establish a CODA (Child of Deaf Adult) member at large (MAL) board member.

Rationale: Reach out and connect with CODAs for bilingual and bicultural purpose.

African Americans had their children separated from them to keep their numbers small and keep them weak. OKBDA includes CODAs. CODAs have a CODA organization, but need a place to call home. OKRID has a Deaf MAL; OAD needs opportunity to align with CODA interpreters. OAD can be leaders in bringing CODAs as Deaf community member. Cost \$0

Motion Maker: Charro Guillory, seconded by John Reininger

Motion to Amend: Instead of MAL, it would be CODA Director on a committee, not on board

Motion Maker: Glenna Cooper, seconded by Renee Sites. Both passed.

Motion #11: Cease personal social media involvement on OAD Facebook page, limiting to questions, answers, events, and information.

Rationale: meeting place for discussion/members only

Motion Maker: Dustin Martin, seconded by Glenna Cooper

Motion to Table to the board: to further discuss

Motion Maker: Glenna Cooper, seconded by Steve Guard. Motion to table passed.

Nominations were given for 2019-2021 OAD Executive Board officers.

The new OAD Board officers are:

President: Glenna Cooper

Vice-President: John Reininger

Secretary: Alex Gauger

Treasurer: Emma Pruitt

MAL 1: Meghan Presley

MAL 2: Logan Evans

MAL 3: Elias Castillo

Auditor 1: Brenda Willingham

Auditor 2: Minerva Allard

Auditor 3: Clint Reininger

The Board meets every 3 months.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Anna Harman, OAD Secretary (2017-2019)