

SDAD Board Meeting
Held via Zoom Conferencing
January 11, 2025

The SDAD Board meeting came to order at 10:04 with the following board members present:

President Tanya Miller, Vice President Jeff Panek, Treasurer Kevin Barber; At large members: Tim Jackson, Mark Koterwski, Patty Kuglitsch and Bruce Kucker.
Dave Dahle joined the meeting late.

Six SDAD members were present.

Mark Koterwski (Kevin Barber) moved that Patty Kuglitsch act as Secretary. Motion carried

There was a moment of silence for individuals who had passed away:

Irene (Schaefer) Taylor (SDSD Class of 1049)
Norman White Shirt (SDAD Member and Class of 1963)
Laurel Ann (Olson) Brasel (SDSD Class of 1964)

Agenda:

Kevin Barber (Mark Koterwski) moved to approve the agenda as updated. Carried.

Minutes of previous meetings:

Patty Kuglitsch (Jeff Panek) moved to approve the September 7, 2024 SDAD Board meeting minutes. Carried.

Patty Kuglitsch (Tim Jackson) moved to approve the October 1, 2024 email voting minutes. Carried.

Patty Kuglitsch (Mark Koterwski) moved to approve the October 16, 2024 email voting minutes. Carried.

Treasurer's audited statements:

Statements for August to December 2024 were reviewed and have been approved by the auditors.

Patty Kuglitsch (Mark Koterwski) moved to accept the Treasurer reports. Carried

Public Input: None

Officer and Board reports:

President:

Mental Health AD HOC Committee: Angela Ellman is selected to lead the ad hoc committee. The board needs to approve the appointment.

VRI Interpreter Taskforce: The goal is to remove the requirement that interpreters must be registered under the state of SD. The recommendation is to move the taskforce under the Legislative Committee as a subcommittee.

Governance Committee: The SDAD Biennial Conference is fast approaching; according to the bylaws, Section 13.01 Amendments – These by laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Association members present and vote at the SDAD Biennial Conference, provided that the amendments are submitted to the Governance Committee in writing sixty (60) days prior to the conference.

Next Board Meeting: It is scheduled for March 8, 2025. The Board needs to decide to keep the meeting on that day or reschedule to a later date in March or April.

Hall of Fame: HOF Policy 1.4 – Timetable requires nominations, screenings to take place before today's meeting. Since the HOF committee didn't meet the timetable, should the Board temporarily suspend the policy until after the 2025 conference? If the motion is passed, SDAD members are encouraged to take the time to nominate members who deserve recognition for their deeds, accomplishments or services in the areas of arts, community service, education, and sports (ACES) may be honored.

Vice President:

SDAD Holiday Brunch: The Holiday Brunch took place on December 8, 2024 at the Grand Falls Casino and Resort. The brunch was sponsored by Global Technical Communications. Special thanks to GTC for generously sponsoring the holiday brunch. We hope to have the holiday brunch again at the Grand Falls Casino and Resort.

SDAD Super Bowl Party: The 2025 Super Bowl party will be held at the Squealer's Smoke Shack Bar & Grill on February 9th. No deposit is required. Selling raffle tickets will help with the fundraising.

Secretary: No report

Treasurer:

2024-2025 Membership: As of January 3, 2025, SDAD has 186 members, including 8 new members. There are 34 unpaid members that could total up to 217.

990 Tax Return ended on 6/30/24: Eide Bailly requested to extend until May 15, 2025 because October and November were busy months. They apologized for the delay.

Eide Bailly: The less than \$50,000 is a 3-year average, so the Association won't qualify for 990N filing for a couple of years. Unless unexpected substantial contributions are received in the next few years, they believe the 3-year average will be below \$50,000 for the tax year ending 6/30/2027. At that time, the Association will qualify for 990N for the tax year ending 6/30/2028. The 990-EZ filing will cost the Association a minimum of \$1,850, while the 990-N will cost the Association a minimum of \$550.

There was a concern that we may be held liable for fees due to the filing delay.

Also, the NAD affiliate dues (\$200) are coming due, and the treasurer will send them a check soon.

2024 Holiday Brunch: Huge thanks to GTC for sponsoring the event.

102 people attended (86 regular members, 14 kids, age 6-12 and 2 kids, age 6 and under).

Committee Reports:

Accessibility Committee: No report

Deaf Cultural Heritage Center:

Picked up and reviewed the digitized 17 reels of old video films that were found in the museum archives. Most of them were hard to view due to poor quality storage. Some videos were edited (a few seconds of each event). Some videos were irrelevant and not deaf-related. DCHC will probably share some edited videos in the near future.

Senior class photos from 1908 to 2009 were completed and posted on the SDAD website under DCHC page. A long list of honorable mention alumni has been added to the SDAD website.

Currently we are continuously adding more images with information to the SDAD website and sharing with the members and also on social media.

DCHC paid a visit to SD Services for the Deaf and asked if it would be possible to work together in the near future. Also wanted to see what SDSD has. DCHC asked SDSD if he could borrow their slides and have them digitized. They will let DCHC know after the holidays.

Education Committee:

The Chair and his committee are still working on data collection. They are developing a Language and Literacy Monitoring Rubric for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children. More detailed information will be shared once all information is put together.

Finance Committee: No Report

Governance Committee: No Report

Hall of Fame Committee:

The nomination forms were sent out late in the fall. The committee received only two nominations with very limited sources of supporting information.

The committee had a couple of meetings. The topics of whether or not SDAD has HOF induction ceremony this coming summer and potential individuals to become inductees were discussed.

The committee decided they needed more time and would meet again after the holidays.

The Board had some questions about the number of HOF members that need to be recruited for the committee.

Legislative Committee:

The committee has no report. They will continue to monitor during the 2025 Legislative session and will bring up to SDAD's attention if they see any deaf-related issues.

Public Relations:

The Chair continues to send out the information through emails, Facebook and website. He continues to update the website by adding more obituaries and history facts.

The chair is still learning more about the webpages on SDAD website. He has a desire to do the best and champion the SDAD website. He is still struggling with some areas. He realizes he needs someone to teach him some skills. He found a tutor who is fluent in ASL and can provide

online tutoring. The cost for up to 4-hour tutoring is \$300. He is waiting to find out more information on the night course at Southeast Community College and see if they provide web development courses.

2025 SDAD Conference:

The committee consists of Aubrey Byrnes and Deb Brozik, co-chairs; Pat Anderson O'Neill, Mark and Angela Koterwski; Jeff and Belinda Panek; LaDonna Haake; Brian and Amy Reno.

The location of the conference will be Holiday Inn Downtown in Sioux Falls

The tentative agenda was shared.

The registration cost is to be determined. It will be similar to previous registration costs.

The possible dates of the conference are June 6-7, 2025, June 27-28, 2025 and August 15-16, 2025. The Board needs to decide which date will work best.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Patty Kuglitsch (Dave Dahle) moved that VRI Taskforce become a sub-committee of the Legislative Committee and allow non-members to serve on the VRI Taskforce. Carried.

Mark Koterwski (Kevin Barber) moved to approve the President's appointment of Angela Ellman as Chair of Ad Hoc Mental Health Services Committee. Carried.

Jeff Panek () amended that the Ad Hoc committee be continued to the next term (2027). Failed.

Patty Kuglitsch (Tim Jackson) moved to have SDAD Conference on June 27-28, 2025. Carried.

Patty Kuglitsch (Jeff Panek) moved to suspend the HOF Policy 1.4 – Timeline. Carried

Jeff Panek (Dave Dahle) moved that SDAD pays up to \$500 for the webpage training. Carried.

Dave Dahle (Mark Koterwski) moved to have an open discussion on SDAD mandates.

Copied from 2023 Conference minutes:

Search for new location for deaf community to gather

Continue work on emergency preparedness

Interpreter access (emergency, CDI)

Accessibility for wheelchairs in hotels and bathrooms
Continue watchdog role regarding LEAD-K

Jeff Panek (Mark Koterwski) moved to select Kevin Barber as chair of committee to search for a new place for meetings and activities. Carried. Kevin accepted.

Mark Koterwski (David Dahle) moved to open the floor for discussion to determine the date and time of the next Board meeting. Carried.

Mark Koterwski (Tim Jackson) moved that the next meeting be held on April 5th at 10AM. Carried.

Jeff Panek (Mark Koterwski) moved to close the new business. Failed.

Kevin Barber (Dave Dahle) moved that SDAD host 2026 football pool as fundraising and will sell \$100 per box. The winner will get 75%. Carried.

Jeff Panek (Mark Koterwski) moved to close the new business. Carried.

Announcements:

Jeff Panek reminded about the Super Bowl Party on Feb. 9th.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:
Patty Kuglitsch, acting secretary