

**SDAD Conference**  
**Friday / Saturday, June 23 & 24, 2023**  
**Ramkota Hotel / Conference Center, Pierre, SD**

Kevin Barber, President

Callista Anderson, Vice President

David Dahle, Secretary

Patty Kuglitsch, Treasurer

Board members at large:

Mark Koterwski, Tanya Miller; Sonny Rasmussen, Brian Reno, Jeff Panek

The conference began Friday evening at 7PM with a welcome by SDAD President Kevin Barber.

Pierre City Commission President Jamie Huizenga made some additional comments on developments around Pierre.

Eric Weiss, director of SD Department of Human Services then gave a summary of the department's various programs (TEDP, TRS, Link Up, financial assistance for kids to purchase hearing aids / cochlear implants). He also spoke briefly about SB10 and the SDSD taskforce. A brief question and answer session followed.

President Barber then gave a review of SDAD's activities the past two years.

In summary, SDAD completed all the short-term goals that had been set by the Board except for working with the South Dakota Department of Education (due to not being able to find a chair for the Education committee).

After the presentation, the next topic was the forum and setting mandates for the next two years.

\* Continue search for a new location to rent or own for the SDAD Center

\* Continue work on emergency preparedness (we have a good amount of material from Wisconsin we can adapt for our needs)

\* Interpreter access - in-person interpreter for emergency situations and Certified Deaf Interpreter for newflash interpreting

\* Accessibility for wheelchairs in hotels and bathrooms

\* Continue watchdog role regarding LEAD-K

Mark Koterwski (Callista Anderson) moved to accept the above five as mandates. Carried.

The SDAD business meeting was called to order at 8:54 AM MDT on June 24th.

A. Roll Call:

Approximately 30 SDAD members were present; quorum of 20 members was met.  
All Board members were also present except for Panek, Rasmussen, and Reno.

Larry Puthoff led the members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Kevin Barber selected Larry Puthoff as parliamentarian and Scott Miller as Nominations chairperson.

B. Approval of the 2021 Conference minutes:

Arlin Devish (Angela Koterwski) moved to accept as read. Carried.

C. Officer and Standing Committees:

1. President:

Report was given as the State of SDAD presentation Friday evening.

A special membership meeting will need to be called in August, as the timing was not favorable for the SDAD Foundation to attend and give their report.

One and a half years (three payments) remain of the money coming in from CSD so we need to start preparing for that as well.

2. Conference Chairperson:

Colleen Barber summarized the day's plans and said there were 39 registered for the conference.

3. Vice President:

Attended a 'Blue Ribbon' partnership of various service providers for deaf and hard of hearing people.

Spoke of recent changes relating to South Dakota School for the Deaf:  
Superintendent Kim Wadsworth has retired, and Kami Van Sickle has been hired as the Administrator of the (recently renamed) South Dakota Services for the Deaf.

4. Secretary:

No report but reminded members that motion forms are available to be filled out for New Business.

5. Treasurer:

A summary of the past two years' receipts and expenditures were shared with the members, along with a detailed accounting of the various income and expense accounts and that both are balanced.

6. Auditors:

The auditors said all the reports were correct and they agree with the Treasurer's report as presented.

7. Cultural Heritage: (Scott Miller)

It has been a challenge with one member in poor health and another having stepped down for personal reasons. The chair's focus has mainly been on SDAD News and social media / Email updates.

The chair had planned to hire someone to help with scanning and uploading to Past Perfect, but will likely have to go with the original plan to have an outside company scan the documents.

Also, with the upcoming change to SDAD's finances, the chair is looking at how to downsize the number of rooms currently being rented at Simpson.

8. Education (No chair): No report

9. Legislative: (Kevin Barber for Ben Soukup)

Report on activity during the last Legislature was previously shared with the members.

10. Games: (Steve Janecek)

The chair discussed the motion referred from the Board to the Conference relating to suspending the SDAD games until the conference, and would need to be taken up in New Business.

11. Governance: (Larry Puthoff)

The chair took the floor to explain the two changes submitted to the membership for consideration.

The first proposal was to move Section 3.06 (Honorary Life Membership) to the SDAD House Policy.

The committee recommended deleting this section instead, due to the current low cost of membership, and the last person so honored was SDSA Superintendent Hudson.

Mark Koterwski (Bob Zimmer) moved to adopt this change. Carried.

The second proposal was to change Section 6.01 (Meetings) to add language stating that all regular board meetings are to be held online.

Callista Anderson (Pat Anderson-O'Neill) moved to adopt this change. Carried.

12. Public Relations:

No report, but the President reported having concerns that the current webmaster has not had the time to help keep the SDAD website up to date.

13. Accessibility (No chair): No Report

14. NAD Delegate: Previously distributed to the membership via SDAD News.

15. Necrology: (Kevin Barber)

A moment of silence was observed to remember several members and friends who passed away within the past couple years: Brenda Sievert, Lois Rhode, Jan Buri, Nick LeFors, Sr., Dale Diedrich, Jennifer Uldritch-Burr, Bettie Carlson, Donna Sjaarda, Marsha Vae Goeken, Everett Ruedeusch, Karen Hoxeng, Ruth Jackson, and Elizabeth 'Betty' Rose.

16. Nominations:

The chair reminded the members there were still a few positions that needed candidates.

D: Special committee reports

1. Ad hoc Interpreting taskforce (Kevin Barber for Tom Kober):

The taskforce has been formally dissolved in favor of continued collaboration between SDAD and the SD Interpreting Association.

2. SDAD Foundation (Kevin Barber for the SDAD Foundation):

The representative from the Foundation was not available to report to the members, but with the CSD payouts coming to an end soon, the Foundation will need some input from the membership, and is requesting a special membership meeting in August for this purpose.

E: Unfinished business: None

A 10-minute recess was requested at 9:50, and the meeting resumed at 10:11

## F: New Business

1. Myrna Collins (Arlin Devish) moved to have a website with list of videophone numbers. Failed.
2. Steve Janecek (Mark Koterwski) moved to discontinue the SDAD games until further notice.  
Tim Jackson (Pat Anderson-O'Neill) amended that SDAD develop online versions of SDAD's games.  
Mark Koterwski (Callista Anderson) moved to refer the motion back to the Games Committee. Carried.
3. Connie Dokken (Arlin Devish) moved that SDAD have someone work on recruiting new members from youth program.  
Mark Koterwski (Bob Zimmer) amended that SDAD do a study on how to recruit youth. Amendment and main motion carried.
4. Tanya Miller (David Dahle) moved that SDAD establish a new position and committee to focus on developing social opportunities for SDAD members. Carried.
5. Tanya Miller (David Dahle) moved to amend bylaw section 6.01 by adding "with the option of meeting in person".  
Ruled out of order.
6. Scott Miller (Bob Zimmer) moved that the SDAD News newsletter be discontinued.  
Callista Anderson (Angela Koterwski) amended that SDAD continue with its current social media accounts (SDAD Facebook, Deaf Cultural Heritage, etc).  
Amendment and main motion carried.
7. Larry Puthoff / Bob Zimmer moved to delay the SDAD Foundation and membership action to August. Carried.

Bob Zimmer (Marilyn Rye) moved to close New Business. Carried.

After brief discussion, the members agreed to adjust the agenda to take care of the 2025 Conference site selection before the Board election.

Approval of 2023-2025 budget:

Scott Miller / Steve Janecek moved to increase dues to \$20 for two years.

Bob Zimmer / John Timmer amended that senior citizen dues be set at \$15 for two years.

Mark Koterwski / Connie Ulmer moved to table the motion to the 2025 Conference. Carried.

Conference site:

There were only three suggestions for the next conference site:  
Aberdeen, Keystone, and Sioux Falls.

The members chose Sioux Falls for the next conference site.

Callista Anderson (Mark Koterwski) moved to recess for lunch at 11:00. Carried.

Instead of the Hall of Fame luncheon, Scott Miller gave a presentation on James Laughlin, the last president of the SD Association for the Advancement of the Deaf.

The meeting resumed at 1:30 PM, with the board election next on the agenda.

F: Election

Scott Miller, Nominations chair, announced there were enough candidates to proceed.

1. President: Tanya Miller

Mark Koterwski (Angela Koterwski) moved to accept Tanya Miller as President.  
Carried.

2. Vice President: Ashley Cain

Bob Zimmer (Callista Anderson) moved to accept Ashley Cain as Vice President.  
Carried.

3. Secretary: David Dahle

Larry Puthoff (Bob Zimmer) moved to accept David Dahle as Secretary.  
Carried.

4. Treasurer: Kevin Barber

John Timmer (Dean Schweitzer) moved to accept Kevin Barber as Treasurer.  
Carried.

5. Board member at large:

Mark Koterwski	Elected
Arlin Devish	
Tim Jackson	Elected
Colleen Barber	Elected
Callista Anderson	Elected
John Timmer	Elected
Sam Whittle jr.	

6. NAD Delegate:

Mark Koterwski	Alternate
Callista Anderson	
Ashley Cain	Delegate

The business meeting adjourned at 2:24PM MDT.

The new Board took the oath after the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
David M. Dahle  
SDAD Secretary 2021-2023