

# **SDAD Board meeting**

Held at JoDean's Restaurant at Yankton, Saturday, March 24th, 2018

The SDAD Board meeting came to order at 1:29 PM with the following Board members present:  
President Jeff Panek; Vice President Teresa Nold; Secretary David Dahle;  
Treasurer Sonny Rasmussen; At-large members: Mark Koterwski, Scott Miller,  
Callista Powell, and Brian Reno. (Lance Sigdestad was excused)

15 members and guests were present at the meeting.

## **Oath:**

Brian Reno was sworn in as a Board member at large at this time.

## **Agenda:**

Mark Koterwski asked to add the March 8th meeting to minutes to be ratified to the agenda.  
Mark Koterwski (Sonny Rasmussen) moved to accept the agenda as amended.  
Carried (Aye: Dahle, Koterwski, Miller, Nold, Powell, Rasmussen, Reno)

Tom Kober was selected as the parliamentarian.

## **Minutes of previous meetings:**

December 9th, 2017 regular meeting:

Add to Vice President report – met with Katie Gran

A typo in Lance Sigdestad's Board report was also pointed out.

Scott Miller (Sonny Rasmussen) moved to accept the minutes as corrected.

Carried (Aye: Dahle, Koterwski, Miller, Nold, Powell, Rasmussen, Reno)

January & February special meetings:

January 11th: Correct Callista's last name to Powell

January 19th: Correct 'response to...' letter, not Email

Mark Koterwski (Sonny Rasmussen) moved to ratify special meeting minutes as corrected.

Carried (Aye: Dahle, Koterwski, Miller, Nold, Powell, Rasmussen, Reno)

## **Public Input:**

Tom Kober:

A recent law that was passed changes some requirements in the 'open meetings' law, requiring names be noted for each proposal carried

ALL minutes are open to the public except those regarding personnel matters and litigation

Minutes must be posted within three days of the meetings – marked as 'tentative' and changed to 'official' after approval at the next meeting

Conference minutes should likewise be posted within 60 days and marked as 'tentative' and acknowledged by the Board, with them becoming official at the next conference.

Reminder on the budget – the amount was set by the members, and to exceed that amount of money can only be approved by the membership in a special meeting

Larry Puthoff:

Commended the Board on the improvement in the SDAD News

Suggested adding a list of donors to the SDAD website, as it may help bring in more donors (not necessary to list the amount, just the fact they donated money)

Commended the members who participated in the recent Legislative session

Informing those members in the Sioux Falls area – there is a forum coming up on April 5th to listen to the various mayor candidates' platforms at the Washington Pavilion from 5 to 7PM.

Lori Kober:

Question seeking clarification on the use of term “online discussion”

Patty Kuglitsch:

Commended Teresa Nold for her hard work as Legislative Committee chair

Still does not have the list of committee chairs

Reminder to include older members of SDAD in committees

Ben Soukup:

Admitted he is a bit upset with the Board over its about-face over hiring him as lobbyist during the recent Legislative session, but it's in the past. He planned to seek reimbursement for food and lodging only, with the honorarium to be donated to the Foundation. He also said he was a bit stymied on the insistence that no work be done until a contract was signed, and spoke of a letter that the state sent to the legislators stating that Ben was NOT registered as a lobbyist.

Kevin Barber:

Commentary on the three bills considered in the recent legislative session, comparing the ‘as introduced’ version against the final version signed by the governor, and felt that having a lobbyist would have been beneficial in keeping all the bills in our favor.

Tim Nold:

The SDAD website had nothing about announcement of selecting Brian Reno as the new Board member. He was also concerned over the lack of compliance regarding posting agenda of upcoming meetings as required by the bylaws.

Peggy Schurman:

Announcement that she just joined SDAD

**Treasurer's report:**

Statements from October 2017 to February 2018 were distributed for review.

One correction was suggested – ‘Young Program’ should be changed to ‘Youth Program’.

## **Officer and Board reports:**

### **President:**

SDSD campus:

A meeting was held with Dr. Kaiser / Kim Wadsworth and 6 of the SDAD Board members to discuss the recently passed bill that authorizes the sale of the SDSD campus (and one church is interested). If it happens the campus is sold, a special SDAD membership meeting will be called.

LEAD-K:

Thanks to ALL the people around South Dakota for their help in getting this bill through the session. Representative Dan Ahlers was key in moving this bill through as well.

Deaf Seniors of South Dakota request:

DSSD voted to move their meeting from the 2nd to the 3rd Saturday of the month, so they don't need to hurry and finish their meeting before the game starts, and requests SDAD approval.

Brian Reno (Scott Miller) moved to allow the Deaf Seniors of South Dakota to move their meeting date to the third Saturday of the month.

Carried (Aye: Dahle, Koterwski, Miller, Nold, Powell, Rasmussen, Reno)

Public Relations chairperson – tough task to find a new chairperson

Liaison for SDSD / SDAD – suggest having Scott Miller in this role.

Mark Koterwski (Callista Powell) moved that Scott Miller be selected as the SDSD / SDAD liaison.

Carried (Aye: Dahle, Koterwski, Powell, Rasmussen, Reno; Miller and Nold abstained)

SD Board of Regents is to meet at Spearfish next, but no room left in travel budget

NLTC 2021 site:

NAD Board was meeting in Wisconsin this weekend, and will be coming to Sioux Falls to evaluate the Downtown Holiday Inn on March 26th as a possible site for the National Leadership Training Conference in 2021.

Chair of Interpreting committee will meet with Eric Weiss and Katie Gran to clarify non-ADA interpreting issues

Discussion on ideas for other fundraising opportunities with Pizza Ranch statewide?

### **Vice President:**

The annual Christmas Dinner was held on December 10th with over 125 in attendance.

Thanks to Mark K for leading the group activities, all those who helped with setup / takedown, and to the members for coming.

Attended game night at Augustana (Jan. 13th), Disability Awareness Day at Pierre (Feb. 14th), SDSD meeting (March 13th).

Numerous online discussions with other SDAD Board members

Recruited a few members and working on more

Arranged the Tripoley night and the Spring Bazaar in the works

Will be arranging the trip to the NAD conference soon

Recently took the time to answer some questions from USD as part of the TRS study

**Secretary: No report**

**Treasurer:**

New auditors were selected – Clarke Christianson and LaDonna Haake

Received a quote from DHH Agency for Board liability insurance.

164 members as of March 2018.

Nametags have been ordered for all Board members, including Brian Reno.

Have not begun credit card transfer to Service First FCU, but will soon

Suggested closing LEAD-K restricted fund line item, and opening new one for Legislative issues at \$5000 – permits use for broader range of issues

Would like to change the name of the first Treasurer's report to Audited Reports or Treasurer's audited reports

Mark Koterwski (Brian Reno) moved to accept the proposal for Board liability insurance from DHH agency in the amount of \$755 / year for 3 years.

Carried (Aye: Dahle, Koterwski, Miller, Nold, Powell, Rasmussen, Reno) and referred to Finance Committee.

**Board members-at-large: No report****Committee reports:****Hall of Fame (Scott Miller):**

Fundraising event originally planned for April 1 was cancelled due to it being Easter; will reschedule

Mark Koterwski (Sonny Rasmussen) moved that the Governance Committee review Hall of Fame policy and develop criteria for an 'Honorable Mention' category.

Carried (Aye: Dahle, Koterwski, Miller, Nold, Powell, Rasmussen, Reno)

**Finance (Kevin Barber):**

Minutes of the last two meetings were distributed to the Board.

The budget for the National Leadership Training Conference was reviewed – we went over budget due to sending a third representative instead of the two we normally do.

The committee recommended declining the request to send a SDAD representative to nationwide DGM rally for a number of reasons, including the current LEAD-K priority in the Legislature.

The committee also reviewed the Board's request to hire independent contractor to represent SDAD's interests in the Legislature in the amount of \$14,106, and made a series of recommendations to reallocate funds from various line items to make room for this request.

The committee noted that the budget is currently running VERY tight and need to watch expenses going forward.

Concern about outdated policies still on the SDAD website

Due to recent comments about the Finance Committee and its members, future meetings will be open to the public.

**SDAD Cultural Heritage (Scott Miller):**

Scott Miller continues to work on various projects as time permits – posting to Facebook, ongoing research, clipping newspapers, sorting and organizing photos, and filing.

Mark Johnson has also finished matching original photos to yearbook / Rushmore Beacon issues, and continues to scan obituaries and photos for filing as well.

**Governance (Tom Kober):**

Request to add two replacement members to the committee: David Soukup and Brad Schaeppi  
Scott Miller (Brian Reno) moved to approve David Soukup and Brad Schaeppi as members of the Governance Committee.

Carried (Aye: Dahle, Koterwski, Miller, Nold, Powell, Rasmussen, Reno)

**Technology (David Dahle and Sonny Rasmussen):**

No report, but Sonny did mention that a recent test of the Zoho Email system was not successful and we will be testing another platform within the next week or so.

**2019 SDAD Conference (Callista Powell):**

A site has been selected and contract signed.

Scott Miller has been asked to develop a themed logo for the conference, and requests the Board come up with ideas for the logo

Registration and vendor forms are being developed, and need to agree on the costs

An invitation has been extended to Linsey Darnell for keynote speaker, waiting for confirmation

Callista has contacted various VRS vendors and businesses, waiting for followup responses

Letters of invitation are being developed to send to state people, Mayor of Spearfish, etc.

Mark Koterwski (Sonny Rasmussen) moved to approve the combo prices - \$50 / \$60 (regular members, early bird / at the door) and \$40 / \$50 (senior citizens, early bird / at the door).

Carried (Aye: Dahle, Koterwski, Miller, Nold, Rasmussen, Reno; Powell abstained)

Scott Miller (Teresa Nold) moved to approve the cost for vendor booths - \$500 (commercial business), \$50 (state non-profit), and \$25 (self-employed booth).

Brian Reno (Sonny Rasmussen) moved to table this issue to a special board meeting.

Carried (Aye: Dahle, Koterwski, Miller, Nold, Rasmussen, Reno; Powell abstained)

**Emergency Preparedness (Jeff Panek):**

Met with DHS in Pierre while in town for legislative business

DHS is responsible for equipment distribution in an emergency situation

Have been in touch with and continue to get advice from ADA coordinator in Denver (who also happens to be a CODA)

**Legislative / Education (Teresa Nold):**

Summarized the efforts during the legislative session:

Committee: Callista Powell, Elaine Roberts, and Patty Kuglitsch

LEAD-K bill – long journey from helping find sponsors (Ewing, Ahlers) to revising model bill from the national LEAD-K team to SD Legislature's preferred format, which became HB1155, and signed by Governor Dugaard March 8, 2018

SB109 – effort to repeal interpreter licensing – was deferred to the 41st day

HB1064 – sale of SDSU campus – was signed by the Governor on Feb 12th, 2018

HB1058 – bill was ultimately amended to requiring superintendent and staff to have professional knowledge regarding educational needs of students with sensory disabilities. The bill was still waiting for the Governor to sign or veto (it was signed)

The next step is to come up with names of people to recommend for the LEAD-K committee

**Events:**

Super Bowl (Brian Reno)

Party was at the Phoenix Lounge in Harrisburg and it was a success.

36 people came and SDAD earned \$550

Tripoley (Jeff Panek for Brenda Johnson):

A good number of people came, but surprisingly the party resulted in a net loss of \$7.xx (!)

The loss was mainly due to the decision to provide the amount of food that they did

**Interpreting:**

Discussion on the need for interpreting in non-ADA situations

**Unfinished business: None**

**New Business:**

1. Sonny Rasmussen (Scott Miller) moved to hold an interpreter appreciation event on the first Wednesday in May.  
Carried (Aye: Dahle, Koterwski, Miller, Nold, Powell, Rasmussen, Reno)
2. Teresa Nold (Callista Powell) moved to make sure that ALL reports for the Board meetings be turned in one week before the meeting.  
Carried (Aye: Dahle, Koterwski, Miller, Nold, Powell, Rasmussen, Reno)
3. David Dahle (Sonny Rasmussen) moved that the Governance Committee develop guidelines for the Secretary to assist in maintaining compliance with the recently updated open-meetings law.  
Carried (Aye: Dahle, Koterwski, Miller, Nold, Powell, Rasmussen, Reno)
4. Teresa Nold (Callista Powell) moved that the Finance Committee provide training to the Board to better understand how to work within the budget.  
Carried (Aye: Dahle, Koterwski, Miller, Nold, Powell, Rasmussen, Reno)
5. David Dahle (Mark Koterwski) moved to nullify the motion from the December 2017 meeting to hold the 2019 and 2020 Super Bowl parties at the American Legion.  
Carried (Aye: Dahle, Koterwski, Miller, Nold, Powell, Rasmussen, Reno)

There being no further new business, meeting adjourned at 4:13 PM.

Secretary

David Dahle