

SDAD Board meeting

Held at South Dakota Services for the Deaf conference room
December 13, 2025

The SDAD Board meeting came to order at 10:01 AM with the following Board members:
President Mark Koterwski, Vice-president Jeff Panek, Secretary David Dahle,
Treasurer Kevin Barber; At-large members: Stan Brozik, Brian Reno,
and Lance Sigdestad.

Approximately six SDAD members and guests were present in person, and four via Zoom.

Stan Brozik led the members in reciting the Pledge.

Mark Koterwski selected Ben Soukup as parliamentarian.

Public Input: (none)

Agenda:

The agenda was presented for approval, with two additions:

President report - Accessibility committee chair
Vice President report - Holiday dinner and Super Bowl party
Hall of Fame / Deaf Cultural Heritage committee members
Interpreting taskforce

Kevin Barber (Lance Sigdestad) moved to accept the agenda as updated. Carried.

Minutes of September 20 meeting:

Kevin Barber (Stan Brozik) moved to approve the minutes as read. Carried.

Treasurer's audited statements:

Statements for September, October, and November were distributed to the Board, and a detailed summary of the most recent statements was then shared.

The auditors (Deb Brozik and Marie Fosheim) have reviewed and accepted the reports.

Officer and Board reports:

President:

NAD cancelled the 2025 National Leadership Training Conference in light of the ongoing situation with Board representation and demands that the current President step down.

Two individuals stepped up to host a 'Deaf Collab' event instead of NLTC.

SDAD chose not to participate, and had to resolve expenses it was potentially stuck with:

Plane tickets have been converted to credit towards flight to 2026 NAD Conference

Hotel reservations have been transferred to a location near the NAD Conference site

NAD returned \$160 of the \$200 registration fee paid

Scott Miller has been selected as chair of an ad hoc committee for reviewing the awards program, and needs Board ratification.

Request from an individual at the library to host a deaf culture workshop at the library in April.

Attended SDSD 145th Anniversary event.

Asked SDAD to consider NAD's request that we support the Coalition of Organizations for Accessible Technology.

We may be able to use space at the SD Services for the Deaf location and need the Board to review the contract before approval.

Vice-President:

As of that day, 115 people (100 adults / 15 children) have registered for the holiday dinner. Checking into places to hold the Super Bowl party, but it will likely be held at Squealers again. We need to look at costs for the next conference, and asked the Board to consider a one-day conference.

Secretary: No report

Treasurer:

As of November 30, SDAD has 207 members.

Partnered with SDAD PR Committee to set up Zelle and Zeffy links for members to pay 2026-2027 membership dues.

Completed update to add Mark as an account holder on SDAD's accounts.

Partnered with SDAD PR / Super Bowl party chairs to set up Zeffy links for the football pool.

Received \$3850.74 from SDSD Foundation to help cover scanning project expenses

Profit / Loss statement as of November 30, 2025: Minus \$3175.03

Board member reports: none

Unfinished business: none

Committee reports:

Accessibility:

Deaf Cultural Heritage Center (Scott Miller):

The committee recently added more than 75 names for the history sections, and continues to research to fill in missing information for various individuals.

The committee has also been sharing pictures and historical details with the members. Helped SDSD develop a PowerPoint presentation for its 145th anniversary celebration. There is one scrapbook that was donated by a past SDSD staff member; it has already been scanned and is in poor condition. Need Board approval to dispose of it according to the deaccession policy.

Education Committee (Lance Sigdestad):

Education - DOE now flexible on data sharing
Idea for recruiting small town terps

Finance Committee (Sonny Rasmussen): No report

Games Committee (Sonny Rasmussen): No report

Governance (Patty Kuglitsch):

The committee met recently to review the various policies, and the committee has submitted several to the Board with proposed changes to be ratified.

The committee also met to consider the Friends of SDAD policy referred from the Board and also submits it for ratification.

Legislative (Ben Soukup):

No meeting lately, as the legislature was not in session, but will be keeping an eye on the upcoming session.

Public Relations (Scott Miller):

Scott continues to share information to the membership through social media. Although Scott does not plan to form a committee, he was reminded that a committee is required per bylaws. He said he will have to find members and train them on website and social media.

Hall of Fame (Scott Miller):

There still needs to be an overall review of the Hall of Fame policy and procedures. Scott would like anyone interested in serving on the committee to contact him.

2027 Conference (discussed under Vice President report)**State Commission taskforce (Ben Soukup):**

Ben has been reaching out to various individuals, and some have expressed interest, but he will continue recruiting new members.

New Business:

1. Kevin Barber (Brian Reno) moved to approve Paul Fosheim and Angela Ellman as Finance Committee members. Carried.
2. David Dahle (Kevin Barber) moved to approve Brian Reno and Justin Behrens as Games Committee members.
Brian Reno (Jeff Panek) amended to add Steve Janecek.
Amendment and main motion carried.
3. Kevin Barber (Stan Brozik) moved to approve the Friends of SDAD guidelines. Carried.
4. Kevin Barber (David Dahle) moved to approve the updated SDAD Travel policy.

Kevin also wanted to remind the Governance Committee that it would be helpful if the specific changes can be highlighted in future submissions to the Board for approval.

5. Kevin Barber (Brian Reno) moved to approve the Accessibility Committee chair guidelines. Carried.
6. Kevin Barber (Stan Brozik) moved to approve the Education Committee chair guidelines, as well as correction to the name of SDSD. Carried.
7. Kevin Barber (David Dahle) moved to approve the Public Relations committee chair guidelines. Carried.
8. Jeff Panek (David Dahle) moved to accept Scott Miller's recommendation to dispose of a scrapbook that is in poor condition and has already been scanned. Carried.
9. Brian Reno (Kevin Barber) moved to approve the new facilities contract with SD Services for the Deaf. Carried.
10. Brian Reno (Stan Brozik) moved that SDAD should show support for the Coalition of Organizations for Accessible Technologies. Carried.
11. Jeff Panek (Kevin Barber) moved to open floor for discussion on conference length.
12. Jeff Panek (Stan Brozik) moved that the 2027 Conference be held on one day as a trial. Carried.
13. Lance Sigdestad (Jeff Panek) moved to approve Todd Honas as a member of the Education Committee. Carried.
14. Kevin Barber (Stan Brozik) moved to open floor for discussion on the Hall of Fame recognition policy.
15. Kevin Barber (Lance Sigdestad) moved to establish ad hoc committee to develop recognition guidelines. Carried.
16. Kevin Barber (Brian Reno) moved to approve Tim Jackson as member of the SDAD Deaf Cultural Heritage Committee. Carried

New Business was closed. No objections.

David Dahle requested a brief discussion on the date for the March 2026 Board meeting. He had plans set months ago to be out of town that day, so he needs to know if someone can take over as pro temp secretary or if a new date should be chosen. The Board chose to move the meeting date from March 14 to March 21.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
David Dahle