

SDAD Board meeting

Held at South Dakota Services for the Deaf conference room
March 21, 2026

The SDAD Board meeting came to order at 10:04 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 (via Zoom),
and Lance Sigdestad (via Zoom).

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

Jeff Panek led the members in reciting the Pledge.

Mark Koterwski selected Ben Soukup as parliamentarian.

Public Input:

Tim Jackson:

Should SDAD look at hosting a party over the 4th as part of America's 250th celebration?

David Dahle:

We should look at some way of facilitating access to the building when we are using it
(I had noticed and let in a member that wasn't aware the doors are always locked)

Agenda:

Brian Reno (Stan Brozik) moved to accept the agenda as updated. Carried.

Minutes of previous meetings:

Lance Sigdestad (Jeff Panek) moved to approve Dec 13 regular meeting minutes, February 3rd
and March 11th special meeting minutes, and ratify January 28th Email vote as read. Carried.

Treasurer's audited statements:

Statements for December 2025, January and February 2026 were distributed to the Board, and
the February statement was summarized for those present.

David Dahle (Brian Reno) moved to accept December 2025 to Feb 2026 financial statements.
Carried.

Officer and Board reports:

President:

NAD issue: Region II is now fully represented on the Board; Kevin Ryan and Katy Hagemeyer are our Region II representatives. More than 19 applications were received for CEO position. 19 applications were accepted, which will be narrowed to 2-4 finalists, with formal announcement expected in April.

Mark Koterwski and Lance Sigdestad will be SDAD delegates during the NAD Conference (June 30-July 5). Flights, hotel, and NAD registration has been taken care of.

The Sioux Falls Public Library will host several deaf-themed events in April. There will be a basic ASL class every other Sunday, a deaf panel on April 16th, and a presentation by Sara Novic, author of "True Biz", at the Washington Pavilion on April 28th at 7PM.

We got a thank-you card from Arlin Devish's family for the memorial donation and a plant.

Amanda O'Neill, Oncology Program Coordinator at Avera Cancer Institute, wants to offer a Cancer Screening workshop on April 11th or 18th.

NAD will be hosting Virtual Community Forums on various topics and will be open to all. See the NAD website for specific topics and dates.

There is an old external hard drive that had been used by past SDAD presidents to store files, and now that its contents have been moved to the cloud, we need to determine its disposition.

Met with Kami van Sickle regarding SDAD fundraising, and there may be an issue with fundraising on state property. Recommend tabling the community room policy to next meeting.

Vice-President: No report

Secretary: No report

Treasurer:

We are 8 months into the current term, we currently have 126 members, with 81 yet to renew. 67 regular and 59 senior citizen members. About half have paid their dues via Zeffy, most of the remainder paid through traditional cash or check, and the remainder paid through Zelle.

Good participation at the Super Bowl party; a last-minute adjustment allowed the pool to be completed, which generated a \$705 profit for SDAD.

A preliminary budget has been developed for the 2027 Conference, adjusted for the planned one-day length. This will help with planning / fundraising /. Funding requests.

The Friends of SDAD initiative is off to a good start, 12 people donating a total of \$395 so far.

Requested the Board pursue having a pool for the 2027 Super Bowl Party.

Board member reports: none

Committee reports:

Accessibility none: (no chair yet)

Deaf Cultural Heritage Center (Scott Miller):

Updated the website with new content (obituaries, team photos, class photos, etc.)

Starting to restructure the website into a wiki-style format

Continuing to digitize content and downsizing where appropriate

Transition underway from PastPerfect to a Google Drive account (significant cost savings)

Thanks to Board for approving his committee members

One action item: Disposition of old, long-unused copier in Archives room

Mark Koterwski and the Board thanked Scott Miller for all his hard work to date with the Cultural Heritage Center!

Education Committee (Lance Sigdestad): No report

Finance Committee (Sonny Rasmussen): No report

Games Committee (Sonny Rasmussen): No report

The committee met several times over the last few months to work on the policy and answer questions from Governance, and present the policy and chair responsibilities for approval.

Governance (Patty Kuglitsch):

The committee met a few times, covering two main topics.

One related to non-resident members serving on committees. The committee has determined that the way the bylaws are currently written, non-resident members are not subject to the six-month membership requirement applied to resident members.

The other main topic was working on the Games policy and committee chair responsibilities. A few questions came up during the review that need to be answered before continuing.

Legislative (Ben Soukup):

There were no bills that had an immediate impact on the deaf community, but the committee monitored three bills. One dealt with funding for SD Services for the Deaf, one dealt with requiring the provision of interpreter / translator services for parties to an administrative contested case, and the last was for creating a Developmental Disability Services Delivery Committee.

Public Relations (Scott Miller):

A handout was shared with various statistics based on number of Emails and social media posts, which suggests that things are on the right track.

Suggest the Board consider approving a wiki-style format for the SDAD website going forward.

Hall of Fame (Scott Miller):

Some discussion on pausing the committee's work until policy review was completed.

2027 Conference (Angela Koterwski / Belinda Panek):

The committee has tentatively selected the Best Western Ramkota as the conference site and June 12, 2027 as the date. Preliminary work has been done on theme and combo pricing.

State Commission taskforce (Ben Soukup):

Some of the challenges that will need to be dealt with include current laws
Another hurdle is that SDSD being under the Regents is enshrined in the state constitution
Another issue is territorial issues between agencies and concern of duplication of services

One option that will be considered is establishing a Division of Deaf Services under the South Dakota Department of Human Services
Another option is to simply leave things as they are now

Interpreting ad hoc committee (Kevin Barber):

The committee had its second meeting recently; the first was last fall (October)
Five identified issues:

- Grievance process for interpreting services
- On-site interpreter versus VRI in medical settings
- CDI/DI compensation equality
- Interpreter certification vs state registration requirements
- A fifth issue, concern re: 'communication aide' vs interpreter in educational settings, was set aside (parking lot).

David Dahle called for a five-minute break at 11:43, meeting resumed at 11:49.

Unfinished Business:

Kevin Barber (Stan Brozik) moved to refer the SDAD House Policy section (Awards and In Memoriam) to the Governance Committee for review. Carried.

Kevin Barber (Lance Sigdestad) moved to table the Games policy to the next meeting. Carried.

Jeff Panek (David Dahle) moved to table the Games Chair description of duties to next meeting. Carried.

New Business:

1. David Dahle (Brian Reno) moved to proceed with the Avera cancer workshop on April 18th. Carried.
2. Kevin Barber (David Dahle) moved to open the floor for discussion for 5 minutes on the external drive to be disposed. Carried.
3. David Dahle (Brian Reno) moved to allow Mark Koterwski to dispose of the President's old external drive. Carried.
4. Brian Reno (Jeff Panek) moved to assign Kevin Barber as chair of the Hall of Fame recognition policy ad hoc committee. Carried.

5. Kevin Barber (Brian Reno) moved to open the floor for discussion for 5 minutes on the TRS fund. Carried.
6. Brian Reno (Lance Sigdestad) moved to continue discussion on the TRS fund at the next Board meeting. Carried.
7. Kevin Barber (David Dahle) moved to accept the 2027 Conference site and date. Carried.
8. Kevin Barber (Brian Reno) moved to approve the 'wiki' style structure for the SDAD website. Carried.
9. Jeff Panek (Stan Brozik) moved to dispose of the old copier at the SDAD museum office. Carried.
10. Kevin Barber (Lance Sigdestad) moved to open the floor to discussion for 5 minutes on the 2027 Super Bowl pool. Carried.
11. Brian Reno (Jeff Panek) moved to proceed with a pool for the 2027 Super Bowl party. Lance Sigdestad (Stan Brozik) amended to use the 20-prize "spider" structure. Amendment and main motion carried.
12. Brian Reno (Lance Sigdestad) moved to approve the Cultural Heritage Center's request to spend up to \$1000 for a new book scanner, using Cultural Heritage's funds. Carried (Referred to Finance as the scanner cost will exceed the \$500.01 threshold)
13. Jeff Panek moved to pause Hall of Fame until 2029 Conference. No second.

New Business was closed. No objections.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
David Dahle