

LAD Home Office  
Board Meeting  
Baton Rouge, LA  
February 2, 2013  
3 p.m.

President Thelma Covello called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

Roll Call:

Officers – President Thelma Covello, Secretary Michelli Hanks-LeFors, Treasurer David LeFors, Members at Large John Kenny Davis, Cindy Robillard and Daryl Argrave

Chapter Representatives – Judith Perrodin, LADBC; Larry Robillard, AAD; Dustin Cutrer, DTO; and Floyd Perrodin, NOBDA

Absent: Vice President Hazel Pauline Wood, LAAD Representative Melvin Royer and LRID Representative Dawn Melendez.

Approval of all board meeting minutes from August, 2012 through the present was withheld, pending proofreading by Executive Secretary Katherine Stewart. David LeFors (Judith Perrodin)

#### OFFICER REPORTS

##### President's Report:

The President reported that she and Secretary Michelli Hanks-LeFors were reviewing the buffet menu for the conference, with careful consideration for special needs. She suggested purchasing letter openers with the LAD logo as a ditty bag item for the conference. (Referred to New Business)

Since NAD President Chris Wagner is unable to be the key note speaker at the conference, she suggested Kelby Brick. Treasurer LeFors agreed to contact him. She asked that Andy Lange be asked to present a workshop on parliamentary procedures at the conference.

LAD received a letter from LSD students asking for a donation to help with prom expenses (Referred to New Business)

LAD received its 2013 sticker from RID, continuing its affiliation from 2011 and 2012.

Jack Busenbark has asked that ZVRS be able to set up a booth, including a MINI IPAD drawing, for any LAD events this spring. (Referred to New Business)

LAD paid the airfare for LSD participants in the Academic Bowl in Utah. Congratulations were extended to them as they placed fifth out of fifteen.

Guidelines were asked for both YLC and Bingo.

The LAD Board was invited to the LSD campus for the ceremonies honoring Dr. Monita Hara. The event, sponsored by PRO-START Kitchen, featured a kitchen designed for a restaurant chef. Dr. Hara's husband, daughter and sister attended the ribbon cutting. She has a very outgoing, inspirational family.

The Deaf Senior America conference will held in Baltimore, Maryland on August 21-27, 2013.

A letter of thanks was received from Deaf Focus for LAD's sponsorship of the Halloween party for CODA and Deaf Children.

### Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported that she had attended the LRID board meeting at a New Orleans restaurant on January 12, 2013. LAD needs to continue its affiliate membership by sending in the \$100 renewal fee. Secretary LeFors' membership has expired so she will be renewing it. Updates to the LRID Board include Bylaws Chairperson Kenny David and Vice President Peggy Gray replacing Monique Sarpy.

The RID conference "50 Building On The Legacy" will be held in Indianapolis, IN August 9-14, 2013.

Secretary LeFors also attended the ceremony honoring Dr. Monita Hara. There were over fifty in attendance.

Secretary LeFors attended the Louisiana Disabilities Development Council (LADDC) meeting on January 22, 2013. She met Representatives Berthelot and Smith, and Senator Claitor. LADDC is funded by the Department of Health and Hospitals and provides funding to numerous other organizations. It was an interesting workshop and she looks forward to attending future workshops.

The LAD Facebook page now has 326 members and LAD Twitter has 82 followers. Secretary LeFors stated that she has tweeted more than 450 announcements regarding LAD events.

There will be a Disability Rights Rally at the Louisiana State Capitol May 1, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. She plans to work with Louisiana Citizens for Action Now (LACAN) to learn how the organization can benefit Deaf citizens.

### Treasurer's Report

The balance of the LAD General Fund was \$311,587.31 as of January, including the \$20,000.00 profit from the Super Bingo January 1. The Ways and Means Committee – Daryl Argrave, Larry Robillard Cleve Cormier, and Houston Moss, are recommending that we limit spending in 2013. We have made donations of \$4,000 just in January from a total budget of \$6,000 a year. We will be changing the format of the financial statement to include membership dues revenues. I will also need to make a one cent adjustment to the Wells Fargo account to balance it.

The balance for November was \$310,056.29. The balance for December was \$296,068.91. Both financial statements have been audited and signed.

The investment stock in Apple is dropping but Steven Hlibok says not to be too concerned as he is watching it closely.

Schwartz has agreed to give another workshop on taxes at the LAD conference like the one they presented for the Spring Fling.

#### Members at Large Reports

Cindy Robillard – She has been working with the Bylaw Committee toward making changes that will benefit the membership.

Daryl Argrave – Agreed with Cindy Robillard statement – hope bylaws committees and members work together better for LAD future.

John Kenny Davis – He also is part of the Bylaw Committee. There will be a meeting of all members to ratify the proposed amendments to the Bylaws on April 27. It will be from 9 am until 5 pm at the LAAD Clubhouse.

#### CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

LADBC – Judith Perrodin	-	No report
LAAD – Melvin Royer	-	No report
AAD – Larry Robillard	-	No report
LRID – Dawn Melendez	-	No report

NOBDA – Floyd Perrodin

Mr. Perrodin asked for an \$800 sponsorship from LAD for the YES (Youth Empowerment Summits) to attend the National Black Deaf Advocate (NBDA) Conference in New Orleans July 30 to August 4, 2013. <http://www.nba.org/content/neworleans>. There will either be one or two students chosen. The deadline to register is June 1. The combo fee is \$190.

The Southwest Black Deaf Advocates will hold a cook out Saturday, April 20, 2013. It will be from 11 am to 7 pm at Lafrenier Park, Shelter #7, 3000 Downs Boulevard, Metairie 70003. Crawfish will be served.

DTO - Dustin Cutrer

Elected to the Board January 26, 2013:

President:	David LeFors
V. President:	Dustin Cutrer
Secretary:	Cindy Robillard
Treasurer:	Michael Landry
Member at Large:	Gary Potter
Member at Large:	Larry Robillard
Member at Large:	Evelyn Kuyrkendall

Chapter Representative : Dustin Cutrer

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Committee – Members Nick Imme and Daryl Argrave have audited the financial statements for the past three months and are concerned about the decreased revenues.

Bylaws Committee – Member John Kenny Davis stated that the LAD members will have the opportunity to make new proposals to amend the Bylaws. Information and forms will be mailed to the members March 25, 2013. That will allow sufficient time for the members to review or make additional proposals to the Bylaw committee before the April 27, 2013 meeting to ratify the changes. **(Will be corrected by Mrs. Hazel Pauline Wood)**

Ways and Means Committee – presented in Treasurer's Report

Charitable Gaming – No report

### OLD BUSINESS

John Kenny Davis (Daryl Argrave) moved to discuss the Conference registration cost determined in a closed session meeting on December, 22, 2012, to New Business for further consideration.

**PASSED**

Conference Committees: Have already been accepted.

### NEW BUSINESS

It was decided to terminate all \$1.00 memberships effective May 31, 2013, the first day of the Conference. Memberships can be renewed for the full amount of dues.

Daryl Argrave (David LeFors) moved to prepare an open letter to promote the LAD Conference.

**PASSED**

Floyd Perrodin (David LeFors) moved to make a \$200 donation for the LSD Junior Prom to be held off campus at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center on April 20, 2013.

**PASSED**

David LeFors was appointed to contact Z representatives about making a presentation at the Conference.

John Kenny Davis (Cindy Robillard) moved to have David LeFors prepare YLC guidelines and Pauline Wood to prepare Bingo guidelines.

**PASSED**

Michelli LeFors (Judith Perrodin) amended to include preparation of guidelines for Ambassador/Pageant

**PASSED**

David Lefors (Cindy Robillard) moved to ask LRID President Gary Morgan to be a Conference partner with LAD.

**PASSED**

Floyd Perrodin (David LeFors) moved to seek a second investment company. **Referred to Investment Committee**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The RAB case is still pending.

Dustin Cutrer announced that LAAD will host a Super Bowl party with proceeds going to bowling and softball teams.

John Kenny Davis announced that IRS refunds will be slower in coming this year. Filings will not be accepted by the IRS until January 31, 2013. The State of Louisiana will start accepting them from February 1 – 15, 2013. Because of identity theft, there will be delays in processing filings and applicants may be contacted to provide additional information and forms.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 pm.

Respectfully and Submitted by:

Michelli Hanks-LeFors, Secretary of LAD: 2011-2013

Revised and Approved by : June 3, 2013