

LAD Board Meeting  
Saturday, August 20, 2011  
LAD Office

President Walker Estes called the meeting to start at 9:00AM.

Roll Calls:

Executive Officers: President Walker Estes, Vice President Thelma Covello, Secretary Michelli LeFors and Treasurer David LeFors. Members at Larges: Cindy Robillard and Tanya Brown.

Chapter Representatives: Shirley Delahoussaye-LRID, Donna Cormier- LAAD, and Larry Robillard-AAD

Absentees: Daryl Argrave of Member at Large (unexcused) and Judith Perrodin of LADBC.

Special guests: Louis Cannon, Charles Haney, Carmen George, Ed Wood, Wanda Miller, Effie Miller, Houston Moss, Paul Winfree, Alla Tarasyuk, Delvin Fontenot, Cleve Cormier, Linda Ducotey, Phillip Quibodeaux, Kenny John Davis, Darlene Austin and Rayburn Boland.

Approval of minutes – None

Officers Reports:

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President's report:

- Encourage the Board members to be a member of NAD.
- Follow up on Miss LAD Pageant contestant's request for assistance on paying interpreter(s) at Miss LAD Pageant in Monroe. The Interpreting cost has been taken care by Louisiana Commission for the Deaf.
- The Letter from New Orleans Black Deaf Advocates requesting to join a LAD Chapter Representative.
- The Letter from Alexandria Association of the Deaf, Larry Robillard is the AAD Chapter Representative for temporary.
- The Letter from the Deaf Focus to show appreciation of LAD for \$200.00 donation to Kidz Kamp for deaf children and children of deaf parents.
- Deaf/Hard of Hearing placard. Suggestion for LAD to design and distribute to who request it.
- LAD organized Town Hall meetings in Shreveport, New Orleans, Alexandria, Lafayette and Baton Rouge. Notes from 5 Town Hall meetings.
- Would like to have an all day Board retreat to set up goals and training. Please send your availability dates.
- Would like to have an open house Friday evening before the homecoming weekend on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Projected cost to prepare an open house will be no more than \$500.00.
- LAD had a booth at the National Mixed Bowling Tourney in All Stars Lanes, Baton rouge, Cajun Deaf Annual Picnic in VFW, Lockport, Alexandria Assoc. Of the Deaf Picnic in Catholic Deaf Center in Baton Rouge.
- Attended and presented at New Orleans Black Deaf Advocates on June 18<sup>th</sup>, greater New Orleans Assoc. of the Deaf on July 18<sup>th</sup>, Legal Interpreting Workshop on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and Deaf Blind Support Group on August 10<sup>th</sup>.

Vice President's report:

- By Laws committees need to pick and voted by Board as which I had to cancel today due of steam of arguments after I chose some of committees – old officers doesn't accept what I have done.
- Sign of LAD outside is too short, as need to repost it more height of length to be more visible of sign.

#### Secretary's report:

- Has been following up with members – renew, new and reminder the former of LAD.
- Collecting all emails from/to any feedback goes to my binder for verify messages and follow up.
- Want to be member of NAD, LRID/RID and Public Service Commission as such as LCD.
- Copies all minutes and agenda from 2000 to present, however, pages are missing and some are not giving out information enough.
- My apologize for website that I overwritten the website. Want to revise with new website in the future with boards' o.k.
- Work and need to make a new logo for LAD.
- Work on membership form and brochures that label with "Blind with Braille or Usher Syndrome with big fonts".

#### Treasurer's report:

- Balance reports start on April to May – notice, there are decreased of money for the conference. June, still losing money from BINGO but not doing well on that term of a month. Concerns on stock that also are not doing good but for our advice is neither to concerns nor panic. As I can see stock grown as doesn't want to be in high risk. July reports are started to be a mini decreased of price. And now, August – on first week of August – may be the effect on a stock increase.
- On Conference – LAD has expensed on \$3,000. Some asking for refunded from the conference – we didn't refund some – some are allowed to be refunded to due a member of family deceased.
- Auditing – Picked Nick Imme and Chad Cormier, they came by yesterday to look through all of documents but the time was not permitted. I had copies for them to take home with as they have to complete the audits.
- Ways and Means – for Magic Tours to be present in Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Lafayette and Shreveport. We will propose and discuss this in next minute.

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#### Members at Larges' Reports:

Cindy Robillard: None

Tanya Brown: is now president of New Orleans Deaf Black Advocacy will have someone to representative for NODBA to LAD Chapter Representative.

Daryl Argrave: absentee

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#### Chapter Representatives

Shirley Delahoussaye for LRID:

- LRID conference to be held in Baton Rouge this September 23 & 24, 2011

- Requesting for donation for LRID Conference – Deadline on October 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Copy of Memorandum of Understanding between the Louisiana Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf and the Louisiana Association of the Deaf. Would like to have President Walker Estes to come in agreement and sign the documentary of M.O.U.
- Want to declare that I, Shirley will be last year of Representative of LRID term by this coming September conference. Has been representative of LRID for 8 years as hope to have someone who is young blood for chaperone to be part of LRID representative.

Donna Cormier for LAAD: NONE

Judith Perrodin for LADBC: absentee – there is another conference going on in Lafayette, unable to make to come here this meeting.

Larry Robillard for AAD: NONE

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Old Business:

None as we don't have that.

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New Business:

- I. Dates and Locations of next 3 LAD Board meetings –  
NOVEMBER – Lafayette  
FEBRUARY – Alexandria  
AND MAY- New Orleans/Baton Rouge. Secretary Michelli LeFors will have to make sure to post the emails attachment to everybody to poll which date is available. Must be a month advance its board meeting starts. Everybody must reply back to Secretary Michelli for confirm the polls/meeting dates of availability. David LeFors seconded. Thelma said passed and closed. **CARRIED**
- II. Memorandum of Understanding between LRID and LAD - President Walker Estes translated the letter of M.O.U. between LAD and LRID. Chapter Donna Cormier proposed to accept MOU with LAD and LRID. Thelma seconded. **PASSED.**
- III. 2011 National Leadership Training Conference – They accept delegate to must be member of NAD to go. It is open discussion – It is on October 15 -17 at Minnesota. Thelma Covello proposed President and Vice President to go to that conference. Ms. Kathy Stewart can appoint the airline & hotel. Larry Robillard seconded to allow President and Vice President to attend NTLC. **CARRIED**
- IV. ooVoo- President Walker Estes proposed to try ooVoo for conference purpose only as doesn't have to drive all the way down to meetings – save LAD budget and cut AOL account to goes to ooVoo conference cost, if necessary. Can have 3, 6 or 8 screens on the computer for chat online – save time and save trip. **Referred to Ways and Means** to see what it is. – David LeFors.
- V. Louisiana Association of the Non-Profit Organization (LANO)- have to referred to **Ways & Means** because it is involving the money issues - LANO is non-profit organization and training to members how to write for grant and donation. Its cost about \$100 and it located in New Orleans. Can check online – website [www.lano.org](http://www.lano.org).
- VI. Louisiana School for the Deaf - Mr. Rayburn Boland presented himself as want to ask for donation(s) of two things from LAD. One is Volleyballs for Mason Dixon Tournaments would like to ask for \$5,000 in all totals. David LeFors proposed \$500 to LSD Mason Dixie Tournament. Donna Cormier and Tanya Brown seconded. **PASSED.**

And for American Sign Language transcripts that support for all ASL teachers to work procedures by Tod Czubak from Mass, CODA and studies in Boston, Mass and research ASL Teach guide (AIG) but cost lot of money. Mr. Boland is asking for three transcript books for \$2,000 or one book for \$750. Thelma proposed \$750. No one seconded, dead by proposed – **CLOSED**.

Resume back to meeting 10:43 AM.

- I. For Miss LAD Pageant – David LeFors proposed to have Ms. Andrea Sonnier to be representing of LAD pageant for 2011 to 2013, since in the past there was no pageant of LAD. Delahoussaye was recommended to have some competition to a pageant instead just her. Who want to run up for LAD pageant – must be the member LAD and NAD, ages between 18 to 24. Larry Robillard amended, we need to have this refer to the pageant committee – and hold this next board meeting in November. **PASSED**.
- II. International Magic Tour – David LeFors request Board Officers to accept Paul Winfree to be a chairperson of Magic Tour – **PASSED**  
David LeFors also asked Cindy Robillard to allow LAAD to have Magic Tours host. Cindy Robillard said yes and will propose at the LAAD meeting next day.  
Under twelve of ages – free. Larry Robillard proposed TEN dollars flats for non and members of LAD - **PASSED**.  
Blind people with SSP – Free?  
College Students -\$5, must have a college id to verified – amended by Tanya Brown – **PASSED**.
- III. Websites – Tanya Brown proposed that website isn't productively, unprofessional and very unfriendly accessible. Larry seconded. With four votes for new website. **PASSED**.
- IV. Committee-  
Magic Tour – David LeFors, Paul Winfree, Cindy Robillard, Andrew Veith and Tanya Brown.  
Ways & Means – David LeFors, Louis Cannon, Andrew Veith, Tanya Brown and Larry Robillard.  
LAD Pageant- Michelli LeFors, Andrew Veith and Robert Porter.  
Youth Leadership/Development – Michelli LeFors, Andrew Veith, Andrea Sonnier and Thelma Covello.  
Audit – Chad Cormier, Nick Imme and Daryl Argrave  
Charitable Gaming – Larry Robillard, Richard Fraychineaud and Kenny John Davis.  
By-Laws – Thelma Covello, Cindy Robillard, Raymond Massie, Shirley Delahoussaye and Houston Moss.

Announcements:

Paul Winfree –

Magic Tour – On October 13 thru 16<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday at LSD, for students and staffs only. Thursday morning – there will have the workshops for LSD only. Thursday in New Orleans – will need to find a place, soon will announcements at a whereabouts. Friday will be at Baton Rouge, LSD campus for public. Saturday night will be at LAAD, Lafayette. Then they will be on the way on Sunday to Shreveport.

Cindy Robillard-

Tailgate will be at LAAD. Poker on September 1<sup>st</sup> - start at 10am, Lingo then Bingo - \$15 all day.  
Show on the website - [www.laad.net](http://www.laad.net)

Tanya Brown -

September 10<sup>th</sup> - General Meeting at Xavier University Library, we want to congratulate Mechelle Cureaux who was named 2nd runner up to Miss Black Deaf America!

September 15 to 17<sup>th</sup> - anniversary of NODBA will be in New Orleans for next General Meeting - Will be at Restaurant of Ralph Brennan, pay your own menu meals.

David LeFors -

Deaf Tiger Organization will be host homecoming at Catholic Deaf Church on October 29<sup>th</sup> after LSD Homecoming, LSD versus Georgia School for the Deaf.

Darlene Austin-

President of LRID, want to thank you for sponsor for the program books. This year will be thrilled to be few things on form on Friday starts at 2 pm at LRID conference to discussion for deaf and looking forward to seeing what and what do you want to and from LCD, what they will be providing but very more opening to forum to see what deaf and interpreter. LAD and LRID are working together and board meetings and to have President of LAD to sign on MOU and let members to know. Let you know LRID Conference - on Friday night - it is free to public and after that, there will have shows as entertain as Barbarian, he is CODA, storyteller about his rise of experience in deaf family and also in an interpreter. Very hearty feels the story. It will be \$25 dollars for admission to watch barbarian shows. It is also showing in the website of LRID - [www.lrid.org](http://www.lrid.org)

Adjourned by President at 1:14 pm.

Will announcement for next board meeting at Lafayette for specific date - Secretary Michelli LeFors will contact each officers for polls which day and gather for new chapter representatives' name from affiliated after their votes. It will post in website.

Recorded and posted by

Michelli LeFors, Secretary of LAD

Signature by President Walker Estes