



AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Face-to-Face Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 20, 2017

Time: 8:30 pm - 10:45 pm MST

1. Roll Call

Arlene Garcia, Interim President

Jenny Gough, Vice President

Raychelle Harris, Secretary

Daniel Heinze, Treasurer (arrived 8:56 pm)

David Martin, Communications Director

Daniel Gough, Advocacy Co-Director

Jason Zinza, World Languages Director

Amy June Rowley, Evaluation Director

Tim Riker, Advocacy Co-Director

Rayburn Boland, Heritage Language Co-Director

Janice Smith-Warshaw, Professional Development Director

Beatrice Pfaff, Chapters/Regions Director

Invited Guests (2)

Leslie Greer, Past President (from 8:30 pm to 9 pm)

Kristine Hall, 2019 Conference Chair

Excused Absence (1)

Petra Horn-Marsh, Heritage Language Co-Director

2. Meeting called to order at 8:30 pm MST

3. Leslie Greer, Past President's Report: Past President Leslie Greer discussed the history of different names of ASLTA, starting from 1973's Communication Skills Program (CSP) by Terrance J. O'Rourke. Then she discussed each president across the years, the history of certification system and what each president up to Glenna Ashton accomplished during their terms.

4. Arlene Garcia, Interim President:

- a. She showed us the new ASLTA letterhead with our names on it. We shared some suggested revisions, listed under “Action Items” below.
- b. She showed us the Miami 2011 conference notes taken by current Gallaudet President Bobbi Cordano. The notes were based on members’ ideas and suggestions. Many are very similar to the 2013, 2015 and 2017 conference meeting notes.
- c. She showed us a proposal for restructuring the infrastructure of the ASLTA board. We brainstormed ideas and shared some historical information about what worked and what didn’t. She then showed us the proposed infrastructure that passed prior to Salt Lake City 2017 conference.
- d. We discussed board certification requirements. The four positions that require highest certification within ASLTA, formerly called “Professional” and is now called “Master” certification are required for four positions: President, Vice President, Evaluation/Certification and Professional Development. The remaining board members need to be certified within a year of joining the board. The Evaluation/Certification Director will present about this in detail tomorrow.
- e. She facilitated several ice breakers with the goal of building building bridges between each other, and figure out our professional goals within ASLTA, and our challenges, what we can improve as individuals, and what areas we need support from each other in, and so on.
- f. Discussion ensued about contradictory/missing parliamentary procedures/bylaws that we may need to look at closely. Some insights included:
 - i. Creating Deaf-centric bylaws in ASL, not in English
 - ii. Creating Deaf-centric bylaws and Deaf-centric version of Robert’s Rules of Order/parliamentary procedure
 - iii. Revisiting past board and member decisions and why or how those decisions weren’t reflected in bylaws or in bylaw revisions
 - iv. Having meeting minutes sent out to members in ASL and English as soon as they are reviewed and approved
 - v. Communicate with members more often and through various sites
 - vi. Having Joshua Beckman, former parliamentarian for ASLTA, share his insights with ASLTA members on the past few years he advised the board

MEETING ADJOURNED 10:45 pm MST

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by secretary R. Harris

Action Items:

- 1) Past President Leslie Greer will send us her PowerPoint presentation (history of ASLTA) and the task force report between ASLTA and Conference of Interpreter Trainers (CIT).

- 2) Secretary will revise new ASLTA letterhead - Put everyone's degrees at the end (e.g. Ph.D., M.A., CDI, etc.). David Martin's name is misspelled. Revise "Evaluation Director" to "Evaluation and Certification", and revise Bea to Beatrice.
- 3) Interim President will email the board the 2015 Miami conference notes/infrastructure changes passed at the recent conference.