



AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Online Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 4, 2018

Time: 8:00 PM [EST], 7:00 PM [CST], 6:00 PM [MST] & 5:00 PM [PST]

SPECIAL MEETING CALLED BY PRESIDENT JANICE SMITH-WARSHAW

1. Roll Call

Janice Smith-Warshaw, President

Jason E. Zinza, Secretary

David Martin, Member-at-Large

Beatrice Pfaff, Chapter Affiliation Chair (joined at 8:42pm)

Vice President [vacant]

Treasurer [vacant]

Advocacy Co-Directors [vacant standing committee]

Heritage Language Co-Directors [vacant standing committee]

Professional Development Chair [vacant]

World Languages Director [vacant standing committee]

a. Absence(s):

Amy June Rowley, Evaluation Chair

Lisa Godfrey, ASLHS Coordinator

Kristine Hall, NDPC 2019 Chair [guest]

2. Meeting called to order at 8:07 pm EST

3. President's Report

- The Parliamentarian delivered the draft formal report on ASLTA's Bylaws and status. Parliamentarian's report states that the 2003 Bylaws of the organization stand and are in effect, since there is no documentation that proper procedures to amend the Bylaws were followed 2003 - 2011. While documentation exists for a bylaws amendment in 2011, including vote tallies, member input, and dissemination of desired Bylaws changes in advance, there are zero documents from the 2003-2011 period.

- Bylaws amendments made in 2009 lack documentation, so they are null and void.
- The only acceptable process of amending the ASLTA Bylaws are outlined in Article IX of the 2003 bylaws.

ACTION ITEM: Find out from Parliamentarian Wanda Sims how her recommendations may impact the 2019 elections (currently sched for Vice President and Treasurer). Do all Board positions need to be put up for election, or only the vacant positions?

ACTION ITEM: Investigate the legality of having ballots voted on by electronic vote. (See last section of Part 5 in the Parliamentarian report).

ACTION ITEM: Find out about North Carolina's statutes regarding non-profit voting and balloting. Does the state of North Carolina allow for online voting? Check into this.

ACTION ITEM: Contact ASLTA's registered agent in North Carolina and get an opinion on the legality of online voting. Good idea to ask NCASLTA to get involved with this effort. Check with Keith Cagle to see if he knows the name / contact info of the registered agent. Ask James Wilson to see if NCASLTA has an attorney they can recommend that is based in North Carolina and is familiar with North Carolina non-profit regulations. President will contact Keith Cagle, and MAL Martin to contact James Wilson.

ACTION ITEM: Ask Parliamentarian Wanda Sims about whether or not additional Bylaws amendments can be made between now and the 2019 conference (see Conclusions, #2, last page of report).

ACTION ITEM: Get answers for the above questions from Parliamentarian Wanda Sims and then make an eblast to share the information with members.

ACTION ITEM: Need to have members vote on an amendment to allow the membership cycle to begin September - August, rather than from the January - December cycle found in the 2003 bylaws.

4. Vice President's Report

No report.

5. Secretary's Report

No report.

6. Treasurer's Report

No report.

7. Chapter Affiliation Chair Pfaff

No report.

8. Member-at-Large Martin

No report.

9. Evaluation/Certification Rowley

No report.

10. Professional Development Chair [vacant]

No report.

11. ASL Honor Society Coordinator Godfrey

No report.

12. Standing Committee: Heritage Language [vacant]

No report.

13. Standing Committee: World Language [vacant]

No report.

14. Standing Committee: Advocacy [vacant]

No report.

15. Guest: 2019 NDPC Conference Chair Hall

No report.

MEETING ADJOURNED 10:09 pm EST

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary J. Zinza

Future meetings:

May 6, 2018 at 7 pm EST

May 20, 2018 at 7 pm EST

June 3, 2018 at 7 pm EST

June 24, 2018 at 7 pm EST