



AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Online Board Meeting Minutes
Sunday, May 16, 2021
Time: 6:30 PM [EST]

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 899 1938 1875
Passcode: 429254

1. Roll Call

James Wilson, Vice President
Rhonda Jennings-Arey, Secretary
David Martin, Communications Director
Lorraine Flores, Professional Development Director
Amy June Rowley, Evaluation and Certification Director
Bo Clements, Chapters Affiliation Director

Participants:

Hunta Williams
Vyron Kinson
Sara Bianco
Cathi Holst
Kim Bianco-Majeri
Bob Donaldson
Heather Arazi

Absent:

Jason E. Zinza, Treasurer
Janice Smith-Warshaw, President
Jessica Parker, ASLHS Coordinator

2. Meeting called to order by Vice President Wilson at 6:33 pm EST

MOTION #2021-17: I, David Martin, move to approve the meeting minutes from 04/11/2021 as read.

Seconded: Lorraine Flores

Vote: Passed

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **ASL Can-Do Statements:** No representative, no report
- **ASLTA Awards Criteria:** Lorraine Flores. See PD report.
- **ASLTA Logo:** David Martin. Has not met with the committee. Met with Hunta Williams, and want to invite him to join the committee. Board has no objections and wants to meet this week.
- **Nomination:** Vice President Wilson reported that there has been no change with the nomination made for President, Secretary and Professional Development Director. Only one nomination from last month is for the Secretary position.
Brenda Falgier has agreed to do a video update for both website and e-blast within a week encouraging members to make nominations before the Memorial weekend.
- **Bylaws:** Vice President Wilson reported that Phase 7 for a couple amendments will be made available for e-vote in late June. The committee will use this Wednesday to discuss and complete a new article that consists of 5 sections. Once done, all amendments will be passed to the Board for final approval prior to the e-vote.
- **Chapter Handbook & Guidelines:** No report.
- **Evaluation Advisory:** No report.
- **IPPG:** Vice President Wilson reported that last month's meeting was divided into two smaller groups in order to allow us better focus on progress with evaluation and certification and policy development for state chapters.
- **Strategic Planning:** Damon Johnson
- **Regional Representatives:** Cathi Holst.
Northeast - Brenda Schertz - No reports
Southeast - Cathi Holst - SCASLTA hosted a webinar workshop - "Black American Sign Language" by Vyron Kinson. Date: March 27, 2021. We had about 24 in attendance.
Midwest - Damon Johnson - No Report due to College finals and HS transition to on-site instruction.
West - Heather Arazi
 - Responded to several emails regarding ASL and teaching licenses in WA and HI.
 - Attended San Diego's workshop on ZTC, and attended their general membership meeting. Discussed a possible virtual chapter. Also attended their workshop on Abolitionist Teaching.
 - In contact with Idaho ASLTA to set up a meeting to discuss re-activating their chapter. They had a face to face conference April 23-24.
- **DEI:** Hunta Williams. Vyron Kinson and Sunny Brysch are new members. Has 3 members now. Will finish guidelines in June. Will show the board. Will think of having a DEI logo. Difficulty in getting new members due to paying membership now and

again in August, so those who cannot will wait till August to join. Vice President Wilson mentioned it is best to wait till September 1st. He mentioned that NAD does waive membership fee for the purpose of dismantling racism and wishes ASLTA could do that too. Feels September 1 is too far off to wait for his committee to grow.

Action Item: put this on IPPG agenda.

→ **Writing Committee:** Secretary Jennings-Arey we have three tasks out of seven left. Met May 2 to work on some tasks. We are making good progress. Want to mention that we are writing position papers including hiring practices, classroom sizes, etc. for the board.

3. President's Report

- a. No Conference Planning Meeting on May 23 because May 25 is the Black Lives Matter Day in honor of George Floyd. The next meeting is scheduled on June 13th.
- b. Special guest, Kim Bianco Majeri from NAD Legislative Affairs Program.

Qualification of teachers teaching ASL

50 states recognize ASL as foreign language, but how do they recognize ASL differently? Want to push the standard of ASL as a language.

Language Deprivation: want to focus on teaching L1 deaf kids.

Wants ASLTA to have a legislative committee. Agrees that writing committee position papers are important, but we want more. Kim will help with watching for bills and let that committee know and teach the committee how to keep an eye out for bills.

Encourages ASLTA to think about how we can be involved in the political level. Vice President Wilson will look into the bylaws on adding this standing committee.

501C3 laws: you can lobby but has a limit. \$500,000 less and 20% of that money and board and committee time spent on lobbying. Lobbying only applies to the fact that there is a bill, then we can get involved. It does not happen often. If we spread the word of ASLTA purpose, etc. that is not lobbying, that is advocacy which is unlimited. However when a bill is on the table, then that is lobbying and is permitted for us to work on 20% of the time. It is important that we raise awareness.

- c. CIT Task Force needs an ASLTA rep to work on the recommendations of entry and exit levels for ASL fluency levels for IEPs.
- d. MASLED and ASLTA are almost at an agreement with the MOA. as they are waiting for one more signature.
- e. ASLTA's Provisional Certification will be phased out this year. The goal is before the virtual conference begins.
- f. Mark Apodaca, Parliamentarian, joins both ASLTA Board's pre-conference meeting and the general business meeting.

4. Vice President's Report

None due to committee reports!

5. Secretary's Report

- a. No report

6. Treasurer's Report

- a. ASLTA Membership update. Some growth as ASLHS members renew Associate membership in order to purchase graduation materials.

Current ASLTA Membership (as of 4/11/21)			
Membership Category	Current #	Last Meeting #	2020-2021 Goal
<i>Supporting - 1 year</i>	95	89	85
<i>Supporting - 2 years</i>	56	56	36
<i>Associate - 1 year</i>	296	280	218
<i>Associate - 2 years</i>	156	154	104
<i>Certified - 1 year</i>	114	111	100
<i>Certified - 2 years</i>	66	66	48
<i>Retired - 1 year</i>	1	0	2
<i>Retired - 2 years</i>	0	0	2
<i>Retired Certified - 1 year</i>	4	4	5
<i>Retired Certified - 2 years</i>	5	5	3
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	793	766	603 (-20%)
<i>Institutional Members</i>	16	12	15
<i>ASLTA Chapters</i>	12	10	10

- h. Schwab update.

Current ASLTA Financial Status (as of 4/11/21)			
Bank of America Accounts	Bank Balance	QuickBooks Balance	Needs to be Processed
<i>ASL Honor Society</i>	\$ 70,246.72	\$ 67,496.46	33

<i>Evaluation & Certification</i>	\$ 2,732.36	\$ 2,515.23	0
<i>Main Checking</i>	\$ 259,722.44	\$ 148,427.10	169
<i>Conference</i>	\$ 29,713.25	\$ 6,710.91	3
<i>External Donations to the NPDC (2021 Patrons)</i>	\$ 0		
<i>National Standards</i>	\$ 3,107.53	\$ 3,107.40	1
<i>Professional Development</i>	\$ 1,171.94	\$ -2,150.21	1
<i>Inclusion & Equity</i>	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	0
<i>Investment</i>	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	1 (transfer \$100.00 from Main)
<i>External Donations to Main Checking Account</i>	\$ 0.00	N/A	
TOTAL ACCOUNT VALUE	\$ 366,894.24	\$ 226,306.89	
Schwab Long-Term Investment Accounts	Account Balance	Available Funds (cash)	Investment Notes
<i>L1 Initiatives Fund</i>	\$ 8,741.96	\$ TBD	+\$19.52 (+.22%)
<i>LF2 Fund</i>	\$ 4,557.78	\$ 0.00*	+\$10.97 (+.24%)
<i>Riggs Fund</i>	\$ 7,472.86	\$ 0.00*	+\$18.51 (+.25%)
<i>Main Investment Fund</i>	\$ 91,503.03	\$ 10,003.87	+\$133.39 (+.15%)
<i>External Donations (specify account)</i>	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL ACCOUNT VALUE	\$ 112,275.63	\$ 10,003.87	+\$182.39 (+.16%)
*Fund cannot be used until it has reached \$10,000.00 in value.			

7. Professional Development Director Flores

1. Awards Video (finalizing and will release this month)
2. Course Online Flier (will release possible tomorrow evening)
3. Course Online Instructors (Motion)

MOTION #2021-18: I, Lorraine Flores, move that the PD revenue for the course pays for one instructor's fee for teaching the 8 week course with \$80 as she is not a board member.

Seconded: David Martin

Vote: Passed

4. Course Online ASLTA Website - Thanks to Treasurer Zinza

2021 Virtual Conference Report by Lori Woods and Arlon Nash (presented by Arlon)

1. Registration # 250
2. Swag Pack # 105
3. Sponsors # 11
4. Sponsors: (Sara Bianco) We have received the Sorenson Communications's check of \$2,500. We have a verbal agreement with Dawn Sign Press for a sponsorship package of \$5,000. Luhn Hearing Care Associates has paid \$1,000 for sponsorship. SDASLTA has purchased a chapter sponsorship at \$100. Last, we have a verbal agreement with GoReact for a sponsorship package worth \$2,500. For items from sponsors to be included in our conference swag pack, we must receive the items by June 1st. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me at 2021npdc.sponsor@aslta.org.
5. Workshop, Social Justice, & ASLTA Presenters are filled in on the conference schedule. A few changes will be made tonight. (May 16th)
6. Work on Dry Run with zoom facilitators: May, June and July
7. Public Relations - Annie is working on videos, pictures, abstract, and bio and will be done by the end of this Friday.
8. Check our conference website - updated
9. Any of you interested in a virtual booth, please contact our Exhibit Coordinator: Arianna Bedgood - 2021exhibitscoordinator@aslta.org

Action Item: President Janice to speak to Route 1 re: sponsorship and shirts.

8. Evaluation and Certification Director Rowley

- ASLTA completed MOA with Gallaudet. Awaiting their signatures.
- ASLTA now working on draft with UNC- TASL program. Will be different than Gallaudet because TASL does not have a current ASL Proficiency Screening in place. UNC has a ASL Proficiency Screening for their new cohort so this will be a one time requirement for the current cohort graduating in December.
- In evaluation now: 1 (certified level). In progress: (Candidate has goReact): 7 candidates (3 certified and 4 master). Recently completed: 1 Master.

9. Chapter Affiliation Director Clements

- We had a regional representative meeting on May 11, 2021. Our next meeting will be on June 9, 2021 at 7:30 pm EST
- We will send out the google form to all chapters' presidents' email addresses for 2019-2021 chapter award and most improved chapter award nominations.
- So far, three chapter sponsor for Virtual Conference workshop waiting room display - **SC-ASLTA, OHIO-ASLTA, and SanDiego ASLTA** - \$300.00
- **San Diego ASLTA** hosted a Zoom webinar - Abolitionist Teaching: "Humanizing Your BIPOC Latinx Deaf Students" By Socorro Garcia and Janette Duran-Aquirre. Date: May 8, 2021 at 10 am -12 pm PST \$20.00
- **Ohio-ASLTA** is hosting a Golf-Scramble Fundraiser on Sunday, June 6, 2021. \$100 per person \$400 per team.

10. Communications Director Martin

- No Report

11. ASL Honor Society Coordinator-Jessica Parker

- No Report

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:32 pm EST

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Jennings-Arey.

Future meetings: *ALL MEETINGS ARE AT 6:30 PM EST*

June 13, 2021

June 27, 2021

July 11, 2021