



AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

**ASLTA Board Special Meeting
Sunday, October 6, 2019
Time: 6:30 PM [EST]**

1. Roll Call

Janice Smith-Warshaw, President
James Wilson, Vice President
Rhonda Jennings-Arey, Secretary
Jason E. Zinza, Treasurer
Lorraine Flores, Professional Development Director
Beatrice Pfaff, Chapter Affiliation Director
David Martin, Communications Director
Christine Sharkey, ASLHS Coordinator

Absence(s):

Amy June Rowley, Evaluation and Certification Director

2. Meeting started at 6:30 pm EST

3. President's Agenda

- a. Discuss the second bookkeeper to work with Maria
- b. Update on Member's concerns
- c. Discuss Can Do Statement committee

4. Main Points:

President Janice Smith-Warshaw stated that Maria, the bookkeeper, wants to use David Cots as a co-bookkeeper, who lives in Rochester, NY. He is certified in Quickbooks, so there will not be any training involved. She has attempted to contact him, but has not heard back from him. Janice asked Maria if she has contacted David Cots and she had not, so she is now contacting him. Janice, Jason, and James will have to wait to meet with David Cots.

President Janice Smith-Warsaw mentioned that she was going to ask the Treasurer, Jason Zinza to express in ASL the same note he left in the Facebook closed group: ASLTA Members Only which David Martin feels was very professional. Jason has agreed to do it.

The third item on the agenda was discussed. President Smith-Warsaw mentioned that she would like two other board members to join her in her meeting with John Pirone this coming Wednesday, October 9 at 9 pm EST. David Martin and James Wilson have decided to join her.

President Smith-Warsaw asked the board for feedback on what to mention in the meeting. One idea was to explain the 5-year strategic plan. Another was to talk about how Joel was given the opportunity to meet with the board, but he chose to use Social Media instead, however, the board wants to work with him to solve this issue on racism. Vice President James Wilson mentioned that we want to develop a proactive approach towards racism for our organization. James also mentioned that we could ask the Can Do Statement Committee what they are looking for. Beatrice mentioned that the Bay Area National Black Deaf Associates sent her an email asking why there was no person of color on our board. While discussing this, one idea emerged to provide a safe space for certain groups of people after a keynote speaker or whatever they need in a conference, such as providing rooms for them to meet.

A new discussion merged, ASLHS Coordinator, Christine Sharkey wanted to put ASLHS transactions on hold until the existing transactions become solved, but Treasurer Jason said that he will work with her on a solution and to hold off that idea. Credit card transactions are still going well.

Lastly, Chapter Affiliation Director, Beatrice Pfaff wanted to know if the board wants her to develop a tutorial on how to use ASLTA.org and wants to work with Jason, but they have not met as of late.

Action Items:

Jason will sign his reply to Brenda Fagler in ASL as to why things are happening with the ASLTA board to address members concerns for the ASLTA members. David will send that out as an e-blast.

Janice, James, and David will meet with John Pirone on Wednesday, October 9th at 9 pm EST to address the concerns by the Can Do Statement Committee.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:25 pm EST

Special Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Jennings-Arey.