



AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

ASLTA Board Special Meeting
Thursday, April 20, 2023
Time: 6:30 PM [EST]

1. Roll Call

James Wilson, President
Lorraine Flores, Vice President
Rhonda Jennings-Arey, Secretary
Aimee Sever-Hall, Professional Development Director
Justin Small, Communications Director
Bo Clements, Chapter Affiliation Director

Absent:

Amy June Rowley, Evaluation Chair
Jason E. Zinza, Treasurer
Jessica Parker, ASLHS

2. Meeting started at 8:34 pm EST

3. President's Agenda

- a. David A. Martin Legacy Scholarship - Refer the question of whether or not one time lump sum will happen or pay little by little to the family. Another question is, how often will that be given. Everything else looks good. Justin Small mentioned that the eligibility part seems a bit vague about applying for the Master certification for the first time. He wants to thank the three people for their work on this: Rick McClain, Ricky Perry, and Leslie Decker.
- b. Phase 8 Amendments - It has been two years that they worked on this phase. But finally they finished it. Wants to thank Lorraine Flores for her leadership with the bylaws committee and the committee itself for their hard work.

Motion #2023-018: I, Aimee Sever-Hall, move to accept Phase 8 as read.

Seconded by: Bo Clements

Vote: Passed

ACTION ITEM: Lorraine will send a video via e-blast then there will be an e-vote. Lorraine will add that the members need to access their account on the website.

- c. Discussion about Hearing Teaching ASL on Social Media - discussed NAD's recent statement on this issue. He wants to know what kind of plan we should have. Our plan is as follows in the action item.

ACTION ITEM:

1. Justin Small will use our position paper on best hiring practices to pull out the language and spread out the word. He will make a video and transcript. We will review and provide feedback.
2. Bo Clements suggested that we suggest NAD reach out to Jr. NAD and ASLTA reach out to ASLHS to reach out to the younger population about the harm of teaching ASL. James Wilson will work with Bo with this by reaching out to NAD and Bo reaching out to ASLHS.
3. We as a board will share on our own personal FB wall and hope it will spread viral by others.
4. We are to prepare a portfolio for the members with our position papers, etc for them to share whenever the need arises.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:12 pm EST

Special Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Rhonda Jennings-Arey