

Indiana Association of the Deaf  
Special Meeting, Board Meeting  
Friday, August 25, 2023

Call to order: 6:15 pm

**Present:**

**Executive Board**

- Daniel Pfaff, President
- Lauren Corda, Secretary
- Sheree Ketchum, Treasurer

**Members at Large:**

- Felicia Hubbard
- Kyle Mengwasser
- Meagan Quarles
- Linda Greeno
- Valeria Vaughn
- Walter Griffin Jr.

**Absent:**

- Ian Jones, Vice President

**Past Minutes Approve:** No meeting minute to review at this time.

**Agenda:**

- Member At Large replacement
- Past President Advisory
- Member Fee

**Board Reports related to the Agenda:**

President: I went to the bank, the credit card bill is there. The bank is happy to help us. They know that it is not our fault that we don't have a Credit Card yet. They are willing to waive the late fee, but must be done ASAP. Have more reports, but will hold until the General Meeting on August 30th. Will discuss three topics: Member at Large replacement, Past President Advisory, and Member Dues.

Vice President: Absent

Secretary: I have not received any email of interest in regards to Member at Large (MAL). Have other reports that will be made at the General Meeting.

Treasurer: No report at this time.

**MAL Reports:**

Meagan Quarles: I gave information Randilynn Morris who is interested in becoming MAL. I have reached out to Vice President, Ian Jones to see if he has reached out to Randilynn Morris, and he has.

Felicia Hubbard: No report as of now. Will share during the General Meeting.

Walter Griffin Jr,: No report as of now. Will share during General Meeting

Linda Greeno: No report to share.

Kyle Mengwasser: No report as of now, will share during General Meeting

Valeria Vaughn: No report to share

**Member at Large:**

Valeria Vaughn feels that the communication regarding appointing MAL should be through Secretary Lauren Corda because she is more reliable than Vice President.

Kyle Mengwasser explained that we tabled 2 MAL search to Ian Jones, which is now filled. Kyle agreed to switch communication to Secretary Lauren.

Meagan Quarles asked, should she refer Randilynn Morris to Secretary to get this process going? President Pfaff said yes, and Secretary Lauren will bring that communication to the team.

**Motion:** Kyle Mengwasser moves to assign secretary Lauren to be point of contact in terms of MAL. Seconded by Valeria Vaughn. Majority vote passed. **CARRIED**

**Past President Advisory:**

President Daniel Pfaff explained from Bylaws: Article VI; section 10 which phrases as Outgoing Presidents of the Association shall be given the honorary title of previous president. The immediate Past President who has completed a term shall serve on the Board of Directors in a

nonvoting capacity and shall advise the current President for one term, per approval of the Board of Directors.

Daniel Pfaff is willing to step out of this conversation because it is sticky as the Past President is his mother.

Daniel Pfaff said that since the Vice President is not present at the meeting, Secretary Lauren Corda will need to take over this part of the meeting. Secretary Lauren agreed.

Walter Griffin Jr added that motions cannot be made in special meetings, must be in general meetings.

Daniel Pfaff explained that Bylaws Article 7, Section 5 says The Board of Directors shall be allowed to make motions vote via electronic meetings. The Board may conduct meetings through virtual, telephone conference calls, video conferencing, or by other similar electronically-mediated methods in which all boards members participating in the meeting may simultaneously see and be seen by all of the other Board members participating in the meeting. Any decisions made through telecommunication or any electronic mediated methods. Should be ratified by the Board of Directors at the next meeting and posted within 48 hours for members to see.

Daniel explained that it did not indicate which kind of meeting. The term meeting means general, special, etc.

Walter Griffin Jr. disagreed, there's no guideline that a special meeting is considered a meeting. President Pfaff added that RRO is part of the guideline

Linda Greeno mentioned that we need to recruit an advisor who was past presidents in several terms before recent past presidents.

Daniel clarified that bylaws indicate the word "immediate" means recently not before that.

Daniel stepped out of the meeting

Secretary Lauren took over.

**Motion:** Kyle Mengwasser moves to either approve or deny Beatrice Pfaff as our board advisor. Seconded by Felicia Hubbard. Majority vote denied. **Failed**

Kyle Mengwasser commented according to bylaws, we do not and cannot get an advisor. Valeria Vaughn added that we can create an SOP.

Linda Greeno mentioned that she chatted with David Geeslin. He expressed that he is too busy and overwhelmed but recommends Kim Kause.

**Motion:** Kyle Mengwasser moves to table the advisor conversation to the next special board meeting. Linda Greeno seconds.

Daniel Pfaff rejoined the meeting

**Membership Dues:**

**Motion:** Linda Greeno moves to make the membership fee to \$10 to gain trust from the community. Walter Griffin Jr. seconds.

Kyle Mengwasser feels that \$10 dollars is low to begin with, would understand if we do \$25-\$30 biannually.

Felicia Hubbard feels that we should do \$10 for 1-2 months to draw people to be members, then go to \$25 after that.

Sheree Ketchum suggests that we add a poll/survey and send it out to the community to see what they would like to see from us related to member fee and anything in general and we can go from there. We look for more grants to help out with income.

Lauren Corda mentioned that we have an IAD Survey email account where we can keep track of surveys/polls.

**Dead Motion:** Linda Greeno moves to withdraw her motion of the membership fee to \$10 to gain trust from the community. Walter Griffin Jr approves to withdraw. Motion is now dead.

**Motion:** Kyle Mengwasser moves to survey the general member of Indiana Association of the Deaf (IAD) with a number of options in terms of membership dues at the next general meeting and on Social Media. Sheree Ketchum seconds. Majority vote. **CARRIED**

**Bank:**

President Daniel Pfaff explained that he went to the bank to figure out why we were not able to get credit card and to see if we could get the bill paid for as the bank requested and waive late fee.

Brian King (Bank) encourages us to come back in person and have funds transferred, easier and fastest way to get funds transferred.

Board feels that the bill should be paid for now to avoid more late fees.

**Motion:** Valeria Vaughn moves that Daniel will go to the bank tomorrow morning to get the funds transferred to the credit card to pay it off. Seconded by Kyle Mengwasser. Motion passed.

**CARRIED**

President Daniel Pfaff adjourned the meeting at 8:12 pm.