

Indiana Association of the Deaf
General Meeting
August 30th 2023

Call to order: 6:08 pm

Present:

Executive Board

- Daniel Pfaff, President
- Lauren Corda, Secretary

Members at Large:

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

Vacant Positions: Vice President, Treasurer, and (1) Member At Large

Past Minutes:

May 19th Transition Board Minutes:

Linda Greeno (Felicia Hubbard) moves to accept the minutes as corrected. **Carried.**

August 25th Meeting Minutes:

Meagan Quarles (Felicia Hubbard) moves to accept as corrected. Majority vote passed. **Carried**

Officer Report:

President:

- Vice President
 - Ian Jones submitted his resignation as Vice President. We thank him for his time and contribution to IAD.
- Treasurer
 - Sheree Ketchum submitted his resignation as Treasurer. We thank her for her time and contribution to IAD
- Board Retreat

- All board members were present except for MAL Walter Griffin Jr., as he had prior commitment. We had personality training with Bec Buchan at LUNA. We also had Google Drive and YouTube captions training, Bylaw training given by Catherine Vest, and Rap session.
- NLTC
 - Kyle Mengwasser, Felicia Hubbard, and Lauren Corda will be attending the NAD Leadership Training Conference on September 21-23rd in New Mexico.
- Deaf Festival at Fort Wayne
 - Linda Greeno, Meagan Quarles, Felicia Hubbard, and Lauren Corda will be going to Deaf Festival to represent IAD on September 16th in Fort Wayne.
- Access Indiana Conference
 - Linda Greeno and Daniel Pfaff will be attending MHS Independence Indiana Conference 2023 on September 21-22nd in Noblesville.

Secretary:

- Wrote minutes for the May 19th Transition meeting with old boards, and our meeting on August 26th. Those are to be approved.
- Went to Pulse about Deaf Space with Anthony Maganity and a few other people he invited.
- Had a meeting with Joanne about WALSTA.
Deaf Heritage Day at Conner Prairie

Members at Large:

Kyle Mengwasser:

- Live event accessibility:
 - I have decided to get this project off the ground by compiling a spreadsheet of event venues and similar types of venues across the state along with their respective ADA contacts. Eventually I want to distribute this list to the Indiana Deaf Community to enhance our access to live events. Let's support the live event industry- they're on the rebound since COVID, but still need more support! Since I live in Indianapolis, I do not often attend events far outside of the city. I would greatly appreciate help from the community. Please email me at kyle.mengwasser@iadhooosiers.org with your favorite local venue(s) and any ADA access information you may have.
- Accessibility in recovery spaces:
 - This is a project I look forward to pursuing soon. I am in preliminary talks with members of the Deaf/ASL using the recovery community. Not only in Indiana, but in other states as well. I am doing this in an effort to see how this is addressed outside of the state of Indiana. I also welcome any information or comments the community may have regarding this matter.

Felicia Hubbard:

- No Report at this time.

Meagan Quarles:

- HDBA Meeting on September 9th, 2023
 - Hoosiers Deaf Blind Association will be hosting an event on September 9th at Castleton Square Mall.
 - Focus on maintaining their pilot program for SSP and CN. Running low on funds, will discuss how to get more money and get more members to join HDBA.

Linda Greeno:

- Spotlight Interviews at Deaf Festival
 - Linda will be spotlighting individuals at the Festival talking about their business, story to share, anything you'd like to share. Would like to focus on state of Indiana, not limited to Indianapolis.

Valeria Vaughn:

- No report at this time

Walter Griffin Jr.

- No report at this time

Old Business:

None at the time.

Community Engagement:

Jeff Choate suggested that the minutes be uploaded to the website for the community to view to save time. Add a watermark to ensure it is a draft.

Jeff Choate suggested that we appoint a parliamentarian, does not have to be certified but help with RRO and Bylaws.

Community would like us to take different training sessions in different areas such as LGBTQTIAs, BIPOC, etc.

David Geeslin suggested that we seek for volunteer executive directors that can take care of many things such as, making flyers, setting up meetings, ASL program, workshops, retreat, etc.

Jay Krieger asked where we stand with the Past President as Advisor since conflict of interest. David Geeslin and Catherine Vest explained and clarified what the Bylaws mean and its interpretation.

Tavis Koopman is encouraged to follow the bylaws even though has a conflict of interest.

Wanda Kirby questioned about ASL Classes. President Daniel Pfaff replied that past boards have voted and appointed a person but has not started yet.

Donnie Brooks questioned President Daniel Pfaff, who's idea was to announce a general meeting in less than 30 days. Daniel Pfaff replied, we had that retreat that weekend, and thought it would be a good idea. Board Members decided to hold and wait another 30 days.

New Business:

- Felicia Hubbard (Meagan Quarles) moves to IAD board to search for an advisor.
 - **Amended motion #1:** Kyle Mengwasser (Linda Greeno) moves to have an ad-hoc committee to search for an advisor. Majority vote. **Carried**
- Vote on main motion: Majority vote. **Carried**

Walter Griffin Jr. moves to close a new business. No objections.

Adjournment: 7:50 PM