



DHHCAN Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

Gallaudet University – Peikoff Alumni House

(Thanks to Alumni Relations/GUAA for allowing DHHCAN to use the conference room)

Vice Chair Bernie Palmer called the meeting to order at 12:17 PM.

Roll Call

Voting Members – quorum achieved

- Bernie Palmer, ALDA
- Eric Kaika, TDI
 - Claude Stout, TDI
- Art Roehrig, AADB
- Al “Sonny” Sonnenstrahl, DSA
- Marcia Zisman, GUAA

Organizational Partners

- Neal Tucker, RID
- David Bahar, CSD
 - Ron Sutcliffe, CSD
- Barbara Raimondo, CEASD
- Lise Hamlin, HLAA

Guests

- Bob Loftur-Thun, NVRC

Interpreters

- Jan Nishimura
- Pat Richey
- Noreen Hagemeyer

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes of the meeting on April 4, 2018 were accepted as read.

Officers' Reports:

Chair's Report (Zainab)

Vice-Chair Bernie reported on behalf of Zainab who was unable to attend the meeting

- Zainab reminded us that that the office of DHHCAN Secretary is vacant and that we need to vote on a replacement at today's meeting
- There is some confusion regarding organizational membership status – need to clarify the bylaws with help from Sonny.
- Sonny asked about NVRC and what their status is as they provided information. We need to discuss their application for membership next month.

Vice Chair's Report

- No report

Secretary's Report (Vacant)

Treasurer's Report (Sonny)

- The balance as of April 30, 2018 is \$21,936.23. This includes the \$1,000 donation from RID for DHHCAN's 25th Anniversary.
- There was a discussion regarding membership criteria in the DHHCAN bylaws. Only national consumer organizations, not local organizations are considered members. Claude clarified that an organization partner is an organization that is run by a board composed of less than 51% members who are deaf.
- Sonny discussed the lunch fee (\$15.00), which we previously agreed would be charged to meeting visitors. Each organization is entitled to one free lunch for a representative. Interpreters, auxiliary service providers, invited guests and Alumni Relations office staff will be entitled to a free lunch. All payments will be given directly to Neal.

Committee Reports

- *Civil Rights Protection and Enforcement (Zainab Alkebsi):*
 - No report as Zainab was absent.
- *Education (Barbara Raimondo):*
 - Barbara attended the CEASD annual conference in St. Augustine, FL. on April 22-24. While there she attended several meetings regarding private schools and common ground. The National Champion Award was presented to Senator Edward Markey of Massachusetts and Senator Shelley Moore Capito of West Virginia. CEASD is working on strategic plans for the future.

- David brought up an audit that the state of Colorado is doing on the schools for the deaf and whether ASL is the best approach. He questioned who is performing the audit.
- *Employment (David Bahar):*
 - David has had some dialogue with the Small Business Committee in the House. Congressman Chabot wants to support the disability bill. The question is how the bill will be structured for business owners with a disability. Democrats want a separate bill for political reasons since a larger group includes other minorities. Republicans feel that it is harder to separate the two groups. There remains a lot of going back and forth. David was asked to find out the number of entrepreneurs with disability. There are reports provided by the Bureau of Labor, which performed a study on business owned by people with disabilities. David continues looking for ways to get good numbers.
- *Health Care (Lise Hamlin):*
 - No report
- *Housing (Al Sonnenstrahl):*
 - No report
- *Telecommunication (Eric):*
 - Claude explained that Eric would begin providing the Telecommunication report next month. The month of April was a quiet one. In May, TDI, NAD, and other organizations will provide feedback to FCC and review feedback that was previously provided but never acted on. Topics include captioning of shows and video relay services.
 - Regarding wireless emergency alerts, the number of characters can be between 90 to 360. It is desired to provide links in the messages as well as add videos. FCC said no. They are still working on that.
 - Some states feel that Net Neutrality is unconstitutional. Consumers need to put pressure on vendors. There are more discussions on how consumers can be involved now.
- *Transportation: (Zainab)*
 - No report as Zainab was absent.
- *25th Anniversary Planning Committee (Sonny)*
 - This afternoon Sonny, Neal, and Marcia will have a food tasting with the caterer that was chosen for the party. Food served will be appetizer style.

- The event will take place on September 28th from 5:00 to 7:00p in “Ole Jim”. Plans are to invite all former participants and company representatives. If you know of anyone who should attend please let Sonny know.

- Website Committee (Sonny, David)
 - There was some discussion on exactly who is on this committee. Up until the time he left DHHCAN, Tayler was handling the website. Eric admitted that he has no experience working with websites – Claude will discuss more about this with Eric.
 - David mentioned that CSD has a website development division, he will check to see if they can help out and let us know at our next meeting.
 - DHHCAN also has a Facebook page – it was last updated in 2012. It would be nice to include both under the webpage duties.
 - DHHCAN officers will need to decide if we should share meeting minutes on our webpage or just meeting highlights. Should also include links for all member organizations to encourage access for all. It would be nice to have everything done in time for the 25th Anniversary reception so that we can display our webpage during the event.

Old Business

- Sonny (seconded) moved to accept Marcia Zisman as the new DHHCAN secretary by acclamation. Motion passed.
- Sonny (seconded) moved that we accept NVRC as an organizational member. Claude (seconded) moved to amend the motion to read organizational partner. Amendment and main motion Passed.

New Business

- There was no new business.

Announcements

- There were no announcements.

The Vice Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:37 pm.

Submitted by
Marcia Zisman, GUAA
Secretary