



DHHCAN Meeting

October 7, 2020

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was held online using the Zoom video-conferencing platform.

ROLL CALL

Voting Members	Organizational Partners	Others
Zainab Alkebsi, NAD	Neal Tucker, RID	Jan Nishimura, Interpreter
Eric Kaika, TDI	Eric Raff, NASADHH	Jayne Tubergen, Interpreter
Marcia Zisman, GUAA	Eileen McCartin, NVRC	Natalie Ennis, CART Captioner
Rick Brown, ALDA	Davin Searls, CSD	Elaine Navratil, DSA
Mark Hill, CPADO		Michelle Mulligan, CPADO
Al Sonnenstrahl, DSA		

Communication protocols were shared.

Meeting called to order: 12:05p.

Quorum: Met

Chair's Report

- Zainab asked for recommendations on where people can donate their old TTYs. The NAD received an inquiry from a person who read a page on the NAD's website that TTYs can be used by some populations (i.e., rural areas without internet access, senior citizens, deafblind individuals). Several helpful suggestions were shared

(Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program Association (TEDPA), museums).

(see Civil Rights Protection and Enforcement Policy Report)

Vice-Chair's Report

No report.

Secretary's Report

- We need to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2020 and September 2, 2020 meetings.
Mark (sec) moved to accept the minutes of the June 3rd meeting. PASSED
Eric Kaika (sec) moved to accept the minutes of the September 2nd meeting. PASSED
- Tayler Mayer, our website administrator, has posted a link on the DHHCAN website (DHHCAN.org) to information on NAD's website on the pandemic.

Treasurer's Report

- The balance as of September 30th was \$26,614.76. The membership renewals were not sent out as reported at our last meeting, he will be taking care of this soon.
- Zainab reminded us if anyone is interested in running for the treasurer position after Sonny leaves to let her know.

POLICY REPORTS

CIVIL RIGHTS PROTECTION AND ENFORCEMENT

- As part of the Sign Vote effort, a film series was created to educate the community about the various aspects of voting in the upcoming election (i.e., difference between federal and state elections, importance of state and local elections, electoral college). NAD as well as the Sign Vote coalition produced a video series on this. The NAD also releases a weekly video on these issues. Please be sure to follow the NAD and Sign Vote Coalition (<https://signvote.org>). As a member of the Sign Vote coalition, there was to be a special video series on DHHCAN however due to the pandemic that was cancelled.
- Update on the NAD's lawsuit against the White House - the judge ordered the White House to begin providing interpreter access on October 1st. There have not been any briefings since October 1st, the NAD continues to monitor the situation and will return to court if there is no interpreter at the next briefing.
- Zainab served as moderator on a webinar hosted by Gallaudet's Center of Democracy in Deaf America (CODA) and Deaf Poor People's Campaign, and sponsored by the NAD. There were 4 panelists from different organizations who were asked for their perspectives on voting, the voting process, voting privileges (being able to take off from work to vote

vs not being able) , lack of access to voting information, the overlooking of youth and how to raise awareness. The video can be viewed on Gallaudet's website.

EDUCATION

Zainab shared Barbara's report in her absence.

- On September 30, representatives from deaf education (including CEASD and NAD), blind education, and deafblind education met with Mark Schultz, Assistant Secretary for the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services. We discussed the Cogswell Macy Act, child count (making sure that every deaf, blind, and deafblind child is accurately counted for purposes of IDEA, even if they have another disability), personnel preparation, and the impact of COVID.
- Our "asks" were for the Department to take steps to ensure proper count (maybe set up a pilot project) and to change the way they fund personnel preparation programs (currently they are moving away from funding programs that train teachers for the deaf and instead are funding more programs that serve children with other disabilities).
- We had a positive and productive conversation and plan to have a follow up dialogue to hear back from the Department on what they can/will do.

EMPLOYMENT

- Davin shared information from CSD Works on various job postings (<https://csdworks.com/lookforajob/>).

HEALTH CARE

No report (absent).

HOUSING

No report.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION SERVICES, AND VIDEO PROGRAMMING

- Follow up on the filing shared last month concerning the deadline for providers to support Real Time Text (RTT) on IP-based networks. There was an ex parte meeting with the FCC right after our September meeting. The Common Carriers Association (CCA) requested an open-ended deadline to comply with the RTT requirements. The FCC was encouraged to remain strict and enforce deadlines. Fines or some sort of action should be considered to ensure RTT is put in place in all mobile systems. Consumers

willing to accept an absolute final deadline of Dec 31, 2020, as stated by US Cellular in their waiver request.

- A meeting was held with the CCA and its members to learn more about the varying issues impacting its members. Interestingly, COVID was no longer cited as a reason for non-compliance. The FCC will make a determination and announce its decision in the coming months.

TRANSPORTATION

- There will be a meeting of the Air Carrier Access Act Advisory Committee next week.

OLD BUSINESS

The bylaws committee made up of Zainab, Eric Kaika, Neal, and Al worked together on revising the bylaws which were shared via email with members a few weeks ago. There were quite a few changes made and both a redlined version and a clean version for easier reading were shared. The proposed changes will be further discussed at the November meeting and noted in the meeting minutes, then voted on at the December meeting.

Neal directed attention to the change that will allow non voting DHHCAN members to serve as secretary or treasurer which will allow DHHCAN to facilitate continuity of the DHHCAN board service by expanding the pool of eligibility.

Marcia suggested that we ask Bob Weinstock to review the proposed changes. Zainab agreed.

Eric Kaika mentioned the change in removal of members and whether DHHCAN looks at the organization or the member who has missed a certain number of meetings. The revised bylaws more clearly address this situation.

Zainab then highlighted some of the major proposed changes:

- 1) One of the proposed changes concerns regular membership. The criteria items were cleaned up. There was some discussion on Section 10-Organizational applications and what organizations must do to apply for membership in DHHCAN. It was agreed to keep the procedure in the bylaws to promote transparency.
- 2) The minimum number of attendance and maximum number of meetings that can be missed was clarified.
- 3) A new section was added detailing termination of membership. What is in the current bylaws is very short and superficial. The proposed changes fully outline the communications and create a procedure.

- 4) Compensation of members was clarified, adding a section about members being reimbursed, i.e, Neal being reimbursed for lunch expenses. Compensation remains prohibited.
- 5) Duties of the board members were also clarified.
- 6) The section on “Vacancies” under “Elections” was revised to give the board authority to appoint someone to fill a vacancy instead of having to hold a special election if less than a year remains in a term.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zainab shared information about NAD’s Council of Representatives which was held from October 1 - 4. This was the first time it was held virtually due to the pandemic. A fifth day had to be added and will take place before November 4th.

Eric Kaika announced that TDI will have its virtual board meeting on a weekend. Anyone is welcome to share information or observe the meeting.

FCC will be hosting a 10-year celebration of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 (CVAA) tomorrow at 2:00p which can be viewed on [fcc.gov/live](https://www.fcc.gov/live). TDI is now drafting a “CVAA 2.0” document to address issues that were not previously included (i.e., online streaming captioning, uploaded ‘non-TV’ film). We are encouraged to share recommendations with TDI.

The next DHHCAN meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 4th.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.