



November Board of Directors Meeting

November 24, 2024 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Call to Order

The Alaska Deaf Council (ADC) November Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 6:43 PM on November 22nd, 2024 at HOPE Community Resources Center in Anchorage, Alaska.

Roll Call

Present

Byron Jensen, President

Ryan Di Giovanni, Vice President, Parliamentarian

Evelyn Ooten, Secretary

Elise Veatch, Treasurer [Z]

Kristeena Brinkley, Member at Large [Z]

Shawn Schramski, Member at Large

Tyler Veatch, Member at Large [Z]

Markus Porch, Member at Large

Sean Gordon, Member at Large

Sharon Miranda, Member

Duane Mayes, Committee Chair – Public Policy & Legislative

[Z] ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE ATTENDEES

* OBSERVERS ARE NON-VOTING AND DO NOT HAVE VOICE OR VOTING PRIVILEGES

Absent

N/A

Review Meeting Minutes

President Jensen shared that we had three different meeting minutes to review. Vice President Di Giovanni mentioned that he would work with the Secretary on reformatting to the ADC template and then the Board unanimously approved all of the meeting minutes.

Reports

Bylaws

N/A

Budget & Finance

N/A





Education & Outreach

N/A

Nominating

N/A

Public Policy & Legislative

N/A

Youth Membership

N/A

Recreation & Sports*

N/A

Unfinished Business

- **Confidentiality Agreement** – *Tabled to Next Meeting*
Vice President Di Giovanni shared that he would send an email to the Board before the meeting in December.
- **Officers & Directors Insurance** – *Tabled to Next Meeting*
President Jensen mentioned that Vice President Di Giovanni and Member at Large Sean Gordon would follow up with the Board with additional information before the meeting in December.

New Business

- **Swearing in new Officers and Members at Large**
President Jensen swore in Vice President Di Giovanni, Secretary Ooten, and Members at Large Sean Gordon and Kristeena Brinkley
- **Board Expectations** – *Referred to ad hoc Committee*
Vice President Di Giovanni motioned for the ADC to adopt a Board Policy Manual that would include Meeting Etiquette, Governance, and how to administer the Zero Tolerance Policy. Member at Large Gordon seconded the motion and upon discussion it was determined that the motion needed to be referred to an ad hoc Committee comprising the entire Board for the next 30 days to draft the manual before the next Board meeting in December. The motion to refer to an ad hoc committee was passed unanimously.





- **Setting The Budget for 2025** – *Referred to the Budget & Finance Committee*
President Jensen suggested that the Board of Directors go ahead and set the Budget for 2025 to cover Interpreting Grants, Scuba Diving Workshops, Events, and Etc. Vice President Di Giovanni motioned to refer this to the Budget & Finance Committee as it is their responsibility to draft a Budget for the Board to approve and Member at Large Schramski seconded this motion. The Board voted unanimously to refer this to the Budget & Finance Committee for review.
- **2024 Statewide Meeting Zoom Recording Revision** - *PASSED*
Vice President Di Giovanni motioned for ADC to find an interpreter to redo the audio recording from the Statewide Meeting. Member at Large Schramski Seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved this motion.
- **Establishing an ad hoc Committee for Recreation & Sports** – *PASSED*
Member at Large Porch motioned for ADC to establish an ad hoc committee focusing on Recreation and Sports. Member at Large Schramski seconded this motion, and the Board discussed that this Committee would cover the ASLIZED teams, and that Porch would need to step down from his current role as the “Athletic Director” in order to be the Chairperson for this Committee. After further deliberation the motion was carried by the Board with a 7-2 vote.
- **Save the Date for the 2025 Statewide Meeting** – *PASSED*
Member at Large Brinkley motioned for ADC to host the 2025 Statewide Meeting on October 11th, 2025, to coincide on the same day as October’s AANO. Vice President Di Giovanni seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved this motion.
- **Annual NAD Membership Fee** - *PASSED (Referred to Treasurer Veatch)*
Vice President Di Giovanni motioned for ADC to start paying the National Association of the Deaf Organizational Affiliate fee of \$200.00. Member at Large Gordon seconded this motion, and the Board voted unanimously to approve.
- **Sponsorship Letters for AANO & ADC** – *Tabled to Next Meeting*
President Jensen shared that someone should make a motion for the ADC to have templates for Sponsorship letters. Vice President Di Giovanni mentioned that a motion wasn’t necessary at the time and that we could table this topic to the next meeting to give the Board an opportunity to review the template. Member at Large Gordon seconded this, and the motion was tabled unanimously.





- **Signing Santa Workshop – PASSED**

Member at Large Brinkley motioned for ADC to host a Signing Santa Workshop event on December 21st. Vice President Di Giovanni seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved this motion after discussing that admission will be free and the ADC will provide snacks and gifts to participants.

Announcements

- **Positive Feedback about Statewide Meeting**

President Jensen shared that he received a lot of positive feedback from the community about the Statewide Meeting in October and shared his appreciation for the Board of Directors for their hard work.

- **Grant from Lions Club of Girdwood**

President Jensen shared that ADC received a grant of \$300 from the Lions Club and encouraged the Board to start budgeting for 2025.

- **Challenge Alaska Ski & Snowboarding**

Member at Large Gordon mentioned that Challenge Alaska was working on providing an Interpreter for those who were interested in becoming Ski Instructors and encouraged ADC to have an AANO Ski Day at Alyeska. The Board discussed liability waivers, ticket costs, rental equipment costs, and other information. Vice President Di Giovanni suggested saving this topic for the next Board meeting so that we can host an event in February.

Adjournment

The Board of Directors Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

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