



January Board of Directors Meeting

January 25, 2025 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Call to Order

The Alaska Deaf Council (ADC) January Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 5:45 PM on January 25, 2025 at HOPE Community Resources in Anchorage, Alaska.

Roll Call

Present

Byron Jensen, President

Elise Veatch, Treasurer [Z]

Kristeena Brinkley, Member at Large [Z]

Tyler Veatch, Member at Large [Z]

Sean Gordon, Member at Large

Markus Porch, Member at Large

Sharon Miranda, Member

Duane Mayes, Committee Chair – Public Policy & Legislative

Clara Baldwin, Committee Chair – Education & Outreach

[Z] ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE ATTENDEES

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

Absent

Ryan Di Giovanni, Vice President, Parliamentarian

Evelyn Ooten, Secretary

Shawn Schramski, Member at Large

Review Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed and discussed the meeting minutes from the previous Board meeting held on December 21st, 2024. The minutes were unanimously approved by the Board.

Reports

Bylaws

N/A

Budget & Finance

Treasurer Veatch shared with the Board that the ADC had total funds of \$9,831 and that the Scuba Diving fund had \$4,329.41. There is also \$500 in the ASLized fund for Recreation and





Sports as well. The Budget & Finance committee is still working on the Budget for 2025 and should have a plan ready by the February Board Meeting.

Education & Outreach

N/A

Nominating

N/A

Public Policy & Legislative

Committee Chair Mayes shared information about an upcoming trip to Juneau, Alaska in March for the Alaska Deaf Council to meet with state legislators and agencies. The plan is for ADC to have at least eight meetings while in Juneau to secure additional funding for the Deaf Navigator Program and build a coalition of support for the Deaf Children Bill of Rights. There will be at least 7 people going on this trip including 4 Deaf leaders, 1 or 2 parents.

Chairperson Mayes is still working out the logistics of this trip with several stakeholders and will work on securing funding from different sources to cover the accommodation and airfare tickets for the trip to Juneau.

Chairperson Mayes also shared that he met with a group of parents in Eagle River to discuss the Bill of Rights and the results of the Town Hall. Chairperson Baldwin also explained that parents had varied experiences with ILP and some are very opinionated about what is best for their children.

Youth Membership

N/A

Recreation & Sports*

Chairperson Porch shared that the ADC received a \$500 donation from a member who wishes to remain anonymous for the Softball League this summer. This money has been deposited into the ADC bank account and is being earmarked for the Recreation and Sports committee's use. The committee will work on fundraising and engage the community in Recreation & Sports including the Anchorage Sports Association and the Softball League. Chairperson Porch will continue to look for sponsors, donations, and fundraising opportunities for ASLized.

Unfinished Business

- **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.





- **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.

- **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.

New Business

- **Reimbursement for Vice President Di Giovanni – PASSED**

Treasurer Veatch motioned for the ADC to reimburse Vice President Di Giovanni \$153.97 for three months of billing for a Zoom premium subscription of \$14.99 each month and \$109 for the usage of the Birch Room at the BP Energy Center for the ADC Town Hall in January. Member at Large Gordon seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Announcements

- **Few Motions from November are still tabled to the February Board Meeting**

President Jensen mentioned that we still have several outstanding motions that have either been tabled or referred to Committees and encourages everyone to get these motions back on track for the February Board meeting.





- **Recognition for Anonymous Donor**

President Jensen thanked the anonymous donor and encouraged the Board to continue seeking donations from the community to support the mission of ADC.

Adjournment

The Board of Directors Meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM.

