

Jr. NAD General Assembly Minutes
Wednesday, March 17, 2022
California School for the Deaf, Riverside
Location: Virtual via Zoom Meeting

Call Meeting to Order: 10:50 am PST

Roll Call: Two Delegates from each of the following schools: Alabama School for the Deaf, Alaska School for the Deaf, American School for the Deaf, Arkansas School for the Deaf, California School for the Deaf, Fremont, California School for the Deaf, Riverside, CHS Youth and Family Connections, Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, Indiana School for the Deaf, James Madison High School, Lancaster-Lebanon IU13 Warwick High School, Lexington School for the Deaf, Marie Philip School, Maryland School for the Deaf, Metro Indiana Jr. NAD Chapter, Midland Park Jr. NAD Chapter, Missouri School for the Deaf, Model Secondary School for the Deaf, Montana School for the Deaf, New Mexico School for the Deaf, North Carolina School for the Deaf, Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, Phoenix Day School for the Deaf, Sequoia School for the Deaf, Rhode Island School for the Deaf, Rochester School for the Deaf, St. Mary's School for the Deaf, Sequoia Deaf School, Texas School for the Deaf, Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf and Wisconsin School for the Deaf

A. Officers Report(s)

President Christian Jimenez shared that we may use the motions that we have brainstormed last week at the Round Table today during our new business. We also need to sign slowly and clearly for others to understand in the Zoom meeting.

B. New Business

Richard Silva (CSDR) moved to appoint 2 delegates to attend the NAD Conference in Orlando, Florida this summer. Gisella Visco and Willie Noble were selected.

Ryan Kennedy (MSSD) seconded. Motion passed.

Gisella Visco (CSDR) moved to select the 2025 – 2026 Jr. NAD Conference host, and by the consensus of the Jr. NAD General Assembly, the winning bid is: New Mexico School for the Deaf.

Carleigh Babbit (MPS) seconded. Motion passed.

Kaylee Sweet (TSD) moved that public transportation should provide closed captions for special announcements in a case of emergency.

Ryan Kennedy (MSSD) seconded. Motion passed.

Kaylee Sweet (TSD) moved that First Responders are required to be trained on how to communicate with Deaf people at the scenes of emergency.

Richard Silva (CSDR) seconded. Motion passed.

Kaylee Sweet (TSD) moved the NAD to provide ADA resources for Deaf students at their schools to review and understand their rights as a Deaf/Hard of Hearing citizen.

??? seconded. Motion passed.

Daniel Belozovsky moved to have Jr. NAD members across the nation to have more events throughout the year.

Ryan Kennedy (MSSD) seconded. Motion passed.

Gisella Visco (CSDR) moved to set a mental health emergency hotline for Deaf and Hard of Hearing people to reach out when needed.

Keanu Herzig (MSD) seconded. Motion passed.

Daniel Belozovsky (MPS) moved that the mentorship program should be established so Jr NADers can mentor young Deaf students.

Sarah Walton (ISD) seconded. Motion passed.

Eliza Camino (WSD) moved to establish a Deaf Black Ingenious People of Color (BIPOC) Day make it a national recognition.

Lawson Vollmar (WSD) seconded. Motion passed.

Landen Gonzales (CSDF) moved to create an internship program in collaboration with Jr. NAD, NAD, deaf businesses, organizations and programs.

Julia Bronneberg (SMSD) seconded. Motion passed.

Zoei Porter (CSDR) moved that NAD needs to promote more recognition of small and diverse schools.

Gisella Visco (CSDR) seconded. Motion passed.

Landen Gonzales (CSDF) moved that the hospitals should be legally required to provide information about American Sign Language or Deaf schools when their patients have deaf babies.

Elijah Porter seconded. Motion passed.

Kimberly Vasquez (ASD) motioned that the Deaflympics athletes be compensated for their work, just as our hearing Olympic athletes.

??? seconded. Motion passed.

General Assembly was adjourned at 12:03 pm PST

Typed by Secretary Zoei Porter