

**Vermont Association of the Deaf (VTAD)**  
(Regular Board Meeting 4/15/2024 7:04 PM)

**1. Board Members**

**PRESENT:**

Rebecca Lalanne, President (RL)  
John Pirone, Vice President (JP)  
Valerie Hughes, Secretary (VH)  
Allen Winfree, Treasurer (AW)  
Jacob Veeder, MAL (JV)  
David Krueger, Past-President (DK)

**Unable to attend:**

**Quorum present?** Yes

**2. Proceedings:**

- Meeting called to order at (7:04 pm) by President Rebecca Lalanne
- **President's Report (RL):**
  1. **NAD:** We need to send a delegate to the NAD biennial conference on July 1-6, 2024. to represent VTAD. Allen and Val expressed their interest and are available.
  2. **VTDBHI+:** VTAD will have a booth table. Allen and Jacob will be there to represent VTAD.
  3. **State Legislation:** RL met with several legislators and received advice on legislative strategies such as looking for current bills to see if there is a room to include D/DB/HOH. RL provided a testimony on one of the bills, H.871. The bill about school buildings needing accessibility. RL also described her experience with the lack of accessibility while she provided a testimony.
  4. **VTAD's future events:** RL asked the board to think about hosting 'welcome' events for VTAD members and it would be a good opportunity

for connecting with the community. It's a similar idea as town hall. RL also brought up possible workshops and mini conferences.

5. **June 8th during the Austine Reunion:** RL suggested that we have a booth table there. It would be a good opportunity for VTAD to recruit new members and gain visibility.

- **Vice President's Reports (JP)** - none

- **Treasurer's Report (AW)**

1. VTAD has a current balance of \$3200.00 and the YHCF account has a balance of \$4100.00

- **Secretary's Report (VH)** - none

- **Member At Large (JV)** - none

#### **Upcoming BOARD MEETING:**

Friday, May 13th at 7 p.m. via Zoom. It'll be a public meeting.

#### **3. Unfinished Business**

1. VTAD: The state of Vermont requires every organization to have a registered agent. AW filled out the form and is officially a registered agent for VTAD.

#### **4. New Business**

1. Appointment of Allen Winfree and Valerie Hughes as a delegate to the NAD conference.

**Motion 4.2024:1** - JP moved to confirm the appointment of Allen Winfree and Valerie Hughes as a delegate to the NAD conference, seconded by RL. All in favor, PASSED. AW and VH abstained.

2. June 8th - Austine Reunion

**Motion 4.2024:2** - JP moved to have a booth table at the Austine Reunion event on June 8<sup>th</sup>, seconded by VH. All in favor, PASSED.

3. Community/Town Hall

**Motion 4.2024:3** – RL moved to have a VTAD cookout on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, seconded by JP. JP proposed an amendment to RL's main motion that the event will take place at Silver Lake, VT, and VTAD spends up to

\$300.00 for food. During the discussion, JP withdrew his amendment, stating that more information about the location and expenses is needed. The withdrawal was accepted without objection. JV moved to table RL's main motion to the next meeting, seconded by RL. All in favor, PASSED.

**MOTION 4.2024:4**

RL moved to close the meeting, JP seconded. All in favor, PASSED.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:10 P.M.**

Submitted by Valerie Hughes- 4/15/2024; revised 5/13/2024.