Preliminaries:  People on zoom screen, arriving, etc... and when a person signs, the spotlight will be on that person and no one else on your screen for ease of following along.

Elena Shapiro:  Hello, all.  Thanks for joining today.  The focus today will be on election of the President and Treasurer of Vermont Association for the Deaf (VTAD).  Voting will be done online via poll on Zoom.  (We later determined to continue with the voting process by using Survey Monkey.)

Elena:  We will start with President Election.  We have 3 people who have been nominated:  Erin Sanders-Sigmon Don Petit-Hume and Elena Shapiro.  No one else has been nominated.  Both Erin and Don were not present during the zoom meeting.

Elena:  Elena is running as President "uncontested" meaning no one else is running against her.  She cannot nominate herself.  ACL (vote by acclamation) = auto nominated and she asked for Mark Tarno to "auto pick."

Mark Tarno:  As Vice President, he made the official motion to nominate Elena Shapiro to be VTAD President automatic.

Mary Sloan:  Seconded Mark Tarno's nomination of Elena.

John Pirone:  Proposes that we suspend the bylaws because bylaws requires at least 25 members to support and go ahead with the nomination/vote.

Nick Lalanne:  Asked if the other nominees, Erin and Don were aware about the meeting?  If they didn't know about it, maybe hold off elections?

Elena:  The meeting was announced at the last Town Hall meeting 3-4 days ago so people were aware it was happening today.  All candidates nominated were notified and made aware of it.

John:  Proposes that bylaws be suspended to approve the nomination of Elena as President; if suspend, it means we can go ahead with elections so he proposes that members who are at meeting to go ahead and vote.

Elena:  Seconds John's motion

Switched to see ALL members in room (no spotlight on signer) so we can see members raising hand if they are in support of suspending the bylaws.  All are in favor.... Mary thought Nick was opposed.

Nick:  Clarified he is NOT opposed but said that the President cannot second the suspension of the bylaw for the nomination of President election.

Jessica Norton:  Seconded the proposal.

Elena:  Asked for who support to suspend the bylaws and all are in favor to suspend the bylaws and no opposition.

Elena:  Asked for Mark as Vice President to approve auto-nomination.

Mark:  Proposed for Elena to remain as President.

Jessica:  Seconded the proposal.

Elena:  Voting is being done at zoom meeting, FB and will commence later.  Will announce later.

Mary Gorman:  Had difficult time with zoom but wanted to input her vote in for Erin.

Elena:  Onto nominations for Treasurer:  Two people have been nominated:

Mary Sloan nominated Jessica Norton

Mark Tarno nominated Allen Winfree

Elena asked both nominated Treasurers to talk about themselves and experiences related to treasury.

Jessica:  Wife of Dana Norton, stay-at-home mom who does the family budget;  good with finding good prices in different areas of Vermont.

Allen:  Moved to VT about 2 years ago due to job change; Used to work in DC area for FBI and NSA in finances for 13 years.  Moved here for job with General Dynamics in corporate finances and responsible for 400Million budget.  His goal is to help VTAD with budget and spending responsibly.

Elena:  Any questions?  If no questions, vote on poll for two candidates.

Laura:  Asked Jessica if she has any treasury experience.

Jessica:  Asked if personal or community.  Said she budgets her personal family budget and helps out in community.

Elena:  Some people struggle with zoom poll so will have other voting options on FB.  Will have results tomorrow..   Any amendments?

Mary:  Nominates Jessica as a north rep;  Elena clarified that a rep is not a nominated position but you show interest and let the Board know.

Jessica:  Asked what does the rep do and Mary explained role of rep as advocate, spreading information about deaf community, services, etc..

Laura:  I just wanted to clarify people who vote must be residents of VT. (Later confirmed yes.)

Laura:  Current officers:  Elena - President and Treasurer; Mark - Vice President; Laura - Secretary;

      Rep at large:  North:  Mary and John     South:  Amaryah Pendlebury and Nick

Elena:  This election is different due to absence of a position (treasurer) but we will have formal election next year for the board.

Thank you... and Bye!