



**Minutes of the General Meeting  
of the  
California Association of the Deaf**

**September 1, 2007**

A general meeting of the California Association of the Deaf was held at the Marriott Hotel in Los Angeles, CA on September 1, 2007. President Richard Ray called the meeting to order at 3:25 p.m. with the secretary, Tomás García being present and with Gerald ‘Bummy’ Burstein serving as the Conference Parliamentarian.

A quorum of more than 30 members was met.

The agenda was presented and accepted by general consent.

Vice-President, Nancy Carroll, gave a report on the work of the Bylaws Committee.

Buddy Singleton moved the following:

**“Delete word ‘exclusively’ from the MOU with CSD (CADVRS) to allow other providers come back to CAD. CAD should stand neutral and get help from any business/agencies.”**

Motion passed.

Mel Carter moved the following:

**“that a committee of 3 be established to review policies and practice of CAD Home Office Patrons Fund and give recommendations at the 2009 CAD Conference”**

Motion passed. Committee members are David Prince, Victor Lema, and Ralph Singleton.

Bernard Bragg moved the following:

**“that CAD support continuing discussions and into sharing on the Deaf Essence/Deafhood through information sharing and training. The board will form a committee to begin this initiative.”**

Roz Rosen moved to amend as follows:

**“delete the last sentence referring to the Board. The motion should read as follows, “move that CAD support continuing discussions and into sharing on the Deaf Essence/Deafhood through information sharing and training.”**

Motion, as amended, passed.

David Prince moved the following:

**“that CAD membership fee to be increased to \$5.00 starting on January 1, 2008.”**

It was moved to amend as follows:

**“CAD membership fees be increased according to the Cost of Living Index starting on January 1, 2008.”**

Mel Carter moved to table the motion.

Motion to table passed.

David Prince moved the following:

**“that CAD add a new position as historian as a Board of Director.”**

Motion to refer to the Bylaws Committee passed.

Bernice Singleton moved the following:

**“that CAD Transfer CHAD to GLAD”**

Motion failed.

Bidding for the 2009 Conference was opened.

Nancy Carroll, representing the Fresno Chapter, with 26 votes to 24 for Jessica Miller, representing the Sacramento Chapter, won the bid for the 2009 Conference.

President Richard Ray was asked to give a 2-year financial report.

A 2-year financial report will be developed and given to an Audit Committee comprised of Ray McKeever, Bill Mather, and Victor Lema.

The audit report will be distributed to people who registered for the conference.

Election for CAD Board positions were opened.

Depending on how CAD members want to use CADVRS funds, up to \$6,000 could be available for delegates to attend the NAD Convention in 2008 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The Secretary, Tomás García, cast the ballot for Richard Ray as President of CAD for 2007-2009.

An election was held for the position of Vice-President. Nancy Carroll won the position of Vice-President with 38 votes to 15 for David Prince.

The Secretary, Tomás García, cast the ballot for Liz Brading as Treasurer of CAD for 2007-2009.

David Prince was nominated as Membership Director.

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An election was held for the positions of Directors-at-Large, one for the northern and one for the southern region of California, for a total of two Directors.

Ella Mae Lentz, for the northern region, and Mel Carter, for the southern region, won the positions with 30 and 39 votes, respectively, over 15 for María Montel del Rey.

An election was held for delegates for the NAD Conference in New Orleans, and the results of this election will be announced at a later time.

There being no further business, by general consent, the President adjourned the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Tomás García  
Secretary

**Announcement of Delegates to the NAD 2008 Convention  
New Orleans, Louisiana**

Delegates to the NAD Convention were announced at the CAD banquet on Saturday night, September 1, 2007. They are as follows:

1. Richard Ray as President, automatic delegate
2. Ralph Singleton – 38 votes
3. Don Rosenkjar – 33 votes
4. G. “Bummy” Burstein – 30 votes
5. Alyce Reynolds – 30 votes
6. Victor Lema – 28 votes
7. David Prince – 25 votes
8. David Reynolds – 25 votes
9. Mark Corson – 12 votes

Tomás García  
Secretary