

**NMAD Community Forum & General Meeting**  
**Medical Memorial Center, Las Cruces, NM**  
**January 13, 2024**

**Open Community Forum started at 12:12 PM.**

- Introduced the current board members
- Reviewed the purpose of top five priorities
- Reviewed NAD's 2022-2024 top priorities
- Split into 5 different focus areas
  - Diversity
  - Youth Focus
  - Community Advocacy
  - Education
  - Accessibility Rights

**Ended at 2:35 PM for intermission**

**The General Meeting started at 3:04 PM.**

- Review previous Meeting Minutes - passed
- Officers' Reports:
  - President Meena Mann
    - Will host the Super Bowl event.
    - Create frequent video vlogs to recap by NMAD board members and send them out via emails out online outlets.
  - Vice President Ryan Means
    - Bylaws committee has worked very hard to revise everything to clarify. It began in January 2023 and was updated to meet the current vision.
    - Thanks to Michael Baker, Joseph Lopez III, Ron Stern, Mark Lucero-Muniz, Keith King, Roy DeHaVen, and Dominic Harrison for serving on the bylaws committee.
    - Hoping that Revised Bylaws get approved today.
  - Secretary Misty Dreumont
    - No report.
  - Treasurer Dale Loper
    - See Dale's email about the financial report.
  - MALs Harrison, Lucero-Munez, and Lopez III
    - Will have a video about the Super Bowl event!
    - 50/50 Raffle tickets.
    - Collaborate with Jr. NAD for 5K run/walk and the carnival.
- Old Business
  - Approved previous meeting minutes.

- New Business
- Ryan Means moved to discuss and vote to replace the September 2015 version bylaws with the January 2024 version bylaws. Jesus Sanchez seconded. Dominic Harrison moved to close the discussion. Jesus Sanchez supported Ryan's motion to make it sense based on previous votes. No one is against this motion. Chad LeBlanc moved to open the vote for this motion in favor of Ryan's motion. The motion is passed.
  - 19 favored, 3 no vote.
- Mollie Sachs moved to discuss and vote on the top five priorities. Jesus Sanchez seconded. Nathan Gomme amended to vote on priority on each section. Ryan Means seconded. The amendment passed.
  - Mollie Sachs moved to close the discussion on the Accessibility Rights section. Eldora Garcia opposed. Chad LeBlanc moved to close the discussion. Mollie Sachs seconded. Dominic Harrison moved to open the ballot to vote for all sections. Bryce McMillan seconded.
- Final: The consensus of the NMAD members agreed on top five priorities:
  - Accessibility Rights: The Federal Government set the funds to cover the interpreting services.
  - Community Advocacy: Increase more case managers for Deaf communities
  - Education: Involvement with local ACLU chapters by having NAD to work together.
  - Youth: Establish the Deaf mentorship for Deaf and Hard of Hearing high school students to prepare for after their high school graduation.
  - Diversity: Diversity, Equality, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) organization at national levels should be provided for training and become more visible.
- Ryan Means moved to identify two potential locations for the next general meeting. Mollie Sachs seconded. Mollie moved to close the discussion. Shani Loper seconded. Ryan moved to close the nominations.
  - Ruidoso
  - Farmington
  - Silver City
  - Gallup
  - Roswell
  - Red River
  - Santa Fe
  - Tao
  - Aztec
  - Cloudcroft
  - Eldorado
  - Bernalillo
  - Carlsbad
  - Espanola

- Mollie Sachs moved to adult sports. Ryan Means seconded. Ryan moved to add Mollie's motion to be part of the new business agenda. Shani Loper seconded.
  - The motion passed. Ryan moved to table this motion to the next board meeting. Nathan Gomme seconded.
- Richard Pearson moved to close the new business. Gene Muniz seconded. The motion passed.
- Announcements
  - No announcements.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:33 PM.**