

NMAD Board Meeting

July 26, 2025

Time: 1 pm to 4 pm

Zoom Link: [July 26th Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 824 2472 5755

Passcode: NMAD1970

Attendance: Ryan, Mark, Skye, Michael, Dominic

Community: Ketura Martin, Bobby Moore, Patricia Jacobs, Scott Gentry, Leslie Martinez, Aaron Martinez, Geneieve Lucero Muniz, James Tooney

Meeting begins at 1:02 pm

Agenda:

- President's Report

- Meeting minutes from the previous meeting were approved, with no objections.
- Partnership with Zozobra/Kiwani's Club to provide better access, had a meeting with their chairperson, and it went well!
 - There have been interpreters at the Zozobra Event, but they have not been accessible to everyone.
 - Discussed ideas/feedback on how to improve in this area. One of those discussions was a PIP- Picture in Picture video on all four big screens, so deaf people standing in the back can see the interpreters. Discussed how they select interpreters, would like the interpreters to be better selected, and provide good quality services for the community.
 - Discussed setting up a designated space for deafblind communities who require close-up views. We will look into that.
 - Hope to start some things this year and establish a vision for the coming years.
 - Also discussed the Balloon Fiesta, the NM State Fair
- Establish and identify our priorities for the next 2 years, including sponsorships and upcoming events.
- Hoping to establish a 5-year plan so we can have a plan for growth, and have a way to measure our accomplishments, etc.
- NAD conference in 2026- we will select and announce who our two delegates will be. The conference will be hosted in San Francisco, CA. We will also do fundraising efforts to support our delegates in attending.
 - NAD just announced its conference registration.

- Vice-President's Report

- NAD Region 4 meeting
 - Discussed concerns related to their states. A common concern was that organizations need data. Having data helps us all get funding support from our governments. They recommended we use Dr. Lorne Farovitch to help us collect our data.

- Would like to see NMAD more involved in our NM politics. Getting more involved will help us receive support from the state.

- Secretary's Report

- No report.

-Treasurer's Report

- Ryan presented the report as Meena was unable to attend.
 - Not a lot of finances have been happening since our AGM/Board meeting. We have earned \$380 from membership dues since then.

- Member at Large Reports

- Michael Baker: We did have a fundraising opportunity at NMSD, but unfortunately, the event was canceled.
- DCC Town Hall meeting: It was a nice, well-structured meeting. The community developed ideas on what
- Dominic Harrison: The National Jr. NAD conference is upcoming, October 15-19. The chapter at NMSD is asking NMAD for sponsorship for their conference. Their chapter has also proposed some community-wide events to be hosted, and would like NMAD's involvement as well.
- Ryan for Amy Gomme: Since the AGM meeting, Amy was assigned to take the lead on our NMAD Website. Unfortunately, the May deadline could not be met. There has been a pause with the website subscription. We have submitted our non-profit status, but have not heard back.
 - We have also set up Google Workspace, it has a lot of benefits for the organization to use. Each Board member was able to get their email access. Unfortunately, due to the same subscription issues, we have not heard back from them recognizing our nonprofit status.

- Old Business

- NMAD Conference Discussion

- We now need to restart our planning, starting with identifying a location to host the conference. Our original plan was Ruidoso, but we will not pursue it now. However, it is something we can consider for our future conferences.
- Some discussed that Farmington may not be an option because it might not meet the quorum for the AGM meeting. Discussed the idea of hosting in Las Cruces, Albuquerque, or Santa Fe.
- Discussed possible months to host the conference, and most agreed on April 2026.
- Dominic Harrison moves the NMAD Conference and AGM to be hosted in Las Cruces as Plan A, and Albuquerque as Plan B, in April 2026. Motion passed.

- New Business

- Operation Funds for NMAD
 - Treasurer Meena Mann recognizes a need in purchasing some technological devices, a safety box or a cash box, an NMAD banner, for fundraisers, meetings, etc. Operating Funds will help set a budget for the year and prevent overspending of NMAD funds.
 - Dominic Harrison moves that NMAD establish Operating Funds in a maximum of \$1,000 for the next 12 months. Seconded.

- Discussion
 - Micahel moves to close the discussion, Seconded
 - Vote: 4-1, Motion passed
 - Micahel Baker moves that NMAD's Operation Funds will not be used for technological purchases. Seconded
 - Discussion
 - Ryan Means moves to amend that NMAD Operation Funds will not be used for Information Technology purchases. Michael Baker seconds.
 - Discussion
 - Skye moves to close the discussion, and Seconded
 - Vote: 4-1 amendment passed
 - Official Motion: Michael Baker moves that NMAD's Operation Funds will not be used for Information Technology purchases.
 - Vote: 4-1 motion passed.
- NMAD Fundraising Opportunity- NMSD Homecoming
 - Dominic Harrison moves that NMAD sell Frito Pies at NMSD Homecoming on September 20, 2025. Seconded
 - Discussion
 - Michael moves to close the discussion, Seconded
 - Vote: 5-0 passed
- Sponsorship for National Jr. NAD Conference
 - Skye Dreumont moves that NMAD sponsors \$1,000 for the National Jr. NAD conference. Seconded
 - Discussion
 - Skye moves to close the discussion, and seconded
 - Vote: 5-0 passed
- Micahel moves to close new business, seconded

-Open Forum

(Opportunity for NMAD Members to ask questions, share concerns, ideas, or community event opportunities)

- Scott Gentry offers his legal services/experience for the NM community if needed but also notes that he is not a licensed lawyer. Also has experience collecting data, tracking membership, and offers his services. He also offers his services to help with NMAD's website.
- Scott Gentry has a desire to set up sports/events sponsored by NMAD for our community. There are opportunities to connect with other state associations for tournaments, etc,
- Ketura Martin proposes that we also have a booth at NMSD homecoming to gain new members in addition to selling Frito pies. She also hopes to set up a flag football team and work with our sports committee.
- Bobby Moore discusses communication access for deaf people in situations such as: ICE arrests, doctor visits for their hearing parents, and NAD's involvement in these situations. Ryan will attend the Region 4 meeting tomorrow (Sunday) and will discuss this as well.

- Dominic Harrison wants to hear from the community, how we can connect more with them, listen to their concerns, etc—discuss the idea of a town hall more often, Google surveys? Trying to find a way to get members more involved in decision-making for NMAD. And to host informal meetings without Parliamentary processes.
 - Another discussion was that many of our members are not thoroughly aware of Parliamentary processes, and that does impose its challenges. Discussed ideas of how we can prepare members to make motions, etc

- Announcements

- Santa Fe DNO will be on Friday, August 1st
- NMSD Homecoming on September 20th
- Great Plains Schools for the Deaf Volleyball Tournament will be hosted at NMSD October 10-12
- Daniel Sorenson is the DGNO host in Albuquerque now. If you have any location ideas, please contact him.
- DCC will have an open board meeting on August 5th at PAH through Zoom from 6-8 pm.
- Michael Baker has relocated his residency to Santa Fe as of today.

Meeting adjourned at 3:52 pm