

NMAD Board Meeting

August 22nd 730pm to 930pm

ZOOM Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84141075702?pwd=26mk4guAXIKZYOYpnNWMYIyv1aJAtP1.1>

Attendance: Meena, Ryan, Skye, Dale, Jojo, Mark

## Meeting begins at 7:36pm

### ● **President's Report**

- Welcome to our first zoom board meeting! Nice seeing everyone here. Ground Rules: questions/comments- raise hand, comment in chat.
- Access SOS
  - Set up a meeting with NMAD and NMCDHH to share information. The meeting will happen soon, it has not happened yet. Meena showed us all their website and talked about the CEO, Wong who has a deaf father and the company was founded based on her story/experience. <https://accessos.io/> This allows deaf/hard of hearing people to contact emergency services from their phone!
  - Dale suggested the idea of inviting them to have a booth at our upcoming conference.
- Region IV Representative
  - The new representative is our very own Jojo Lopez! Congratulations to him!

### ● **Vice President's Report**

- Reminder that we do have new bylaws revisions that were approved earlier this year, if anyone does not have a copy, please contact our secretary.

### ● **Treasurer's Report**

- No changes or updates since our previous meeting.
- Ryan wants to recognize Dale for his efforts in finding us a good deal for a meeting space in Farmington, it was very accessible, accommodating and roomy! We hope more members can attend next time!

### ● **Secretary's Report**

- June meeting minutes, approved

### ● **Members at Large Reports**

### ● **Old Business**

- **NAD convention recap**
  - Dominic & Jojo went to Chicago as our delegates/ reps for NMAD. They met many people from all over and various regions 1-4 as

well as affiliates too! Had many good discussions, motions, etc.  
NAD's updated top 5 priorities for the next 2 years are:

- Addressing Deaf Youth Wellbeing
- Deaf Senior Citizens issues
  - The new age for senior citizens is 50 and up!  
Because this follows the American Association for Retired People (AARP) program. It may also depend on various states
- Access to resources
- Access to emergency information
- DECLARE
  - Deaf Children's Language Rights Everywhere
- NAD's Officers
  - President: Lisa Rose
  - Vice President: Stephanie Hakulin
  - Secretary: Mimmaglyn Morales
  - Treasurer: James "Dino" Christianson Jr.
- **NMAD convention updates**
  - In Farmington, we decided the top 3 locations: Ruidoso, Espanola, and Farmington. The board agreed on and voted for Ruidoso, this was before the fires happened. The fire aftermath has had us keeping an eye on what this means for our convention. Jojo reached out to some hotels, they are still open, they still want people to come to town and support their businesses, to keep them open and running.
  - Convention coordinator at Hotel Ruidoso, Michel Lopez
    - Dates are available- we want October 25-26.
    - A conference room is \$200- but if NMAD books 10 or more rooms, the conference room fee is waived! That's a very nice deal along with discount rates for room reservations.
    - Board presented with some questions, Jojo will follow up. Also want to have 1 or more workshops to motivate people to attend. We want Jr. NAD to participate also. Want to provide childcare for families. Meena also wants to type out a letter asking for support/donations from some businesses. Also, a type of save-the-date or vlog will be sent out soon for this.
- **NMAD Website**

- Board has agreed in previous meetings to establish a new website for NMAD, where members can access information etc. At the last meeting, Ryan presented us with some options to use. After further research, he found a good deal for a domain
  - nmadeaf.org or nmad1970.org
  - Will look more into finding the right site for web hosting and web designing. Also will send out to the community who is interested in helping with building our website.
- **New Business**
  - Ryan moves to close new business, mark seconds, no objections
- **Announcements**
  - October 19th DGNO at McCall's Haunted house & Pizza Barn in Edgewood.
  - NMCO will have an event on labor weekend, stay tuned for announcements from them.

Adjourn meeting at 8:57pm