

**West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Minutes
August 11, 2005**

**Capitol Complex
Building 3, Room 522
Charleston, West Virginia**

Commission Members Present:

Doug Godfrey
Pierre Sevigny
John Knisely
Emily Hopta
Jennifer Burgess
Annette Carey
Barbara King
Dr. Michael Sullivan
J.D. Corbin

Commission Members Absent:

Gary Vandevander
|Dr. Charles Abraham
Melinda Siler
Molly Simonton
Pat Moss
Pam Roush

Interpreters:

Stephenie Jaggie
Teresa McGonigle

Staff:

Deanna Stone, Executive
Director
Roy Forman, Deputy
Director
Kari Preslar, Secretary

Agenda

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Doug Godfrey called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the June 23 meeting were reviewed. John Knisely requested that item XII be amended to state that the Commission would sponsor an activity at WVAD. Barb King made the motion to accept the minutes with the amendment, JD Corbin seconded. Motion approved.

III. Executive Director's Report

Deanna Stone reported that she has been working with DHHR to get the interpreter rules promulgated. She had a meeting with John Law and Emily Hopta on August 11. The first draft is finished. She is working on a second draft and that will also go to the board for review.

IV. Appointments to the Board

Emily Hopta reported that she has received no updates on the progress of the appointments and the reappointments from the Governor.

V. Election of the Chair

The Commission is due to elect a new chair; however, that person should be either a deaf or hard of hearing person. The members are all due for reappointment. John Knisely made the motion that the board elect Doug Godfrey the chair of the board pro-tem. Pierre Sevigny seconded. Motion approved.

VI. West Virginia State Fair

Deanna reported that the Commission will staff the DHHR booth on August 20, 2005. Anyone is welcome to come and help.

VII. Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) Conference Report

Roy Forman shared about his trip to the RID Conference in San Antonio, Texas in July. He said it was a wonderful conference and thanked the board for allowing him to attend.

VIII. WVAD Conference Report

Deanna reported on the WVAD Conference. The Commission sponsored a reception on Friday night. There were around 120 people registered. It was a good conference. The entertainment was good. Holly Palmer is the new Miss Deaf WV.

NEW BUSINESS

IX. Fall Workshops

Deanna reported on the workshops that are scheduled for the fall. They include:

Mental Health Workshop with Steven Hardy-Braz

Deaf Idioms with Robyn Evans

Fingerspelling with Ressie Brown

Gender Interpreting with Molly Simonton

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pierre Sevigny said that he will be attending the Deaf Senior Citizens Conference in San Francisco.

Doug Godfrey reminded the board that it has been two years since Deanna Stone was hired as Executive Director. He wanted to commend her for the wonderful job that she is doing.

Deanna said that the retreat will be re-scheduled after the new board appointments and reappointments have been made.

Pierre Sevigny made the motion and Barb King seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.