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### From Editor:

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR



From the WVAD Executive Board Members and Standing Committees Chairpersons



Dear Members and Friends,

Wow, it's hard to believe that 2007 is winding down and the year 2008 will be here in a blink of an eye. 2008 is an exciting year for many reasons, one being the presidential elections. Starting in January 2008, you will begin to see reports daily on the National News and newspapers about dozen candidates running President. This time around is quite different from the elections of the past and a historical first because first woman, Hillary Clinton has chosen to run and Barack Obama, an African American; both are Democratic candidates. It will be quite interesting to see what will happens.

I am very excited to share with you that WVAD's Board has decided to adopt a partnership with CSDVRS. This will provide West Virginia with their own private branded video relay service, WVAVRS. This is a wonderful step forward for the state and we look forward to working with them.

The board members of WVAD and its standing committees chairpersons have their goals in place and are excited about accomplishing them this upcoming new year. I look forward to working along side each and every one of them and to a new year as President of Wild and Wonderful West Virginia Association of the Deaf.

Be safe, be merry and have a joyous holiday season.

Douglas A. Evans, President



**PRESS RELEASE**

**12/12/07**



**For Immediate Release**

**Contact: Robyn Evans**

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**WEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF (WVAD) JOINS CLEARBLUE AFFILATE OUT-REACH PARTNERSHIP WITH CSDVRS, LLC**

***With the implementation of West Virginia Video Relay Services (WVAVRS), WVAD is taking the lead in reaching out to the deaf and hard of hearing community in West Virginia.***

Hello Friends of WVAD

I have exciting news to share with you all. This exciting news was announced at Flatwoods, our Deaf Clubs Christmas Party. You wonder what the exciting news is?

West Virginia Association of the Deaf is pleased to announce its partnership with CSDVRS in providing our new private branded video relay service, WVAVRS. This opportunity will provide increased visibility in our state.

Our services include Top Quality Interpreting services and fast connection times, Personal 800, vpALERT, Who Just Called, Video Mail, VCO, Spanish VRS, and vMeeting. These services listed above will be explained in detail in attached flyer. Please contact me if you have any questions

WVAD has asked me to serve as the WVAVRS liaison between WVAD and CSDVRS. We have a link to our website where you can check out WVAVRS. If you have any comment or concerns, please email me. I would be more than happy to assist you in any way I can.

WVAVRS has now its own website [www.wvavrs.com](http://www.wvavrs.com). Please do visit our site and tell us what you think!

Help WVAD spread awareness of WVAVRS by forwarding this email to your local organizations, businesses, friends and family.

Have safe and Happy Holidays!



# WVAD NEWS



Sitting: Shannon Odneal, CSDVRS Sale Manager and President Doug Evans signed off on the agreement to establish deaf-run membership organization: WVAVRS partnering with CSDVRS and WVAD Executive Board Members (standing) Trustee Robyn Evans, Treasurer Veronda Harrison, Vice President John Burdette, Trustee Linda Phillips and Secretary Liz Leisure on September 16, 2007 at Bridgeport Wingate Inn in Bridgeport, WV.

## NAD CONFERENCE

49th Biennial  
Marriott Hotel  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
"Let the Good Times Roll!  
Together, We Move Forward!"  
July 7-11, 2008

The WVAD Board send two delegates:  
President Evans and Vice President Burdette



Sitting at above: Veronda Harrison, Senior Trustee Worthy Devericks, Regina and James Ennis (guests), ASLTF Chairperson Mary Kesler (standing) and at right photo, John Burdette, and Doug Evans held their 1st 2007-09 WVAD regular board meeting at the West Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind Administration Building on Sunday, October 7, 2007. They were chit-chatting while waiting for Robyn Evans and others to show up before the meeting begins.

## ATTENTION TO BUSINESS VENDORS

ARE YOU INTERESTING TO PUT YOUR BUSINESS ON OUR WVAD WEBSITE BANNER ???

The following website banner rates are:

3 months (pay 4 times a year)

\$440.00

6 months (pay 2 times a year)

\$350.00

1 year (pay once a year)

\$275.00

For more information, please contact Linda Phillips, Website Designer by e-mailing at [wwad1930@wwad.org](mailto:wwad1930@wwad.org) or 304-428-7761 by TDD/VP.

## WVAD BOARD MEETINGS

Saturday, February 2, 2008 at 1:00 pm  
(if bad weather, postponed to February 16)  
Comfort Suites in Mineral Wells, WV

Friday, May 16, 2007  
Charleston, WV

(Time and location will be announced in the next WVAD Newsletter in March 2008)



## WVAD 37th Biennial Conference

The WVAD Executive is pleased to announce their upcoming 37th biennial conference being held at the Comfort Suites in Mineral Wells (near Parkersburg), WV on August 6-8, 2009. The WVAD will be hosting this event.



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# West Virginia





# WVAD NEWS

## WVDBA & WVDDBA

BOWLING TOURNAMENT

March 7-9, 2008

Greenbrier Bowling & Recreation Center  
Lewisburg, West Virginia

FANS—Any questions about the tournament,  
contact co-chairpersons:

John Burdette: JohnBMiami@aol.com or  
Milton Bowles: GVDBL@aol.com



For more information, go to website:  
<http://www.geocities.com/wvdba/>



VS



**West Virginia University Mountaineer  
and**

**Oklahoma Sooners**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2008  
at 7:30 p.m. on FOX Channel**

# Go go go WV!!

## West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

will have their regular board meeting on  
Thursday, March 27, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.  
John XXIII Pastoral Center, Charleston

For more info., contact secretary Kari Preslar at  
1-866-461-3578 or [karipreslar@wvdhhr.org](mailto:karipreslar@wvdhhr.org)

## COMING SOON

(in the next WVAD Newsletter in March 2008)  
All Standing Committees Chairpersons will  
write their brief goals to explain on how  
their committee helps the WVAD and our  
future to serve the West Virginia Deaf  
Citizens.



## WVRID ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The West Virginia Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf held its first annual Professional Development conference "It's our Year!" at the Holiday Inn in Fairmont, West Virginia on December 7-8, 2007. There were approximately 30 including board members attended the conference. Friday night events included sit down dinner sponsored by the West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, the Interpreter Fashion Show, and Interpreter Bloopers. The Keynote Speaker was Jeremy Brunson, National Registry Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) Region I Representative. Ruby Losh also presented on behalf of Pierpont Community and Technical College's Interpreter Training Program (ITP) ASL Communication Program. Entertainment includes two of Pierpont's ASL Communication Students performing ABC stories and an educational component of Regional signs including our very own President. Saturday began with WVRID's business meeting and then was followed by a variety of eight workshops. At the close of the day, prizes were awarded and words of wisdom given. President Brown and all the Board Members did an amazing job in accomplishing their 1st conference.

**CONGRATULATION WVRID!!!!**

### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

**Eileen Brown**—President

**April Starks**—1st Vice President in Charge of  
Membership

**Shiloh Thompson**—2nd Vice President in Charge  
of Professional Development

**SanDee Kiger**—Secretary

**Trudy Ford**—Treasurer

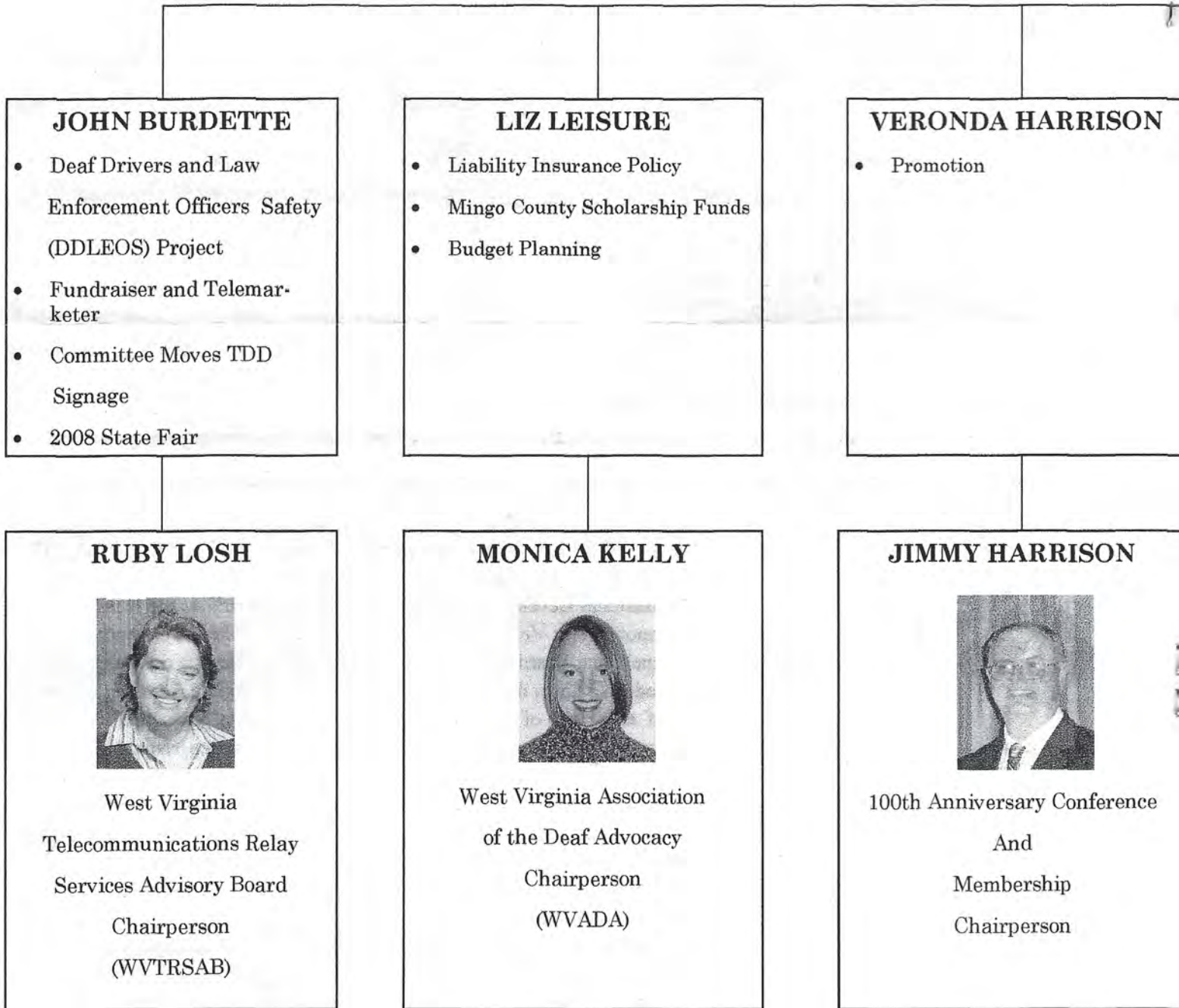
**Douglas A. Evans**—Deaf Member-at-Large



# 2007 — 2009 COORDINATORS & STANDING COMMITTEES

On October 7, 2007, during the WVAD regular board meeting, President Evans announced his appointing the Project Coordinators and the Standing Committees Chairpersons for the 2007-2009 term. All board members will be named as a project coordinators while the standing committees chairpersons choose outside of the board members.

DOUGLAS  
 • WVAD Newsletter  
 • Fundraiser



# TEES CHAIRPERSONS APPOINTED ANNOUNCEMENT

**S EVANS**  
r Editor (Temporary)  
nd Telemarketer

**JOSIAH KELLY**  
Parliamentarian



## WORTHY DEVERICKS

- To Be Determined

## ROBYN EVANS

- Workshops
- West Virginia Video Relay Services (WVAVRS)
- 2008 Summer Picnic

## LINDA PHILLIPS

- 2009 Biennial Conference
- Website Master
- By-Laws

## TO BE DETERMINED

NO  
PHOTO  
AVAILABLE

Awards  
Chairperson

## MARY KESLER



American Sign Language  
Task Force Chairperson  
(ASLTA)

## CARYN KELLER

NO  
PHOTO  
AVAILABLE

Youth Program  
Chairperson

# OBITUARIES

## HERROLD

Mary Dallas Herrold passed away in peace at home at the age of 81 on September 22, 2007. Survived by her sister-in-law, Dorothy Herrold, of Ohio, and her great nephew, Kyle Herrold, of Maryland and thousands of beloved friends all over the USA. She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Catherine Herrold, brother Bill Herrold, and her nephew, Billy Herrold.

Born in Wheeling, WVA, she attended the West Virginia School for the Deaf in Romney. She earned her bachelor's degree from Gallaudet University, the only liberal arts university for the deaf in the world. She received a Master Degree from California State University in Northridge. She taught at the West Virginia School for the Deaf for 24 years and ended her career after teaching 16 years at the California School for the Deaf Berkeley and Fremont.

She was an active community member. She was a member of Phi Kappa Zeta Sorority and remained active in the Omega Chapter in the Bay Area. She was actively involved in the Gallaudet University Alumni Association, the San Francisco Club for the Deaf, the National Association of the Deaf, the California Association of the Deaf, and she was instrumental in establishing the Fremont Oak Gardens, Senior Housing for the Deaf, by serving as the treasurer of the Deaf Senior Housing Project.

A creative person and a lover of computers, she was called upon by many people to assist them in computer projects such as making flyers for events and to help them with digital photography. She enjoyed creative arts and made and gave hundreds of arts and crafts. In spite of having to live with oxygen for nearly 10 years, she cheerfully helped others with many projects and tutoring them in math.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the California School for the Deaf, Little Theater on Sunday, October 7, 2007 at noon. In lieu of flowers, it is requested

that donations be made to the Parodi Charitable Trust to establish the Mary Dallas Herrold Memorial Scholarship in Math to go to the top math student graduating annually from the California School for the Deaf in Fremont. Donations can be sent to the Superintendent's Office at the California School for the Deaf, 39350 Gallaudet Drive, Fremont, CA 94538,



## EDMOND

William K. Edmond passed away on April 19, 2007 at Columbus Colony in Columbus, Ohio at the age of 72. Mr. Edmond was preceded in death by his wife, Lucillie T. Edmond and parents, Odbert and Marie Edmond. He is survived by his step-daughter, Donita Sather; 2 grandsons, Destin and Peter Sather; 4 sisters, Sharon A. Edmond, Joy Poling and her husband Bob, Jean Moreland and her husband Kermit, Kay May and her husband Murray; 3 brothers, Richard Edmond and his wife Nora, Bob Edmond and his wife Mary and Jim Edmond and his wife Joanne.

The family of Mr. Edmond would like to extend a special thank you to the staff of Columbus Colony for their dedication and care shown to all of the deaf and blind residents. Although he could not see or hear, your care was felt and appreciated. Mr. Edmond was a native of Phillipi, West Virginia and a resident of Metairie, Louisiana for the past 35 years.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Graveside Service on Tuesday, April 24, 2007 at 12:00 noon at Garden of Memories Cemetery.

Notice: Mr. Edmond attended and graduated from the West Virginia School for the Deaf in Romney, W.V. in 1955.

## JUDY

Donald Richard Judy, 72, of Petersburg, W. Va., died Sunday, October 21, 2007, at Hampshire Memorial Hospital in Romney, W. Va.

Mr. Judy was born September 10, 1935, in Little Orleans, Maryland, and was the son of the late Harry Eston Judy and Delphia Keaner Judy.

He graduated from the Romney Deaf and Blind School in 1955. He retired from Wal-Mart in Moorefield, W.Va., and was a member of Bethel Church of the Brethren.

Survivors include his wife, Hazel Lorene Peters Judy; three sisters, Arvella Sites, Lovetta Alt and Betty Greenwalt, all of Petersburg, W. Va. and several nieces and nephews.

The Rev. Gregory A. Rotruck will conduct the funeral 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Schaeffer Funeral Home in Petersburg, W.Va. Burial will be at Lahmansville Cemetery, Lehmansville, W. Va.

Visitation will be from 2 — 4 p.m. and 7 — 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Judy Family, c/o Hazel Judy, P.O. Box 1106, Petersburg, W.Va. 26847

## INFORMATION REQUEST

The WVAD Newsletter Editor would like to ask you for your help if you know any West Virginia School for the Deaf friends and faculty / staff who passed away, please e-mail the hard copy obituary from newspapers or online to the editor@wvad.org or mail to the following address:

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West Virginia Association of the Deaf  
August 2, 2007

Conference Room 224

At the Embassy Suites

Charleston, WV

Present: Douglas Evans, John Burdette, Jimmy Harrison, Liz Leisure, David Weldrick, Worthy Devericks, and Robyn Evans

Committee Members: Caryn Keller and Linda Phillips

Visitors: Regina Jenkins, Bill Keller, Erin Fulton, Lois Devericks, Ed and Flo Johnson, Pierre Sevigny.

The regular meeting of WVAD was held in the conference room 224 of the Embassy Suites in Charleston, West Virginia, on August 2, 2007 at 1:47 p.m. President Douglas Evans presided with Secretary Liz Leisure present.

The minutes of the previous meeting, May 18, 2007 were corrected and approved as read.

The treasurer (Jimmy Harrison) gave the financial reports. There were no questions about the Treasurer's reports so they will be filed.

President Douglas Evans reported that he attended the West Virginia School for the Deaf (WVSD) Class of 2007 Graduation and presented awards to three seniors on June 8, 2007.

He had a meeting with the Charleston Association of the Deaf Conference Committee at Embassy Suites to demonstrate the WVAD Feud Game on July 15, 2007.

On July 16, 2007, he met with Heather Oglesby, Catering Manager, at the Embassy Suites to finalize the conference planning.

On July 23, 2007, he received a letter from Governor Manchin stating that he could not come to the conference this year due to other commitment.

He received e-mail from Yerker and Julie Anderson, NAD Region 1 representatives, wishing him the best of luck with the conference. They would like to be informed of the elections outcome

and how the conference went.

On July 2, 2007, he received a thank-you letter from J.D. Corbin, principal at WVSD, for participating in their graduation ceremonies and for representing WVAD in honoring their Seniors who were Lucas Turner as Salutatorian, Justin Rhodes as Valedictorian and Terry Withrow as Outstanding Senior.

Vice President John Burdette has no report to give at this time.

Secretary Liz Leisure gave a report about an email that she recently received from a lady that has problems in getting mental health services in West Virginia with a qualified interpreter for her deaf brother. She gave the lady four suggestions that she can choose in getting some help for her brother. Those suggestions were: Contact the West Virginia Advocates, contact the Mental Health Center at Gallaudet University, contact the National Association of the Deaf, and the Alternative Solutions Center in Fredrick, Maryland.

She gave an update on the liability insurance situation. She received two different quotes. One was from Nisha May with Jim Lively Insurance of South Charleston, West Virginia and the other was from Gary Meyer, DHH Insurance Agency of Rochester, New York. Ms. May stated that their cost would be \$904.00 a year while Mr. Meyer said their cost would go for \$800 to \$1200 a year for General Liability/Volunteer Dishonestly and \$800 to \$1000 a year for Director and Officer Liability. Mr. Meyer faxed the PowerPoint presentation to provide information for us board members. Ms. May sent me a little packet that goes over coverage that are included/excluded on the policy.

Trustees Worthy Devericks, Robyn Evans, and David Weldrick have no report to give at this time.

#### **Standing Committee Reports:**

Miss Deaf West Virginia Co-Pageant Director Caryn Keller reported that she has been reading all the pageant forms, reports, and rules to decide on what

changes need to be made. She plans to make some revisions on the forms in the near future.

John Burdette, Chairperson of Deaf Drivers and Law Enforcement Officers Safety (DDLEOS), reported that he has been working with Caryn Keller on designing the placard and contacting other board members for their input on PowerPoint in preparing for the workshop which will be held Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m. He invited Jeremy Taylor, a deaf race driver, to come to the workshop; Judy Cooper from the WV Secretary of State office who will represent Betty Ireland; deaf man who was pulled over for traffic stop and his parents. Caryn Keller worked on the official DDLEOS press release and sent it out to the media. She contacted and invited TV and newspaper media to the conference.

#### **Conference Report:**

Jimmy Harrison, CAD Chairperson, stated that 14 Committee Members will be wearing red shirts so that they will be easily identified by conference attendees and other individuals. Robyn Evans, Jeffery Simmons, and Larry Hubbard (part-time) have volunteered to help the Committee with the registration and other duties, as needed.

John Burdette, Workshop Chairperson, reported that the first workshop will be held on Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. about Emergency Preparedness. The presenter is Lise Hamlin who will cover the 911 and emergency issues; at 10:30 a.m. the workshop on UbiDuo will be given by Sandie Kelly. On Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m., Mitchell Levy will give a workshop on WV Relay/Hamilton Relay, Inc. then at 10:30 a.m. the Deaf Drivers and Law Enforcement Officers Safety workshops will follow. Jenny Gember will be our keynote speaker after our banquet on Saturday evening.

Robyn Evans, Chairpersons for Exhibition and Registration, reported that we have 147 Registrants and 12 Exhibitors.

Minutes continued on next page

Liz Leisure, Chairperson for Interpreters and Sponsors, reported that three ladies accepted our offer to interpret the conference this year. They are: April Starks, Kara Russell, and Julie Barie. On February 19, 2007, and again on June 13, 2007, we sent out several letters to sponsors. To date, we received two denial letters from sponsors, Dupont and IBM. We have not received any responses from the other sponsors.

Linda Phillips, Performance/Show Chairperson, reported that the Rathskellers contacted her three weeks prior to the conference stating that they were not able to perform for us and they suggested that we contacted two other entertainers. Sammy Ruiz, Jr., deaf magician of California, was hired to be our Saturday night performer.

Caryn Keller, Press Release/DJ Chairperson, reported that last Monday, she sent letters to 35 different newspapers offices, invited 14 different TV stations to the conference, sent 40 faxes to different newspapers offices and TV stations. John Burdette sent a press release to the USA—L Deaf Times.

There were a 15 minutes recess started at 4:20 p.m.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

Robin Evans wanted to wait until the next board meeting to discuss freebies (souvenirs) for future WVAD booths/exhibits.

Jimmy Harrison ordered and brought six shirts to display at the exhibit hall during the conference to take orders instead of buying and selling 100 variety of shirts as proposed at the last board meeting.

#### **New Business:**

Robyn Evans moved that children under age 12 be allowed to attend the banquet and the magician show. The motion was passed.

Robyn Evans moved to purchase two stuffed bears from the Build-A-Bear to give out at the DDLEOS workshop as gifts. The motion was passed.

Robyn Evans moved that WVAD donate \$250.00 to \$500.00 dollars to the Dixie Bowling Tournament. The motion was tabled for the General Assembly.

John Burdette moved that WVAD give away \$500.00 (\$100.00 each letter) for prizes at the Dingo game on Friday. The motion was passed.

Jimmy Harrison moved WVAD give away \$1,500.00 for door prizes at the conference on Saturday night. The motion was passed.

Jimmy Harrison moved WVAD sell the following shirts at stated prices:

- Blue Long Sleeve T-Shirt with WVAD Logo (yellow) with "WVAD" printed on the left arm — \$25.00
- Yellow Long Sleeve T-Shirt with WVAD Logo (blue) and "WVAD" printed on the left arm — \$25.00
- Blue Short Sleeve T-shirt with WVAD logo (Yellow) — \$15.00
- Yellow Short Sleeve T-shirt with WVAD logo (blue) — \$15.00
- Blue Polo Short Sleeve with WVAD logo (White) — \$20.00
- Blue Denim Long Sleeve Shirt with WVAD logo (Yellow) — \$30.00.

The motion was passed.

#### **Announcement:**

The WVAD General Session I will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, August 3, 2007.

There being no further business, by general consent, the President adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

#### **DID YOU KNOW THAT?**

*West Virginia*

Nicknamed "The Mountain State," West Virginia became the 35th State on June 20th, 1863. It is ranked 41st in size at 24, 231 square miles.

## **WEST VIRGINIA DEAF CLUBS**

For those deaf friends who have no access to personal computer or internet service. We have WV deaf clubs information for you.

<http://www.wvad.org/778.html>

**Beckley Assoc. of the Deaf**  
usually meets the 1st Saturday  
of the month

Contact: Nancy Nichols  
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**Charleston Assoc. of the Deaf**

Contact: Jimmy Harrison  
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**Fairmont Assoc. of the Deaf**

usually meets 2nd Saturday  
of the month

Contact: Michael Losh  
fmtdeaf@yahoo.com  
[www.geocities.com/fmtdeaf](http://www.geocities.com/fmtdeaf)

**Greenbrier Valley  
Assoc. of the Deaf**

usually meets 2nd Saturday  
of the month

Contact: John Burdette  
JohnBMiami@aol.com

**Huntington Assoc. of the Deaf**

usually meets 1st Saturday  
of the month

Contact: Sej-Christina Bentley

**Parkersburg Assoc. of the Deaf**

meets three times a year  
Contact: Liz Leisure  
lizleisure@verizon.net

**Romney Assoc. of the Deaf**

usually meets 1st Saturday  
of the month

E-mail:  
RAD\_CLUB\_26757@yahoo.com  
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**Wheeling Assoc. of the Deaf**

usually meets 1st Saturday  
of the month

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Find out who is on the WVAD Staff & Standing Committees, go to:  
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If you are either interested or thinking about being on WVAD team, please call President Doug on VP or email to president@wvad.org.

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