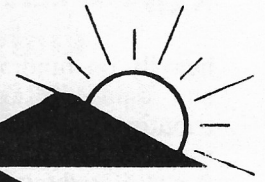


# WVAD Newsletter



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## Miss Deaf West Virginia 2003-2005 Linda Phillips

## NAD Membership Dues Increase



Greetings from Washington, DC, where I'm currently at Gallaudet University completing my senior year. I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself to those who don't know me. My name is Linda Phillips and I'm from Parkersburg, WV. I'm majoring in Psychology and eventually want to get my masters in Mental Health Counseling to work with deaf children and adolescents. I enjoy reading, teaching sign language, working with children, doing volunteer work, and spending time outdoors biking or rollerblading.

We just had our 34th biennial conference in Bluefield, WV which was a successful and enjoyable conference for those who attended. There at the conference, I had the honor of accepting the Miss Deaf West Virginia crown. I am proud to be able to represent our wonderful state of West Virginia and look forward to going to many events throughout my

reign. At this time I would like to say that I am in one of my busiest years in college. It may be difficult for me to be at every event, but I will do my best to attend what events I can.

I have some goals that I would like to see accomplished. One is to see the pageant grow. I would love to see more girls participate and gain the rich experience from being Miss Deaf West Virginia. I would also like to improve knowledge of deaf rights throughout the state - both to deaf and hard of hearing as well to hearing people. In order to do this, it will require contacting people throughout the state and making presentations on the needs and rights of deaf and hard of hearing people.

As I continue my reign I will develop more goals and keep all of you updated. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at [liphillips@charter.net](mailto:liphillips@charter.net) or if you would like for me to speak at any event please contact my director Molly Stedman at [stedman@marshall.edu](mailto:stedman@marshall.edu).

Thank you for all of your support and I look forward to meeting many new people and seeing old friends. God Bless!



The Board of Directors of the National Association of the Deaf (NAD) voted at its May 2003 meeting, to increase the National membership dues effective October 1, 2003. This is the first dues increase in ten years. Facing a severe financial crisis while simultaneously defending deaf and hard of hearing rights that have come under vigorous attack, the NAD Board felt it had no other option than to increase individual membership dues to \$40 (\$25 for Seniors and Students).

NAD President Andy Lange said, "The NAD cannot continue to support itself with the current membership fees. Rather than reduce NAD efforts at a time when our rights are more threatened than ever, the NAD Board of Directors agreed that an increase in membership dues is necessary so deaf and hard of hearing Americans can achieve equal access and civil rights."

With our country in a difficult economic condition, charitable donation to the NAD have dropped 50% from the previous year and membership dues have remained unchanged for over a decade. Without a strong financial base, the NAD cannot advocate on behalf of 28 million deaf and hard of hearing people. The NAD Board considered many alternatives, but found that the increase was the best option to help resolve the financial crisis and continue to do the ever-important work of the NAD.

"Until the NAD returns to financial stability, we must focus  
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heavily on fundraising. Members and supporters can help by contributing to the efforts of the NAD to promote, protect, and preserve the civil rights and quality of life of all deaf and hard of hearing people," says NAD Executive Director Nancy Bloch.

National NAD membership supports representation on Capitol Hill; defend deaf and hard of hearing clients in discrimination cases; and helps the NAD participate in coalitions for a more powerful impact on legislation and rulemaking. Membership also supports the development of tomorrow's leaders, those who will continue the fight for deaf and hard of hearing civil rights.

NAD members receive the glossy, full-color NADmag six times a year. The NADmag focuses on important topics in each issue such as education, captioning, employment, assistive technologies, and civil/legal rights. NAD members received a new membership benefit this year - access to the NAD Members Only Area (MOA) on the NAD website. In the MOA, NAD members can read entertaining stories from regular and guest NAD columnists, past NAD presidents, and archived magazines published by the NAD.

To join the NAD, visit <http://www.nad.org/join.html>. To donate to the NAD, visit <http://www.nad.org/donate.html>. If you would like to receive a membership form or donation form, contact Ron Nomeland, NAD Membership Coordinator, at [nadmember@nad.org](mailto:nadmember@nad.org) or send mail to 814 Thayer Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

*We know nothing of tomorrow; our business is to be good and happy today.*  
-- Sydney Smith

## State's deaf association hosts meeting in Bluefield



### At the conference...

John Burdette looks on as Liz Leisure of the West Virginia Association of the Deaf (WVAD) conducts the general meeting during the biennial conference of the WVAD.

Walking into meeting room A at the Holiday Inn in Bluefield, little could be heard; yet so much was being said. The West Virginia Association of the Deaf (WVAD) conducted their biennial meeting all day Saturday and covered many issues, President John W. Burdette said.

"Our goals were to encourage deaf and hard of hearing to be involved with our association and to protect our rights and advocate our needs for a better quality of life," Burdette said.

Burdette, 31, is entering his fourth year as president, and has already been elected to a third two-year term. The Ronceverte resident lost his hearing before the age of 1, when a middle ear infection damaged a tube within his ear.

Burdette is one of seven board members who meet four times each year at the WVAD board meetings. The group works to preserve and expand deaf awareness through providing workshops

and information to the public. Saturday's meeting discussed other ways the awareness could be spread

Also at the biennial event, which will be held in Clarksburg in 2005, workshops were offered for the 50-plus WVAD members that attended. One workshop hosted by AT&T, who cosponsored the event along with the WV Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and other sponsors, explained to WVAD members the different types of relay services that enable them to communicate over long distances. The relay services included TTY, a phone device that allows the deaf to communicate with those who can and can not hear, as well as Internet and video relay.

A workshop that followed discussed will writing and estate planning.

"It educated them more on how to write their wills because a lot did not know how to do this, and  
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**Deaf Association**

it would teach them before they get too old," Burdette said.

An awards banquet was held later in the evening. Two of the major awards were presented to Pierre Sevigny and Kara Russell. Sevigny received the President's Award, which honors a quality supporter of the organization, while Russell received the NAD Golden Hand Award, honoring one who has done a lot of work for the organization.

Linda Phillips was also recognized as Miss Deaf West Virginia.

"Everyone has enjoyed today, it's been wonderful," Burdette said. "It has been very professional, very productive. Everything went smoothly."

*-From Bluefield Daily Telegraph*

## Deaf wrestler, his brother heading off to Turkey

Fairmont native Ryan Cortney is headed to the Junior World Wrestling Championship in Istanbul, Turkey, but won't ever have an opponent in a hold.

Even so, his presence at the event is just as crucial as any team member's.

He's headed to Turkey on Sunday to serve as the sign language interpreter for his deaf younger brother, Jeffrey - an Olympic hopeful and one of America's top wrestlers.

Jeffrey Cortney, a former state high school champion now on West Virginia University's wrestling squad, won a berth at the prestigious international competition several months ago with a strong showing at a national qualifier in Tennessee.

As glad as he was to have won the chance to challenge the best of the world, the 19-year-old couldn't make the trip alone.

His father, Donald Cortney, said that to succeed on the mat and navigate a country half a world

away, his deaf son needs his older brother's help.

"We couldn't even imagine him being in a strange place without someone there to communicate for him," Donald Cortney said. "If something should happen, he needs Ryan there."

Jeffrey Cortney has been deaf since birth, and has made his way through school and up the ranks of national wrestlers with determination that his father said has never wavered.

"He'd have a hard time understanding what his coaches wanted at first and they had to adjust to him," Donald Cortney said. "But he always finds a way."

His brother Ryan, working on a masters degree in administration at WVU, has been a big help. He serves as a graduate assistant to the wrestling team, and helps bridge the communication gap.

Not wanting to have Jeffrey miss the chance to test his international mettle the Cortney family decided to dig deep and pay more than \$3,000 for Ryan to go with the team.

Donald Cortney, a coal miner, said the cost is beyond what the family can really afford but they couldn't let the opportunity pass by.

Anyone who would like to help the family cover the cost can contact Donald Cortney at (304) 367-0842.

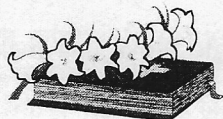
*-From the Charleston Daily News*

## Death

Geneva H. Vakaro, 81, of Akron, Ohio, formerly of Charleston, died July 10, 2003, after a long illness.

She was a graduate of West Virginia School for the Deaf in 1940 and Gallaudet University in Washington, DC.

She was survived by daughters Vicki and Brenda of Akron, Ohio.



## Former Miss Deaf West Virginia Monica Spangler

Hello Everyone!

It has been two years since I became Miss Deaf West Virginia. I traveled to many places in West Virginia. I went to Romney in 2001 for the WVSD Homecoming; many deaf clubs; many picnics, to Parkersburg for the play "Children of a Lessor God;" to Summersville to speak at two schools; to Beckley for the Deaf Awareness Day there; to the West Virginia Wireless Open House celebration; and to several Lions Clubs and Rotary Clubs to speak about deafness. While in Romney, I spoke to the high school students, had lunch with the elementary students, spoke at the Hall of Fame and went to the Alumni Social.

In July 2002, I went to the National Association of the Deaf (NAD) Conference in Washington, DC to compete in the Miss Deaf America (MDA) pageant. Veronda Harrison was my chaperone. We had a wonderful time.

I thank WVAD for sending Veronda and me to NAD and MDA. It was the first time since 1986 that WV participated in MDA and I felt honored to be the first in many years. It was a wonderful experience and I learned so much.

I enjoyed being Miss Deaf WV and learned so much during the two years. I had many good experiences I will never forget these two years.

I want to thank everyone who donated money to the Pageant Fund. Without your support, I would not have been able to go to NAD.

I also thank Veronda Harrison for being my chaperone and Donna M. Williams for being the director. They both worked very hard to help me and support me.

I hope to see the Miss Deaf West Virginia Pageant program continue.

Many thanks again for everything! Gold bless you all!

*-Monica Spangler*

# Inventor's glove translates sign language into speech



An electronic glove that can turn American Sign Language gestures into spoken words or text, designed to help the deaf communicate more easily with the hearing world, is under development.

Researcher Jose Hernandez-Robollar of George Washington University has demonstrated that his "AcceleGlove" can translate the rapid hand movements used to make the alphabet and some of the words and phrases of sign language.

His is not the only such experimental device; the military is exploring similar technology to silently help soldiers in combat. But Hernandez-Robollar says his invention goes further than others because it also can translate into spoken words and simple sentences some of the more complex arm and body motions of ASL.

The 34-year-old native of Mexico came to Washington through the Fulbright Program, which makes grants for graduate students, teachers and others to study abroad. His field is electrical engineering, and the sensor-studded glove was his doctoral engineering project.

Not deaf himself, Hernandez-Robollar said his invention was driven by a desire to help others live fuller lives.

"I want to produce something that deaf people can use in everyday life," he said.

According to the National Campaign for Hearing Health, which promotes research and education about hearing loss, 28 million people in the United States have hearing trouble.

The AcceleGlove is a wearable computer with super-small electronic circuitry. Sensors in the glove work with a micro-controller attached to the wearer's arm, mapping the placement and movement of the arm and fingers. That information is turned into data a computer can read and convert to words heard from a loudspeaker or read on a computer screen.

Hernandez-Robollar demonstrated his invention during a recent interview. He wore a right-hand glove and two small armbands, one near his wrist and the other on his upper arm.

His software converted the signs he made with his hand into sound from a small loudspeaker - all in milliseconds. After a few taps on a laptop keyboard, he made standard American Sign Language gestures and the loudspeaker came out with single words - "food," "drink," restaurant "father." The words can also appear typed on a screen.

The single glove can make the signs that correspond to all 26 letters of the alphabet, so any word can be spelled out. But this is a slow process.

American Sign Language also includes hundreds of gestures that express single words and simple sentences but most require two hands. So far the single glove can produce fewer than 200 words that can be signed with the one hand, and a few expressions such as "What's the matter?" and "I'll help you."

Some further testing is needed, Hernandez-Robollar said. He believes the right hand glove could be manufactured and on the market next year, while a two-handed version with much greater possibilities could be ready in 2005.

## Cabell County Public Library

Cabell County Public Library recently acquired a new Ultratec TDD machine in the reference department with its own telephone number (304) 528-5694. Staff members are learning to assist deaf patrons with this technology and are willing to answer "ready reference" questions by TDD. Ready reference questions are those that require brief answers, rather than lengthy, in-depth responses. The following questions are examples: Where can I write to my senators and representatives? Who was the leader in Iraq before Saddam Hussein? How much did the cost of living increase last year? The reference department looks forward to using this new communication device and will assist TDD users as quickly and efficiently as possible. The Library Reference desk is staffed during regular library hours which are Monday through Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Sunday, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

We appreciate your assistance in helping publicize this service. If you have any questions please let us know.

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## With a little help from friends, deaf driver realizes his dream



When he muscled his 2,300 pound rocket around the oval track, Jeremy Taylor doesn't listen to the crowd or even to the rear of his 700-horsepower engine.

He can't.

But being born deaf isn't stopping the Clay County native as he pursues his lifelong desire to become a champion dirt track race car driver.

"I like the speed," Taylor said Thursday through an interpreter. "I like the feeling of going around the curves."

Taylor, 23, realized his dream August 1 with a spot in the semilate model division at the Beckley Speedway. Greatly renovated by its new owner, Powerball jackpot winner Jack Whittaker, the three eighth mile track draws more than 6,000 fans each Friday night for its six classes of races.

Taylor, who finished ninth out of 17 cars in his class, almost didn't get his shot at Beckley. It wasn't because of his hearing.

Taylor spends his days delivering mail at the state Capitol in Charleston for Gov. Bob Wise's office. As with most of his dirt track peers, he cannot afford to hire a racing team.

But Taylor has made some friends at the Statehouse, including Eric Denmark, the geologist-turned-racer who is executive director of the West Virginia

Motorsports Council.

"You can't spend 10 minutes in the Capitol and not meet Jeremy," Denmark said.

The two regularly talk racing through e-mail and notes. Taylor told Denmark recently of his lack of a crew.

"They're not going to make pit stops or change the tires or refuel," Denmark said of a dirt track crew. "But when you get to the track, there are a lot of things that have to be done."

Denmark shot out an e-mail to his racing contacts, and soon found a half-dozen or so willing to help.

Taylor will find more than a crew when he arrives at the track. A South Charleston company, Dynamic Graphics, is providing "Jeremy Taylor Racing" T-shirts for the crew courtesy of the council. A receptionist for Wise, Lisa Aomoroso, will serve as his interpreter.

"I have until tomorrow night to learn the signs for some of these racing terms," she joked.

Denmark said Larry Moore, a three-time world champion and Hall of Fame dirt track racer, will soon be visiting Taylor for a mentoring session.

Taylor said he has loved to watch auto races for as long as he can remember. He began racing in 2001, and drives a car with a steel

block engine and frame built by Rocket Chassis of Shinnston.

Taylor can't listen to the engine, but he can feel it vibrate the chassis. Deaf to all but very loud sounds, he does hear cars as they pass.

"I don't think it makes it hard to race, but I don't know any other way," he said.

His first race, in Elkins, ended when his car lost oil pressure. But he has plugged along, and has since finished races in the top five.

"I think I've really improved a lot," he said. "My skills are becoming much better."

*-From Register-Herald Sports*

### Do Not Pass Notes While in the Air

Because airline personnel are security minded they have asked for a military escort for one airplane when flight attendants spotted a couple of passengers passing notes. It was described as a "suspicious activity" even though the note-passing passengers were part of a touring theatrical troupe and wanted to discuss changes to their upcoming performances!

Deaf people tend to pass notes to communicate with hearing people. Just be careful about it if you are passing notes while in flight!

*-From Deafdigest*

# West Virginia Association of the Deaf 34th Biennial Conference

The first General Assembly was called to order at 2:04 pm Friday, August 8, 2003 with 26 members in attendance.

The minutes from the last general assembly meeting in the program book were approved as read and corrected.

## President's Report:

1. Thanks to our conference sponsors AT&T and WVCDHH. We see National Association of the Deaf (NAD) and some other states have sponsors. I wanted to try something new. This is a good start to have 2 the first year. Hope 2005 will be better and have more sponsors.

2. WV Wirless contacted us to be a beneficiary. They had two open houses and invited us. Had two TV celebrities there and WVAD sold their pictures. We earned \$2,276.46. They donated two wonderful banners. They are working on having a discount for deaf users of pagers. Hope to continue working with them. Gave Jimmy and me a pager to test and provide feedback. Their goal is to include all WV and want to help deaf by making cell phones and pagers accessible to the deaf.

3. I was also very involved with the Postsecondary Education Constortium (PEC). This included various organizations within the state. We discussed the weaknesses and strengths. Some of the weaknesses included lack of sufficient funds for personnel, programs, etc.; lack of support from the college administration on providing qualified interpreters; some instructors are not willing to work with Deaf people and interpreters; personnel does not have the ability to retain/recruit qualified staff; lack of dedicated note takers; services and programs are not tailored to serve Deaf-Blind population; parents lack knowledge and skills to advocate for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children; lack of amplified phones; and outdated education materials for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children. Some of the strengths included the

availability of 711 Relay Services; WVAD is active and more interested/involved; West Virginia School for the Deaf participates in tech prep-post secondary initiatives and is developing distance learning access center; WV Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WVCDHH) is serving increased number of customers; technology is improving (www, etc.); ASL is now recognized as Foreign language in schools and colleges; Marshall University now has a Deaf Education Graduate Program; Fairmont State College now has an interpreting program, and the Division of Rehabilitation Services Counselors become involved in transition plans when students are 14 years of age. Hope to continue this program. Hope to make the weak areas more strong. Donna M. Williams was also involved.

4. I was involved with another agency WV Cultural Arts. Want to know how to make theatres, etc. more accessible. Don't see a lot of need. Did inform them about interpreters.

5. October 24-26, 2003, WVAD will host the NAD Regional 1 Conference. We will discuss many issues that we need to bring up at the NAD in 2004. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

6. A woman, Flora Gervas, in Mingo County died and left some money to WVAD in her will. Veronda Harrison, Donna M. Williams, Liz Leisure and I went to court in Mingo County. However, this money is limited to be used in Mingo County only. We need to discuss how to use this money and where to put it.

## Vice President's Report:

1. Membership is decreasing. We now have 160 members - 49 regular members, 7 new members, 3 hearing members, 3 interpreters, and 100 senior citizens.

2. Two years ago we had almost 300 members. Noticed that only one couple/spouses is paying and not both. Need to come up with ways to increase membership.

3. Regarding Deaf Clubs being affiliates...Liz Leisure explained that each deaf club can become affiliated with WVAD; however, cannot use WVAD's tax identification number. They must have their own tax identification number. This might be the reason some deaf clubs do not want to be affiliated with WVAD. WVAD needs to come up with another idea to replace sharing the tax identification number. Can still have other benefits - such as link on WVAD web page, free ad in WVAD newsletter four times a year, etc.

4. WVAD officers worked hard to prepare for this conference, but we need to get other people involved in various committees to help. Jimmy also brought up idea about WVAD sharing 50 percent of profit with the host deaf club.

5. The deaf youth camp was closed this year due to financial problems. Maybe WVAD could work with them to get the camp back up. We really need to get more young people involved.

6. WVAD has many expenses - newsletters, gas mileage to board meetings, pageant, gifts to high school and college graduates, printing, postage, etc. We discussed sending newsletter via e-mail to save postage and paper, but, need to find out how to make the newsletter for members only by a password. We could check with other states.

## Secretary's Report:

In the past two years I have maintained contact with all the deaf clubs to create a "WV calender" and sharing all the events with everyone and making sure these events are listed on the WVAD website. Also, I am maintaining the list of officers and contacting people for each deaf club. Also, sent nine letters to various pager companies and only one responded. I was going to do the same thing for open captioning in the movie theatres, but ran out of time. I was also involved with working with sending letters for John, maintaining contact with Kim Bowman at Holiday Inn on the Hill to plan the conference.

I was also very involved with fund raising project - contacting companies, getting information and ideas, prices, and placing the orders, picking up, etc.

#### **Pageant Report:**

As director of the Miss Deaf WV pageant, I am working on getting more people on the committees to help. I have been the only person working on the pageant. Monica has done a great job earning about \$800 by going to different clubs, such as Lions Club, Rotary Club, etc. explaining her role as Miss Deaf WV and about her deafness. I would like to see WVAD provide a scholarship for the winner and first runner up and help the winner with expenses especially to NAD. Monica has volunteered her services free of charge. Having a pageant cost money and as people can notice we are selling things to support the pageant. I sent letters to each board of education, each RESA, some Vocational Rehabilitation offices, went to WVSD to try to find contestants. No one applied. So, I discussed this with Jennifer Yost at Miss Deaf America about asking first runner up, Linda Phillips, if she could be "promoted." Jennifer said yes. So, the board asked Linda and she accepted to be the next Miss Deaf WV. We are happy that the pageant program can continue for two more years. However, if you want the pageant to continue, we need more support - both on committees and money. It is your decision.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

The report will be given tomorrow. Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

The second general meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. on August 9, 2003 in Bluefield, WV with 27 people in attendance.

Liz Leisure gave the Treasurer's report. It was approved and accepted. Passed.

Veronda Harrison showed the necrology list and we had a short silent prayer.

Donna M. Williams provided the following resolutions:

Be it resolved: We thank Kim Bowman and the Holiday Inn on the Hill staff for their wonderful

hospitality.

Recognize Conference Chairman Charles Tuell, his committee and the board for working hard to prepare for the 2003 conference in Bluefield, WV.

Thank Norma Czernicki for being the awards chairperson.

Thank Ernest Hays for his wonderful and informative workshop on Estate Planning.

Thank Francie Anderson for her wonderful and informative workshop on Benefits, Planning, Assistance, and Outreach (BPAO).

Thank Elke Pieters and Sue Graham for their informative workshop on the AT&T Internet relay service.

Thank Deanna Stone, new executive director for WVCDHH, for her presentation.

Thank AT&T and WVCDHH for their sponsorship.

Thank the interpreters, Joe Balog and Debbie Meadows for their wonderful job interpreting for all the events.

Thank Thomas Lester for being the DJ at the dance.

Thank Doug Evans for being the Master of Ceremony for the Miss Deaf West Virginia Pageant.

Thank all the exhibitors for their exhibits.

Thank MCI for letting us borrow their LCD projector when the bulb in our projector burned out.

Thank Donna M. Williams and Veronda Harrison for their work preparing for the Miss Deaf West Virginia Pageant. And, Earl Hollinshead and Joey Major for preparing the stage for the awards program and the pageant.

Thank Veronda Harrison for the wonderful job on the program book and registration tags.

John introduced Doug Godfrey as the nominating chairperson.

Chairperson Godfrey called for nominations for the officers.

President: John Burdette

Vice-President: Doug Evans

Treasurer: Jimmy Harrison

Secretary: Liz Leisure

Head Trustee: Charles Tuell

4 years Trustee: Worthy Devericks

2 years Trustee: Robyn Guzzi

**Unfinished Business** - None

#### **New Business**

#1 Norma Czernicki (Delores Pyles) moved to contact the WVSD to see if there are any children from Mingo County that need anything. Passed.

#2 Donna M. Williams (Robyn Guzzi) moved to change the wording on the WVAD letterhead from "hearing impaired" to "deaf and hard of hearing." Passed.

#3 Pierre Sevigny (Larry Adkins) moved to set up WVAD newsletter in e-mail using name and log in identification. Passed.

#4 Doug Evans (Guzzi) moved to add Pageant Director to the WVAD Committee. Passed.

#5 Delores Pyles (Czernicki) moved that the Pageant Director be chosen by the WVAD committee. Passed.

#6 Delores Pyles (Czernicki) moved that WVAD officers should not be allowed to have more than one position. Passed.

#7 Delores Pyles (Czernicki) moved that the WVAD lanyard be kept for future conferences. Failed.

#8 Clyde Swartz (Charles Tuell) moved to change the WVAD trustees to board at large. Failed.

#9 Delores Pyles (Czernicki) moved to change Bylaws Article II, Section 1 to add "or out of state." Passed.

#10 Robyn Guzzi (Doug Evans) moved to charge registration fee for nonmember more than for members. Withdrawn.

#11 Roy Forman (Paula Forman) moved that any hearing person who can sign equal to an interpreter, who has lived in the state for one year and has been a WVAD member for one year should be allowed to enjoy all the privileges of participating in WVAD, including being an officer. Passed.

#12 Worthy Devericks (Jimmy Harrison) moved to decrease the membership dues from \$30 to \$25 for two years effective immediately. Passed.

Jerry Whitlock bid to have the 2007 conference in Charleston and hosted by the Charleston Association of the Deaf. Voted and passed.

Meeting was adjourned 5:05 p.m.



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