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### For Your Information:

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### From Editor:

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Start from right to left: Douglas A. Evans, President; John Burdette, Vice President; Elizabeth "Liz" Leisure, Secretary; Veronda Harrison, Treasurer, Worth Devericks, Senior Trustee; Linda Phillips, Trustee and Robyn Evans, Trustee. CONGRATULATIONS!!

## Deaf Drivers & Law Enforcement Officers Safety

President Douglas Evans shows off the new Driver is Deaf or Hard of Hearing placard along side Vice President and DDLEOS Coordinator John Burdette.

For further details about the DDLEOS project, go to pages 3 & 4.





Dear Members and Friends,

I would like to start by to thanking all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve you again for another term. I would also like to congratulate all newly elected and re-elected officers for the 2007-2009 term.

A special thanks to all who attended the WVAD 36<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference at Embassy Suites in Charleston, WV and for making the conference a success. According to Sara Slamick and Heather Oglesby; Catering Managers at the Embassy Suites, they and the entire staff enjoyed having us and were proud to serve us. They also found that we were very easy to work with. In fact, they want us to come back again in the future.

During the 2005-07 term, Linda Phillips was our WVAD Newsletter Editor and she did a wonderful job. Unfortunately, Linda has decided not to continue as Editor for next upcoming term. With the board members' approval, I will be doing the newsletters temporarily along with Robyn Evans serving as my assistant until we can find someone who is willing to take over the WVAD Newsletter for us. Duties of the Editor require knowledge and skill in developing the newsletter and work alongside WVAD Board of Directors. It also may be time-consuming. If you know anyone that might be interested, please email [editor@wvad.org](mailto:editor@wvad.org) with your name, email address, and VP number. I will be interviewing candidate(s) personally and than will make the announcement in an upcoming newsletter to whom the job has been given. It may be more than just one Editor, however, if two Editors are necessary, they must be willing to work together as a team. Over the past two years as president, I emphasized how we as the Board of Directors must work as a team; **"TEAMWORK"** is essential and is what makes us effective in accomplishing our goals.

As a President for this term, I plan for WVAD to work on expanding our work implementing two or three new and important programs / projects. I will disclose the names of the chairpersons / coordinators of the new programs / projects including assignments given to each Board Member during our first (2007-2009) regular WVAD Board meeting on Sunday, October 7 and also in December 2007 newsletter.

In closing, if you have any ideas or suggestions that you think WVAD ought to take on, please feel free in doing so by sending an email or calling any of the WVAD Board Member (on last page of this newsletter) of your preference.

I'll be looking forward to seeing most of you during the WVSD Homecoming. Thank you and I hope you all enjoy the upcoming fall season.

Douglas A. Evans, President

## DEAF DRIVERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS SAFETY (DDLEOS)

### WORKSHOP AT THE WVAD 36th BIENNIAL CONFERENCE SUCCESSFUL

The photo on the right from left to right: John Burdette, Vice President & DDLEOS Project Coordinator; Judy Cooper, Manager of Administrative Law in the Public Divisions Department; Sgt. Michael D. Lynch, Curriculum/Adjunct Coordinator at WV State Police Academy; Douglas Evans, President, and Terry Withrow, who was the first recipient of the placard because of his negative experience with law enforcement this placard was developed.



Photo to left, John Burdette was interviewed by Channel 13 (WOWK) News of Parkersburg, WV at the WVAD 36th Biennial Conference he talked about the Deaf Drivers and Law Enforcement Officers Safety project. State Police Trooper Sgt. Lynch was also interviewed before the DDLEOS workshop began. To read more on this story, go to TV News 13 on website, see page 4.

## WVAD FEUD GAME



The very first WVAD FEUD (similar to Family Feud) game was played with 16 teams (5 players on each team), each players one question given by the host. Everyone enjoyed it and had lots of fun. The WVAD FEUD game will be played again at the 37th Biennial Conference in August 2009.



The above photo: the champions of the 1st WVAD FEUD game. The 1st place (5) winners received \$70.00 each cash, while the second place winners won \$40.00 each cash and for the third places, they received \$25 Home Depot Gift Certificate. **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL PLAYERS.**

# TV Channel 13 WOWK from Parkersburg

## Law Enforcement Has A New Way To Identify Deaf Or Hard Of Hearing Drivers

Posted Saturday, August 4, 2007; 6:08 PM

Updated Saturday, August 4, 2007; 06:51 PM

**The goal of the Identifying placard is to bridge the communication gap.**

Story by Gil McClanahan

CHARLESTON — For many, sign language is their only form of communication. Recently, a 17-year-old deaf teenager tried to get paper and a pen out of his glove box to communicate with the officer who stopped him.

“The police pulled him out of the car, assumed he had a gun in there, lead a communication misunderstanding and frightening experience,” John Burdette, Vice-President of the West Virginia Association of the Deaf.

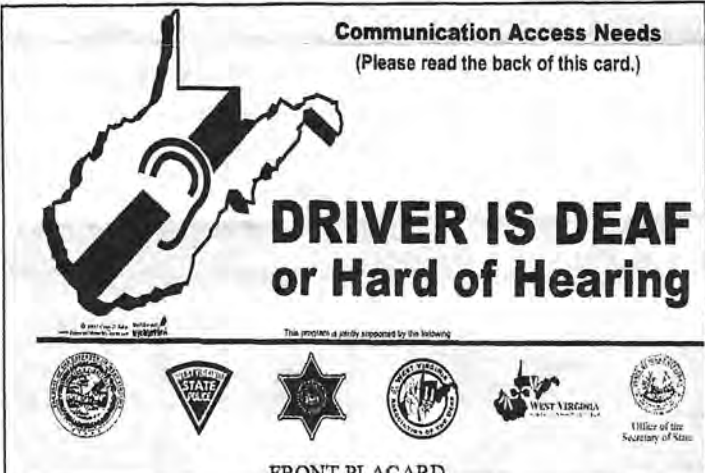

The incident sent Burdette into action, trying to remove a communication gap instead of complaining about it. An identifying placard is the result.

“The deaf driver has to pull it down from their sun visor and show the police, point to the card and point I’m deaf or hard of hearing,” said Burdette.

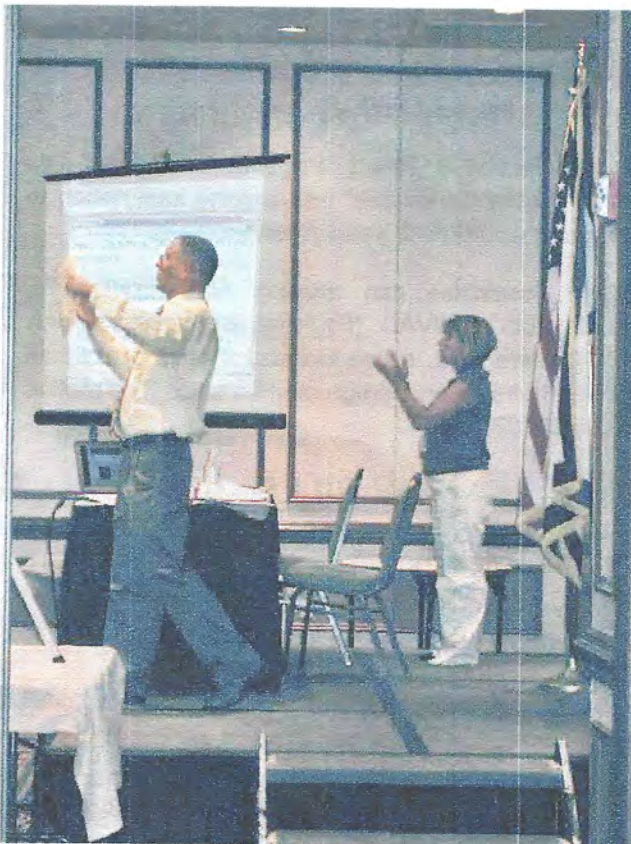
The back of the card goes on to show the best option for the officer and driver to communicate.

“That’s important to us because as we approach a vehicle. For our safety, we stand back behind the driver so the driver has to turn their heads towards us. If a person reads lips I need to know that so I can stand in a position where they can see me clearly,” says Sgt. Mike Lynch of the State Police.

The placards were given to deaf drivers at the association’s convention in Charleston, with the hope that if they happen to be stopped by a law enforcement officer, communication will no longer be an issue.

 <p><b>Communication Access Needs</b> (Please read the back of this card.)</p> <p><b>DRIVER IS DEAF or Hard of Hearing</b></p> <p>FRONT PLACARD</p>	<p><b>When communicating, I understand best when:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> I have a qualified ASL interpreter.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> I have _____</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> I can read your lips, but please:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• try to eliminate background noise</li><li>• speak clearly at a reasonable pace.</li><li>• face me at all times.</li><li>• do not shout- use a normal tone.</li><li>• remove your sunglasses or hat, which may shade your face.</li><li>• make sure there is a light, so I can see you.</li><li>• do not place obstacles in front of your face or in your mouth.</li><li>• if necessary, please allow me to communicate in writing.</li></ul></li><li><input type="checkbox"/> I can write notes. (I may have limited English reading and writing skills.)</li></ul> <p><b>NOTE:</b></p> <p>In the event of a medical emergency or police proceedings, I am entitled to have a qualified, professional sign language interpreter / qualified, professional oral interpreter provided under the (ADA) Americans with Disabilities Act. See Section 504, Rehab. Act/Title II of ADA.</p> <p>BACK PLACARD</p>	<p><b>Tips for Using this Visor Card:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attach this visor card to your vehicle's sun visor, using a binder clip.</li><li>• If you are stopped by an officer, pull down your sun visor to show this card. Then, put your hands on the steering wheel.</li><li>• When an officer walks near, point to your ear and to the visor card.</li><li>• Remove visor card and show this side to the officer.</li></ul>  <p>www.WVAD.org maintains an online directory of interpreters across West Virginia.</p> <p>© 2007 Deaf, Inc. www.WestVDeaf.org</p>
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<h3>DON'T HAVE ONE YET?</h3> <p>Most conference attendees received one copy of placard. Any deaf and hard of hearing West Virginia drivers who have not receive and want to have one copy of the placard per individual, not each vehicle. Please e-mail to John Burdette at <a href="mailto:vicepresident@wvad.org">vicepresident@wvad.org</a> with your full name, address, VP or TTY numbers and e-mail address. John will contact you by calling or e-mailing you to make an arrangement because there will be a few sites where he will be at that you can pick up in person instead of mailing it.</p>	<p><b>REMEMBER:</b></p> <p>ALWAYS THINK SAFETY FIRST — DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE</p>	<h3>SITES TO PICK UP</h3> <p>Mr. Burdette will pass out the placard to all deaf and hard of hearing WV drivers at the following sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ WVSD Homecoming Weekend in Romney — October 6</li><li>♦ WV Deaf Christmas Party in Flatwoods — December 1.</li></ul> <p><b>NOTICE</b></p> <p>Please <b>DO NOT</b> make a copy of placard for yourself or other. It is <b>PROHIBITED</b> because the placard will be invalid if making copy. The Law Enforcement Officers will know the difference between the real and valid placard.</p>
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<<< President Evans with Julie Barie interpreting during the General Assembly I meeting.

Awesome crafts made by Veronda Harrison at the conference exhibition room.

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<<< Sammy Ruiz, a deaf Illusionist from California performed one of five magic shows with Jacinda Evans, daughter of President Doug and Robyn Evans. Sammy said that our conference was the largest group he ever performed in front of other than States' conference.

**WVAD**  
**36th**  
**BIENNIAL**  
**CONFERENCE**



<<< Conference attendees enjoyed the socializing in the lobby area at the Charleston Embassy Suites

Kara Russell, Julie Barie and April Starks, our Interpreters who worked hard to interpret for us at the conference (workshops and General Assembly I & II)

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Kara, Julie, and April—the interpreting gangs relaxed and enjoyed themselves. Thank you for wonderful job!



Jimmy Harrison, the Charleston Assoc. of the Deaf President & Conference Chairperson along with his wife, Veronda presented an awards to all WVAD Conference Committees. Thank you so much for the hard work.

# GENERAL ASSEMBLY II MEETING UPDATES

## BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS

### 1. By Liz Lesiure (John Burdette)

Article XI Section 5 Title: Conference Fee: (b) amount of combo ticket(s) with the exception of the registration fee shall be refunded to the immediate family member, if requested, due to the death of the registrant or medical emergency with a note from the physician.

**ADD:** or unapproved annual leave notice from the supervisor.

**REASON:** Registrant cannot determine in advance if annual leave would be approved or not. The motion was PASSED.

### 2. By John Burdette (Linda Phillips)

Article 3—Section 4—Title: Identification of Members: The color of badges or other, to identify a member shall be: blue for regular members; white for the honorary member and visitors; red for the officers; chairmen and the local committee members.

**CHANGE:** The color of badges is used to identify chairman and the local conference committee members to be shown in yellow.

**REASONFOR THIS AMENDEMENT:** to reduce the confusion on color of badges to identify the officers, chairmen, and the local conference committee members. The motion was PASSED.

### 3. By Robyn Evans (Delores Pyles)

Article X Section XI Title (a) any exhibitors of the conference, who display their services or sales, shall pay exhibitors fee as established by the Executive Committee.

**ADD:** The fees exhibitors pay for their services or sales shall be nonrefundable in any event that they need to cancel. **ADDENDUM:** Josiah Kelly suggested that we saved that money (for the conference that they canceled) for the next conference.

**REASON:** There is confusion present when one exhibitor had to cancel and we did not know what to do with the money that was paid to us. The motion was PASSED.

### 4. Caryn Keller (Linda Phillips)

Article VIII Section 3, Title (I) remove 4, 5, 6

**REASON:** Committee will have its own bylaws so can make changes to reflect National changes and updates. Pageant is separate from WVAD. The motion was PASSED.

### 5. Caryn Keller (Michael Eckhart)

Article VIII Section 3 Title I "Pageant Committee" title change to "Youth Committee" and expand information to include young women and young men activities.

**REASON:** Committee can develop new activities to include all youth of WVAD. (Pageant very limited to only girls 18-28 years old.) It can include all ages of children and young adults, to encourage membership. The motion was PASSED.

## NEW BILLS

1. Delores Pyles moved to charge nonmembers \$10.00 for WVAD newsletters for two years. The motion was PASSED.
2. Jim Phillips moved to request financial support to defray travel expenses (such as hotel, food, air travel, car rental) for mentor trainers to come to our area to help the under served areas and under represented groups. Worthy Devericks moved that this motion be referred to the Financial Committee. The last motion was PASSED.
3. Doug Evans moved that the WVAD opens a new savings account to start saving money for the next eight years to use its to celebrate the 100th anniversary in 2015. The motion was PASSED.
4. John Burdette moved that the WVAD contacts the Department of Highways and Department of Transportation to relocate the TTY symbol signs to the interstate away from the rest areas within one to two miles where motorists can see. The motion was PASSED.
5. Doug Evans moved that the WVAD send two delegates to the next NAD conference in New Orleans/2008. The motion was PASSED.
6. Pierre Sevingy moved that the urgent need to document history of WVSD be made for the deaf and by the deaf people. The motion was PASSED.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### around the West Virginia

October 5-7:

WVSD Alumni Homecoming at Romney

October 8 (Sunday):

WVAD Board Meeting

October 8 (Monday):

Columbus Day Holiday

November 8: (Wednesday)

WVCDHH Board Meeting

For more detail:

[www.wvdhhr.org/WVCDHH/default.htm](http://www.wvdhhr.org/WVCDHH/default.htm)

November 9-11 (Friday thru Sunday):

NAD Regional 1 Conference in Gorton, CT.

November 10 (Saturday):

ASL EXPO in Pittsburgh, PA

For more detail:

[www.aslexpo.com/html/pittsburgh2007.html](http://www.aslexpo.com/html/pittsburgh2007.html)

November 22 (Thursday):

Thanksgiving Day Holiday

December 1 (Saturday):

WV Deaf Clubs Christmas Party

## NEW WVAD WEBSITE

Please check out our brand new website:

[www.wvad.org](http://www.wvad.org)

Our new web host is much easier to access for your convenience, for example, need to fill out the renew membership application form. Just click "Membership Form", it will take you to direct to the PDF then print the form on your printer. That is the same for all future forms right on the wvad website. COOL?? If you have question or problem, please email to [wwad1930@wwad.org](mailto:wwad1930@wwad.org)

## BOARD MEETING AGENDA

The Board of Directors' regular meeting will meet on Sunday, October 7, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at WVSD Administration Building board conference room. The following AGENDA will be:

- Call to Order
- President's brief Opening Remark and Special Announcement on President's Appointment for Standing Committees:
  1. 100th (2015) Anniversary Conference Chairperson
  2. 2009 (37th Biennial) Conference Chairperson
  3. ASL Task Force Chairperson
  4. Parliamentarian
  5. WVAD Advocates Chairperson
  6. WVTRS Advisory Board Chairperson
- Minutes
- Officers' Reports
- Standing Committee Reports:
  1. Pageant Report
  2. Deaf Drivers & Law Enforcement Officers Safety Report
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
  1. 2009 Conference Site
  2. Summer 2008 Picnic Site
  3. Others
- Schedule next two WVAD regular Board Meetings
- Announcements
  1. President assigns assignments to each officers
  2. Officers
  3. Guests/Visitors
- Adjournment

**Notice:** After this board meeting, update information will posts on WVAD website. Please check it out

## ?? MEMBERSHIP DUE ??

How do you know when your membership due is expiration? Your expiration date can be found on your name and address label on the back cover page of this newsletter. To help by saving WVAD money instead of mailing you a reminder membership due letter that your due is expiration. Your expiration date on address label is helping you to remind you, so you can pay your due promptly. Thank you for cooperation.

# OBITUARIES

## Glennis Eugene Bolen

Glennis Eugene Bolen, 53, of Princewick, passed away July 27, 2007.

Born August 9, 1953, at Beckley, he was the son of Mary Farley Bolen of Princewick and the late Eugene Bolen.

Glennis was a graduate of the Romney School for the Deaf and Blind.

In addition to his father, Glennis was preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Mageline Bolen and Gladie Marie Bolen Hylton; and a brother, Johnny Edward Bolen.

In addition to his mother, those left to cherish his memory include a sister, Sharon Linville and companion, Earl Parker of Shady Spring; nephew, Roger McAlpine Jr. of Daniels; niece, Sheri Hendricks and husband, Larry, of Beckley; two great-nieces, Haleigh Persinger of Beckley and Brandi McAlpine of Florida; two-great-nephews, Ethan and Elijah Hendricks of Beckley; and a host of other relatives and friends

Glennis will be sadly missed by all.

Services will be 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 31, 2007, at Blue Ridge Funeral Home, 5251 Robert C. Byrd Drive, Beckley, with the Rev. Dennis Haga officiating. Burial will follow in Thompson Cemetery, Coal City.

Family and friends will be serving as pallbearers.

Friends may gather with the family from 6 to 9 p.m. today, Monday, at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting:

[www.blueridgefuneralhome.com](http://www.blueridgefuneralhome.com)

Blue Ridge Funeral Home, Beckley, is in charge of the arrangements.

**NOTICE:** Glennis Eugene Bolen graduated WVSD Class of 1972.

## James Hammond

**1944-2007**

James Hammond, 63, of Greenup, KY died July 28, 2007, in Wurtland Nursing and Rehabilitation Center following an extended illness.

Mr. Hammond was born March 11, 1944, in Notomine, West Virginia, a son of the late Joe R. and Martha Cooksey Hammond.

He also was preceded in death by a brother, Charles M. Hammond.

He was a retired printer from the Virginia Pilot Ledger Star in Norfolk, VA., and was of the Christian faith.

He is survived with his wife of 39 years, Ann Best Hammond of Greenup; a brother, Robert Hammond and wife Garnet of Ashland; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Steen Funeral Home-Marshall Steen Chapel with the Rev. Robert Kelly officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Burial Park.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to:

[steenfuneralhomes.com](http://steenfuneralhomes.com)

## Helen Irene Linkenauger Jones

**1919-2007**

Helen Irene Linkenauger Jones, 87, went into the loving arms of the Lord on Monday, August 20, 2007.

She was born in Charleston, WV, on December 12, 1919, the daughter of George and Melinda Slimick. She was a longtime resident of Barboursville.

She is survived by her daughter, Irene

Lewis and her husband, Jim VanDeventer of Huntington and her son, Jimmy Linkenauger and his wife, Delores of Mobil, Alabama. She was preceded in death of her husbands, Aubrey Linkenauger and Joseph Jones; her parents, George Slimick and stepmother Melinda Slimick; three brothers, George Slimick and his wife Frances, Charles Slimick and his wife Twila and Robert Slimick.

She is survived by one sister, Della Rowlands; two brothers Richard Slimick and his wife Shirley and Thomas Slimick and his wife Doris four grandchildren, Lynn Alderman Jeffords and her husband Scott. John Alderman III and his wife Lynn, Scott Linkenauger and Teresa Linkenauger; eight great grandchildren, Jay and Kathryn Jeffords, Rachael, John IV, and Samuel Alderman, and Anthony, Justin and Shelby Lynn Linkenauger.

Helen graduated from Romney School of the Deaf and belonged to the Huntington Association of the Deaf where she had many loving and caring friends. She was recently honored for 60 years of membership services. She was an avid homemaker and enjoyed entertaining friends and family.

Funeral Service will be held at Henson Mortuary, 6357 East Pea Ridge Road, Huntington on Sunday, August 26 at 2PM. Burial will follow at Spring Hill Cemetery in Charleston.

Visitation will be held at Henson Mortuary on Saturday, August 25 from 6 to 8 PM. Memorials may be made in Helen's memory to the West Virginia Association of the Deaf. HENSON MORTUARY BARBOURSVILLE, is in charge of arrangement and condolences may be extended to the family at:

[www.timeformemory.com/henson](http://www.timeformemory.com/henson)

**NOTICE:** The WVAD President received a letter from Mrs. Jones' granddaughter, Lynn Jeffords with a checks in total of \$64.00. The WVAD thanks Mrs. Jeffords for contribution to the WVAD in memory of Helen Irene Linkenauger Jones.



West Virginia Association of the Deaf

May 18, 2007

Conference Room 228

At the Embassy Suites

Charleston, WV

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

Committee Members: Linda Phillips

Visitors: Regina Jenkins, Lois Devericks, Kenny Stephens, Jerry Whitlock, Mitchell Levy, Doug Casto, David Nichols, Sharon Drake, Erin Fulton, and Debby Steel.

The regular meeting of WVAD was held in the conference room 226 of the Embassy Suites in Charleston, West Virginia, on May 18, 2007, at 7:27 p.m. President Douglas Evans presided with Secretary Liz Leisure present.

The minutes of the previous meeting, January 6, 2007, were corrected and approved as read.

The treasurer (Jimmy Harrison) gave the financial reports. He reported a balance of \$5,983.72 in the checking account; \$9,431.82 in the savings account; \$12,000.00 in the CD accounts; \$16,206.35 in the Mingo County Fund as of May 17, 2007. There were no questions about the treasurer's reports so they will be filed. Jimmy also reported that there are currently 202 WVAD members on our list and that, to date, 118 people have registered for the WVAD conference.

President Douglas Evans gave a report about the Disability Awareness Day at West Virginia State Capitol on January 24, 2007. He and Robyn both reported that they did not have the WVAD exhibit booth fully prepared this time. They did not have the handouts ready nor did they have any freebies to give away. They also did not have an interpreter available and the exhibitor from Fairshake Network was nice enough to lend their interpreter for a short time. Next year, they will have the pamphlets and freebies ready for the exhibit.

He announced that Hamilton Relay Service has started providing their services in West Virginia on January 31, 2007.

He received a letter from Jason with the UbiDuo on March 29, 2007 with whom he met at the 2007 Deaflympics at the Expo in Salt Lake City about the possibility of working with the WVAD to be the provider of the UbiDuo.

Last March, he asked Marty Blakely if he would be the WVAD Award Chairperson. Marty accepted the appointment.

He received a check for \$77.00 on April 5, 2007 from United Deaf Services.

He received a letter from Ruby Losh, Chairperson of the Fairmont Association of the Deaf Sports/Dixie 2008, on April 13, 2007, asking if the WVAD would sponsor them.

The West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing canceled the Deaf Teach Fair that was scheduled for May 19, 2007. They decided to have the event every two years instead of every year.

ASL Expo 2007 will be at Pittsburgh (David Lawrence Convention Center) on November 10, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

On May 10, 2007, Dr. Robert Davila was selected as the 9<sup>th</sup> President at Gallaudet University. He will serve as President for 18 months.

President Evans spoke with Dr. Lowell Johnson with the Department of Education a few weeks ago to discuss about appointing a WVAD representative to be on the West Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind (WVSDB) Superintendent Interviewing Committee. He appointed Worthy Devericks to be the representative.

On May 18, 2007, John Burdette, Linda Phillips, Liz Leisure, Deanna Stone, and President Evans met with Sergeant Lynch at the State Police Academy in Institute, West Virginia, to discuss the Deaf Drivers and Law Enforcement Officers Safety project. The meeting went very well.

Officers Safety project. The meeting went very well.

President Evans received e-mail from Marty Blakely with the names of students that will be graduating from the WVSD on Friday, June 8, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. President Evans said he would be attending the graduation.

The graduates are Desiree Elizabeth; Natasha Lynn Wolford; Megan Renee Davis; Zelinda Kamila Cooley; Terry Wayne Withrow, Jr.; Justin Wade Rhodes (Valedictorian) and Lucas Gene Turner (Salutation)

President Evans received a few interesting e-mails that he will forward to all officers within the next few days.

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

Secretary Liz Leisure received an insurance form to complete and return to Paula Forman who works for State Farm. This form will help us get a quote on how much it will cost to pay for liability insurance.

Trustee Worthy Devericks gave a report about being on the WVSDB Superintendent Interviewing Committee.

Trustee Robyn Evans has no report to give at this time.

Trustee David Weldrick has no report to give at this time.

**Pageant Report:**

Linda Phillips met with Sara Slamick, Catering Manager for the Embassy Suites, this afternoon regarding arrangements for the deaf pageant. She is waiting for applications from three girls at WVSD. She found someone to be an emcee for the Deaf Pageant. She also found someone to be the scorekeeper. She had three judges in mind and she will be contacting them to see if any of them will accept the assignment. She has e-mailed IP-Relay last week asking if they would sponsor the deaf pageant this year.

### **Committee Report:**

Jimmy Harrison, Charleston Association of the Deaf (CAD) Conference Chairperson, reported that they earned good money by selling hot dogs. They have collected many gift cards from several businesses. They will be providing refreshments on Friday night during the break at the conference. There will be a WVAD Feud game until 9:00 p.m. After the break, there will be a Dingo game. It was decided not to provide baby-sitting services due to high costs and not licensed to provide childcare. CAD will take care of the souvenirs. The CAD Conference Committee Members will be wearing red shirts with the CAD logo on them. There will be ten baskets to be used for Silent Auction during the exhibit. The CAD will have a yard sale on June 9.

John Burdette, Chairperson for Deaf Drivers Law Enforcement Officers Safety (DDLEOS) gave a report about the meeting this morning we had with Sergeant Lynch at the State Police Academy. Sergeant Lynch was pleased with what we showed him (the placards, role plays, PowerPoint, etc.)

WVCDHH will sponsor the WVAD Conference by paying for the refreshments on Friday and Saturday Workshops in the amount of \$1,200.00.

To date, we have two Silver Level Sponsorships - Hamilton Relay Service in the amount of \$1,500.00 and WVCDHH in the amount of \$1,200.00. We have received two denial sponsor letters. Sprint stated that we must send a request for sponsor on-line.

He sent letters to four potential Keynote Speakers for the WVAD conference. He has not received any response from the National Association of the Deaf (NAD) President Bobbie Scoggins yet. The Florida Association of the Deaf President Christopher Wagner said he is not able to come because he will be in Minnesota to attend the NAD Board Meeting.

Mitchell Levy, Account Manager of Hamilton Relay, declined. Jenny Gember, VRS Hamilton Coordinator, accepted to be our Keynote Speaker.

John Burdette, Workshop Chairperson, may arrange the workshop on the Emergency Preparedness to be held on Friday. This workshop will be sponsored by WVCDHH. The workshops on The WV Relay/Hamilton Relay Service and Deaf Drivers and Law Enforcement Officers Safety will be held on Saturday morning.

Robyn Evans, Exhibit Chairperson, has contacted the VRS, World Veur, and Hand Expressions.

Liz Leisure stated that she has sent out letters to several sponsors. Since President Evans has received only three responses, Liz will e-mail the same sponsors as this may get us better responses than the form letters that were sent out. Liz has not contacted any interpreters yet. She needed to know how much the WVAD is willing to pay for their services before contacting any interpreter.

Linda Phillips is working on the Conference Program Book but is still waiting on the agenda, letters, and ads before it can be completed and printed. She posted an amendment form on the WVAD webpage for any member to complete and submit to her prior to the conference. This will help reduce the time during the general assembly.

There was a ten minutes recess started at 9:45 p.m.

### **Unfinished Business:**

John Burdette will resume research on looking for another telemarketer after the conference is over.

ASL Task Force meeting is being postponed until after the conference is over.

### **New Business:**

Robyn Evans moved that WVAD purchase some freebies (souvenirs) for future displays/exhibits. The motion passed. President Evans chose Robyn to start looking for souvenirs.

John Burdette moved that WVAD buy new shirts with WVAD logo to sell at the WVAD conference. Jimmy Harrison moved to amend the motion by adding after "to" order 100 variety of shirts. Amendment passed. The main motion as amended passed.

Robyn Evans moved that WVAD establish a TRS Advisory Committee. The motion passed.

Jimmy Harrison moved that WVAD use the check in the amount of \$77.00 that was received from the UDS to help pay some of the debts owed by the Deaf Pageant. The motion passed.

Jimmy Harrison moved that WVAD increase \$10 to each advertisement rate for the conference program book. The motion passed.

The next WVAD Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 2, 2007, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the conference room 226 at the Embassy Suites.

There being no further business, by general consent the President adjourned the meeting at 11:00 p.m.



The first (2007—2009) WVAD Board of Directors will have a regular board meeting on Sunday, October 7, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with a 30 minutes lunch break at the West Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind Administration Building conference room.

The meeting agenda can be found on page 7.

You as a visitors are very welcome to the meeting



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1. BANQUET	X	E	Z	A	W	O	R	P	L	Q	V	M	U	O	O	Y
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6. ENTERTAINMENT	V	O	T	I	E	M	B	E	S	F	L	B	I	L	L	S
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11. PAGEANT	S	E	Z	I	C	P	D	N	R	Q	I	B	T	Y	G	R
12. PRIZES	H	O	I	T	E	V	A	P	N	R	F	N	I	L	A	E
13. REGISTRATION	O	C	O	D	G	M	G	E	P	E	G	U	O	D	P	N
14. SOCIAL	P	R	I	E	X	H	I	B	I	T	I	O	N	D	H	E
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