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#### **Board Meeting** at the Waffle Hut on December 5, 1998

The regular board meeting of the West Virginia Association of the Deaf (WVAD) was held on December 5, 1998 at 10:10 a.m. in a meeting room at the Waffle Hut in Flatwoods, West Virginia.

Present were President, Jimmy Harrison. Vice-President. John Burdette, Secretary/Treasurer, Liz Purvis, Trustees: Clyde Swartz, Joey Major, and Bill Cash. Also present were visitors: Veronda Harrison, Jackie Sherrill, Connie Cash, Kenny Stephens, Samantha Elsey, and Mary Reaser.

The minutes from the October 3, 1998 WVAD board meeting were read and approved.

President's Report

President Harrison stated that the signatures on the Metropolitan Bank Account have been changed from Jeff Simmons to Liz Purvis, who was recently assigned temporary treasurer. He received a bank statement dated October 30, 1998 from the Heritage Publishing, Inc., showing an ending balance of \$1,888.00.

2. President Harrison reported that State next Association President Conference (SAPC) will be held either in April or May 1999. He may send a representative from WVAD to attend the conference. He may also send a WVAD representative to the next NAD Regional I meeting that will be held either in February or March 1999.

3. President Harrison received an acknowledgment from NAD for

the \$100.00 pledge donated by WVAD.

President Harrison made an announcement about the West Virginia Deaf Clubs Christmas Party to be held tonight at the Bowling Alley.

Vice-President's Report

Vice-President Burdette received an e-mail from Lisa Tempeston asking for a donation to help pay for training, equipment, and travel to Switzerland in March 1999. Ms. Tempeston, who is from Washington, DC, is representing the United States at the Winter World Games for the Deaf. She is trying to raise about \$3,500.00.

Secretary's Report: None Treasurer's Report

As of November 30, 1998 the balance in the checking account is \$1,123.47. This information was taken from the bank statement received from One Valley Bank. Treasurer Purvis is still trying to balance the checkbook. There were several errors noted in it. Trustee's Report: None

Clyde Swartz donated \$100.00 to WVAD for use in stock investment.

Veronda Harrison reported that Larry Rowe, who is a legislator, would like to continue receiving WVAD Newsletters. Mr. Rowe found them very informative and interesting.

**WVAD Conference Comittee** Report

Chairperson Burdette stated that the committee met on November 1, 1998 to discuss plans for the 1999 WVAD Conference. committee decided to have a 3-hour workshop on Saturday. There will be a break during the workshop (after 1 1/2 hours).

They would like to send letters to Kara Russell, Trudy Ford, and Kathleen McNulty asking them if they would be willing to interpret for the WVAD Conference. They want to hire a DJ for five hours. They are still looking for deaf performers for entertainment. Information about the hotel rates will be published in the WVAD Newsletters. Flyers will also be made and distributed at the party and deaf clubs.

Chairperson Burdette talked about the registration form for the WVAD Conference. Registration fees for the confer-

ence were discussed.

Chairperson Burdette showed us a letter he drafted to send to businesses soliciting donation to help pay for workshops, program books, guest speakers, and exhib-

Meeting was stopped for a ten minutes recess at 11:15 a.m.

**Unfinished Business** 

John Burdette (Joey Major) moved that we untable the conference fees. Motion was carried.

John Burdette (Bill Cash) moved that we hire Alex Simmons as the DJ for the 1999 WVAD Conference. Motion was carried. 3. John Burdette (Clyde Swartz)

moved that WVAD hire three interpreters, Kara Russell, Trudy Ford, and Kathleen McNulty for 1999 WVAD Conference. Motion was carried.

4. Joey Major (Bill Cash) moved that WVAD give away \$500.00 for cash prizes at the 1999 WVAD Conference. Motion was carried. John Burdette (Clyde Swartz) moved that Liz Purvis begin balancing the checkbook from

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Continued from page 1 October 3, 1998 and on. Motion was carried.

John Burdette (Joey Major) moved that WVAD host a Sympo for March 1999 instead of having a workshop as originally planned.

Motion was carried.

7. Bill Cash (Joey Major) moved that WVAD have its Sympo at the West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing office on March 27, 1999 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Motion was carried.

Clyde Swartz (Bill Cash) moved that John Burdette, Jimmy Harrison, and Liz Purvis be selected to serve on the sympo

subcommittee.

9. Liz Purvis (Bill Cash) moved that WVAD send John Burdette to the NAD Region I meeting and SAPC conference in the spring of 1999. Motion was carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45

Recorded by Secretary Liz Purvis.

#### **Disability Rights** Advocates

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Rowena Gargalicana Staff Attorney

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#### **Board Meeting at the** Fairlea Volunteer Fire Fall Department October 3, 1998

The board meeting of the West Virginia Association of the Deaf (WVAD) was held on October 3, 1998 at 2:00 p.m. at the Fairlea Volunteer Fire Hall Department in Lewisburg, West Virginia.

Present were President, Jimmy Harrison, Vice-President, John Burdette, Secretary, Liz Purvis, Trustees: Joey Major and Clyde Swartz. Trustee Bill Cash was absent. Also present were visitors: Osborne, Mary Reaser, Delores Pyles, James and Regina Ennis, Susan Garretson, and Jeff Simmons.

The minutes from the June 27, 1998 WVAD board meeting was read and approved.

President's Report

1. President Harrison gave a report on the National Association of the Deaf Conference he attended from July 2 through July 12, 1998 in San Antonio, Texas.

President Harrison thanked Vice-President Burdette for his time in locating and setting up a place for the board meeting.

President Harrison reported that, in the near future, Governor Cecil Underwood will announce a new Executive Director for the West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WVCDHH) who will start on or around November 1, 1998.

4. President Harrison would like for anyone who has concerns or problems with the services provided by the WVCDHH to report

5. President Harrison was not able to set up workshops this year due conflicts in his schedule. Hopefully, workshops can be scheduled next year at the 1999 WVAD Conference.

6. President Harrison received several complaints from deaf people about long distance telephone bills. Some deaf people are

receiving several bills from different companies for long distance telephone calls. President Harrison will ask an AT&T representative to come to one of our meetings to explain and answer questions about the long distance telephone bills.

President Harrison also re-7. ceived complaints about the Relay

President Harrison said that, during the NAD Conference in Texas, he had pledged one hundred dollars to help the NAD to build a better and stronger organization.

9. President Harrison plans to send a letter to the NAD President, Libby Pollard and NAD Editor, with a carbon copy to Nancy Rarus, giving them details about the 1999 WVAD Conference.

Vice-President's Report

Vice-President Burdette gave an update on the WVAD membership dues. From August to September 1998, Vice-President Burdette received a total of \$320.00 from twelve new and old members. He has recently sent letters to about 100 members who have not yet paid their dues. From September 1997 to present, he received a total of \$1,785 in membership dues. There are currently 433 active members on the WVAD list.

Secretary's Report At President Harrison's request, Secretary Purvis gave a report regarding a workshop she attended

at the NAD Conference on requests for sign language interpreter services in emergency room and

hospital settings. Trustee's Report

There was no report. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Purvis reported that there is \$2,144.43 in the checking account and \$12,202.68 in the The WVADsavings account. UDS checking account has been closed. The remaining balance in the amount of \$152.53 has been transferred to the checking ac-Jeff Simmons, who recount. signed as the

WVAD Treasurer, has returned all Continued on page 3 Continued from page 2 the recording books and checkbooks to the meeting today.

Meeting was stopped for a 10 minute recess at 3:25 p.m.

1999 WVAD Conference Committee Report

- 1. Chairperson John Burdette reported that Milton Bowles will not be able to work with the 1999 WVAD Conference Committees. Janice McDaniel was appointed the new Assistant Chairperson for Conference Committee. Chairperson Burdette is seeking replacements for the following committees: Sightseeing Tours, Fundraising. and Babysitting Services.
- 2. Chairperson Burdette gave a brief description of the meeting rooms at the Brier Inn Motel and Convention Center. Also, he gave us a list of rates for lodging, food service, and meeting rooms. He was told that a five hundred dollars deposit is required one week in advance for the banquet.

There was no report on the old and unfinished business

#### New Business

- 1. John Burdette (Joey Major) moved that we decide on the admission and events prices today for the 1999 WVAD Conference. Motion was carried.
- 2. John Burdette (Clyde Swartz) moved that we revise the old 1997 WVAD Convention registration form. Motion was carried.
- 3. John Burdette (Joey Major) moved that we table the admission prices at this time. Motion was carried.
- 4. Joey Major (Clyde Swartz) moved that the host, Greenbrier Valley Association of the Deaf, open a new checking account for the June 1999 WVAD Conference. Motion was carried.
- 5. Clyde Swartz (Joey Major) moved that John Burdette, Clyde Swartz, and Liz Purvis be appointed to sign checks and other important documents for the June 1999 WVAD Conference.
- 6. Clyde Swartz (Joey Major) moved that the WVAD be made aware that the Greenbrier Valley

Association of the Deaf Conference Committee will use WVAD's tax number to collect funds and/or contributions for the 1999 WVAD Conference. Motion was carried.

7. Liz Purvis (John Burdette) moved that the WVAD reimburse Jeff Simmons for two meals and one round-trip to Lewisburg today for returning the WVAD belongings. Motion was carried.

8. Joey Major (Clyde Swartz) moved that the WVAD reimburse all out-of-town board members who attended the board meeting today for their meal expenses at the rate of \$10.00 per person. Motion was carried.

9. Liz Purvis (Clyde Swartz) moved that the WVAD raise the WVAD Editor's salary from

\$38.00 to \$75.00 per quarter. Motion was carried.

10. Joey Major (Clyde Swartz) moved that the WVAD reimburse Jimmy Harrison for overnight lodging and also Liz Purvis for round-trip travel (plus turnpike fees) to Lewisburg including overnight lodging to attend both the GVAD and WVAD board meetings today. Motion was carried.

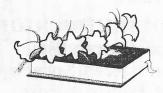
11. President Jimmy Harrison asked the board to authorize payment to John Burdette in the amount of \$301.00 (for a roundtrip to Charleston, meal expenses and salary) for his participation in the Deaf Awareness Week that was held in Charleston during the week of September 21 through 24, 1998. Passed.

12. Liz Purvis (Clyde Swartz) moved that the WVAD have its next board meeting on December 5, 1998 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Flatwood. Motion was carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10

Recorded by Secretary Liz Purvis.





#### **Obituary**

**Todd Louis Stocking** 

Todd Louis Stocking, 35, of Shanks, WV, formerly Wheeling, died Tuesday, Jan. 19, 1999, in Shenandoah Memorial Hospital, Woodstock, Virginia.

He was a employee with Lear Corp., Strasburg, Virginia, and a member of the St. Michael Catholic Church, Wheeling.

He was preceded in death by his

father, Jay N. Stocking.

Surviving are his fiance, Jennifer Lofton of Shanks; a son, Todd L., Jr. of Shanks; three daughters, Melissa Stocking and Michelle both of Moorefield, WV. Alisha of Shanks; his mother, Louise H. Joseph Stocking of Wheeling; a brother, Dana of Wheeling; two sisters, Mrs. Joe (Dawna) wood of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, Lisa Stocking of Dublin.

Friends received at 7-9 p.m. Friday at Altmeyer Funeral Home, 1400 Eoff St., Wheeling.

Funeral liturgy with Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, at St. Michael Catholic Church. Wheeling.

Interment in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Wheeling.

Vigil services was held 7:30 p.m.

Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Todd L. Stocking Memorial Fund, in care of the West Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind, 301 East Main Street, Romney, WV 26757.

Editor's Note: Todd graduated from West Virginia School for the Deaf in 1983.

Our deepest sympathy go to his family. We will miss him.

## Silent Communicators Deaf Hairstylists Don't Need Speech to Get Points Across

It's not unusual to find a barbershop abuzz Chatter, Murmuring clippers.

The mixture of these noises cannot be ignored by the average

ear.

But 20-year-old Lanika Williamson and her teacher, 58-year-old Ella Jean Martin, are hairstylists who say they aren't really bothered by all the noise going on around them.

Working side by side at Charleston's Central Barber Shop, Williamson and Martin stay quietly attuned to their work and each other -- as only two deaf women

can.

"People tell me they don't understand me sometimes," Williamson said in slightly distorted tones. She wears hearing aids in both of her ears; she lost most of her hearing after a severe ear infection when she was a baby.

But Williamson has learned from Martin who can't hear or speak at all -- that she can effectively and clearly communicate to customers

without uttering a word.

"Tell her I just want an edge up." Williamson heard from Lester Scott, whose hair was being worked on by Martin. He wasn't sure if Martin understood him when he told her he simply wanted his hair touched up, not a regular haircut.

Williamson relayed the instruction to Martin in sign language, telling her what Scott has re-

quested.

In a show of body language, Martin smiled broadly and shook her head affirmatively. She then showed Scott she was using the appropriate clippers to do the job. Williamson, Martin, and Scott

"It's amazing, ain't it," Scott said.
Though both women can read lips, Martin has learned from Williamson she can't always rely on interpreting lip movements. Williamson knows that it is sometimes better to communicate to customers through writing.

The women say it's normal to see them exchanging notes with their customers. They want to make sure their customers always get the

haircuts they want.

Williamson became Martin's apprentice in March, one month after she graduated from Charleston's Carver Beauty Academy. Although she learned how to do many hairstyles, Williamson said she got very little experience in cutting hair on black men.

"When I first started, I didn't really didn't know how to cut a fade," she said, referring to a popular haircut worn by many black men. The hairstyle is a layered look. Near the sides of the head, the hair is blended closely to the scalp.

Now, Williamson boasts she can cut many different hairstyles on the heads of men, women and children. She added that she really enjoys cutting designs into hair, a popular trend among young peo-

"I like doing art," she said pointing to a styling chart on the wall.

The chart is loaded with photographs of men and boys wearing uniquely designed hairstyles, including one man wearing a shaved zigzag pattern on the back of his head.

"I've cut this before," she said.

Martin said she has known Williamson since she was a baby. And she believes Williamson has improved while under her tutelage.

"She is good," a note by Martin read. "But she needs to (learn how to do) a razor line and face shaving...That's all." A customer whose hair Williamson has cut agreed.

"I don't think she is too comfortable with that razor yet," said Brain Sawyer. After getting a satisfactory haircut from Williamson, he titled his head in the direction of Martin, indicating he wanted Martin to take on the task of shaving his face.

In times like these, Williamson moves out of Martin's way and

takes mental notes.

"I just look at her to remember," she said.

Martin has been a barber for more than 30 years. Although she is thinking about retiring in 10 or 15 years, she said she hopes she can pass on her barber shop to Williamson.

Martin said she is excited to have another deaf woman working with her. Before Williamson came along, she was the only deaf female barber in the entire state.

With an assertive twist of her body, she put up two fingers and smiled, indicating that now there are two.

-From Charleston Daily Mail

#### Jr. NAD's Dramatized Classics

Friday, April 30, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. at the Multipurpose Room

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Prejudice
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If you have any questions, see or write to Melora Brock, WV School for the Deaf, Jr. Sr. High School, 301 E. Main St., Romney, WV 26757; phone: (304) 822-4860.

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WVAD Member	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$40.00	\$70.00
WVAD Senior Citizen (60+)	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$35.00	\$60.00
Non-Member, Regular	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$45.00	\$85.00
Non-Member, S.C. (60+)	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$40.00	\$75.00
Student (13 to 18)	\$5.00		\$15.00 (Banquet Only)	\$20.00

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