MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:10 PM


ASBENT: Clark Brooke, Michael Mac Aulay, Karina Pedersen, Beth Ann Prinz, Pam Snedigar.

STAFF PRESENT: iCEO Brune and EA Carlson.

MO041106-1 Cassidy (Cantrell) moved to approve the March 2006 minutes as corrected. MSPassed.

MO041106-2 Yates (Cassidy) moved to approve the July 2005-January 2006 Audit Report. MSPassed.

MO041106-3 Cassidy (Yates) moved that we will apply for “Extreme Makeover House Edition” to renovate the DCC. Cantrell (Yates) amended that we also apply for “While You Were Out” show. Amendment passed. MSPassed.

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CORRECTIONS TO THE MARCH 2006 MINUTES:

Page 3 Line 31: It should now read: We will have a play about Douglas Tilden by Elementary school students on Saturday March 25th at 6:30.

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OFFICERS’ REPORTS:

President Report: Ken Mikos.
Exhibit “A” attached.

Vice President Report: Nora Yates.
None.
Secretary Report: Don Baer.
None

Treasurer Report: Dodi Ellis.
Exhibit “B” attached.

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

CEO Search Committee: Chair Liz Brading.
Exhibit “C” attached.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Chair Ellis.
It was conducted under Treasurer's Report

Deaf Culture/Education Committee: Chair Zein.
Exhibit “D” attached.

Fundraising Committee: Chair Ellis.
Exhibit “E” attached.

New DCC Fund: Chair Farr.
Exhibit “F” attached.

DCC Facilities: Co-Chair Pedersen & Cassidy.
Exhibit “G” attached.

Bylaws Update: Chair Snedigar.
None.

INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT: Jim Brune.
Exhibit “H” attached.

OLD BUSINESS:
None.

NEW BUSINESS:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Cassidy: I want to talk about Tilden Club. Play was very successful, but I was not sure if any Board member had attended. I felt a bit disappointed that we didn’t get much support from DCARA. DCARA is wonderful but there are not many services for children.

Gough: FYI: Tilden Park in Berkeley is not named after Douglas Tilden, our noted Deaf sculptor.

Leighton: We need your help to input some ideas for our fundraising events. Guy Wonder will have Open studios at Hunters Point Shipyard during the May 6th weekend.

Zein: I can explain about CSDVRS’s conference call feature and its benefits. For more information, you can contact me.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:41 PM

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Don C. Baer
Secretary

_________Accepted as read

_________Approved as corrected
President Report: Ken Mikos. Exhibit “A”

1. Special thanks to Jeannie Leighton for providing pizza tonight

2. On behalf of former President of the Board, David Eberwein, I am proud to present the President's Award to Nora Yates in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the Board the previous year. She, along with the other recipient of the award, Dodi Ellis richly deserves the recognition.

3. Attended the Deaf Studies Today! Conference in Orem, Utah this past weekend. Great workshops, especially the “Deaf Space: Re-envisioning Organic Architecture” with Ben Bahan, MJ Bienvenu, Jane Norman, Dirksen Bauman and Hansel Bauman. Concepts we should think about when designing the new DCC: space, light, composition and materials. There was talk about openness, visual permeability, diffused lights, placement of windows, glass elevators, Ben’s office concept, and views of reciprocity.

4. While I was in Utah, I got the chance to visit the Robert G. Sanderson Community Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in Taylorsville (Salt Lake City). The building was much bigger than I expected. It seems to occupy an entire block with a baseball field on one side and parking lots up front and on the sides. The concept of a one-stop center is something we can model after, although I doubt we can find the acreage and space equal to what this center has anywhere within the East Bay. (slides of the center shown during the meeting)

Treasurer Report: Dodi Ellis. Exhibit “B”

My report will be short and sweet. We will meet again with Margie in a couple weeks to discuss on few issues. CaptionsOnline is one of among of them. Financial reports are looking good. Expenses are under control. Committees of New DCC Fund are supposed to have investment advisors come but Brooke is out of town right now. Can it put off until June? Brooke is working on soliciting investment advisors. He is hoping that the Board would be able to meet on Tuesday night. That meeting will take about 2 hours to get through all three advisors if each is given half an hour. I will look into the last Tuesday of May 23; if that works for Brooke and everyone else.

CEO Search Committee: Chair Liz Brading. Exhibit “C”

Deadline was March 31st; we got 4 applications. The Search Committee met last week; Brading, Mikos, Zein, Smith, and MacAulay, decided to screen out two applicants and interview two other applicants. The interviews will be held till later to try to recruit more applicants. The deadline will be extended and has not been decided yet. Zein mentioned there was an image problem; he had talked with a few high-profile deaf people about why
they hadn’t applied. There seems to be a misconception that DCARA is looking for blue-blood deaf – deaf of deaf family for the CEO position. This is NOT the case, and we need to correct this image. Mikos added that two isn’t enough; need more so that community can have input too. Letter will basically tell those applicants that the committee is interested in interviewing them but will extend deadline and try to get more applicants; will contact those applicants at a later point to schedule interviews. Before we send the letters to the applicants, the Search Committee wanted approval from the entire Board for this approach. Everyone agreed. Brading will send off the letters tomorrow to those two applicants. Will re-advertise the position shortly after that.

Deaf Culture/Education Committee: Chair Zein. Exhibit “D”

Mikos gave Zein’s report last month; many thanks to him. In May, we will have Patrick Boudreault lecturing on neo-eugenics. He presented on this lecture at the CAD convention; I was awestruck. Cochlear implant isn’t the Deaf community’s issue; eugenics is. Patrick can’t do the presentation in May, but he can do it in June. June is no good because CSDF and CSUN will have their graduation ceremonies. We will do this lecture in September when more people are around here. September 8th is our tentative date. Between now and then, we need to discuss what, if anything is, will happen during the summer months.

Fundraising Committee: Chair Ellis. Exhibit “E”

Letters for donations; some were done last fall, but new board members aren’t doing this. Boards are requested to bring names and addresses of family and friends to the next meeting. Leighton is concerned about the 31 Flavors of Sex event; flyers weren’t ready as soon as she would’ve liked and the event is now three weeks away. May is a busy month, so... Ellis feels that since it’s less than a month away and given the subject matter it will be difficult to collect donations/sponsorships. We decide postpone the 31 Flavors of Sex event. We will contact Philip Rubin and find out when next available date. Baer had an idea about a spaghetti-cooking contest.

New DCC Fund: Chair Farr. Exhibit “F”

We had committee meeting recently with all 6 members present. Brooke is responsible for stocks/investments. Eberwein’s focus will be real estate development. Mac Aulay will focus on marketing. Gough is responsible for foundations. We will invite Marilyn Smith and Donna (?) in May; if they do come, we want some of the Board members to come. MS’s partner Karen will come too. May 15th is Compass Point training. Brooke has already contacted some investment advisors about coming down to give their lecture.

DCC Facilities: Co-Chair Pedersen & Cassidy. Exhibit “G”

Cassidy will speak for Pedersen, who is not here tonight. We have not met yet, so we don’t have much of a report. Many scheduling conflicts; haven’t had a chance to get everyone
together. Cassidy asked if we plan to apply for Extreme Makeover, should we make motion in new business or we can do it within this committee?

**INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT: Jim Brune. Exhibit “H”**

Meetings/Presentations by the iCEO in February:

- CalCLAD board meeting
- Meeting with team of contractors and Pride staff regarding SF Pride
- CAD meeting
- Silicon Valley Council of Non-Profits quarterly meeting
- DCC Sub-Committee meeting

Personnel:

- We currently have 5 positions open:
  * CEO
  * EDD - San Francisco Job Developer/Interpreter
  * EDD - Campbell Job Developer/Interpreter
  * EDD - Oakland Job Developer/Interpreter
  * Staff Interpreter (part-time)

DCARA Presentations/Workshops/Events for February:

- Salon Series Interpreting Workshop on Video Relay Interpreting – 20 participants (Santa Cruz)
- Diabetes Workshop – 43 participants (Fremont - FOG)
- Presentation to Fremont Resource Center staff about working with Deaf clients – 44 participants (Fremont – FRC)
- Continuing ILS class (San Jose)
- Deaf Women’s Conference – 75 women (including 20 who were new to DCARA!) – (San Leandro)
- Collaboration with CSDF to have students earn money by cleaning senior citizens’ apartments
- Deaf Day at FRC -- for Deaf people to come in and learn about services at FRC – 20 participants (Fremont – FRC)

**CalCLAD**

- Presentation on ADA and Self-Advocacy for the SF Chapter of HLAA (formerly SHHH)
- Presentation to Ohlone Deaf students on employment rights

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- Sent a letter to Watsonville Hospital demanding that they improve access for Deaf people
- Riverside SAFE board approved a settlement in the call box case
- Still negotiating with CHP regarding the written settlement agreement for the call box case.

Miscellaneous:

- Coalition meeting scheduled for May 25th
- I’ll be in DC April 23-26 for the CEPIN manager’s meeting to discuss CEPIN’s future.