

1 **GREATER LOS ANGELES AGENCY ON DEAFNESS, INC.**  
2 **Executive Agency Board of Directors**  
3 **Wednesday, May 18, 2016**  
4 **MINUTES**

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6 **President Sidansky called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. A quorum was present.**

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8 **I. ROLL CALL**

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10 Board Members Present:

11 Robert Sidansky -President, Mark Jones-Vice President, Fred Lovitch-Secretary

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13 Absent:

14 Karen Bowman, Modela Kurzet, Elaine Aikins

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16 Visitors:

17 None

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19 Staff Present:

20 Dr. Patricia Hughes

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22 Interpreters:

23 Barbara Mathis and Stephen Palmer

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25 Recording Secretary:

26 Jainah Enriquez

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28 **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 30, 2016**

29 Crouse moves to approve minutes as read. Lovitch seconded. MSC.

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31 **III. OFFICER'S REPORTS**

32 President's Report:

33 No Report

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35 Vice President's Report:

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38 Treasurer's Report:

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41 Secretary's Report:

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44 **IV. CEO'S REPORT**

45 Hughes reported that she will be meeting with the Department of Social Services (DSS) representing  
46 GLAD, CODIE, TRI, and OCDEAF. DSS is our biggest funding source and is moving the Office of Deaf  
47 Access (ODA) to a different division within DSS. ODA monitors our contracts within DSS.  
48 Representatives from San Diego, GLAD (CODIE, OCDEAF, AND TRI), Fresno, Bay Area and  
49 Sacramento sister agencies will be present to discuss the reorganization of ODA with DSS on Wednesday,  
50 May 25th. Directors from the five centers will have a Coalition meeting after the DSS meeting to discuss

1 issues like priorities for 2016-2017 to improve services for deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf/blind. GLAD  
2 CEO will be in Sacramento for two nights on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.  
3 CEO has been very busy with different projects due to shortage of directors and staff. CEO is hopeful that  
4 a batch of great candidates will come in real soon.

5 *LifeSigns*

6 Filled Requests: 1300  
7 Cancellations: 449  
8 No Interpreter Available: 189

9 *Health Education*

10 GLAD has been awarded \$80k per year for the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program which will start in  
11 July for three years.  
12 All program objectives have been met and are up to date; thus, by end of contract year, objectives should  
13 be achieved.

14 There were several workshops. For example, there was a diabetic workshop at Abram Friedman  
15 Occupational Center (AFOC) that 24 students attended and at Antelope Valley College (AVC) GLAD  
16 health educators showed appropriate signs for contraceptives, HIV, and diabetes to prospective interpreters  
17 in AVC's Interpreter Training Program.

18 Under Ryan White contract, six hours of interpreter services were provided for in-home support and dental  
19 appointments for the month of April. There are two parts, one part is that it becomes costly to provide this  
20 service due to few hours of interpreting (for data feedback and to collect payments) and the other part is  
21 positive that more providers are aware that they have to provide interpreting services to consumers who are  
22 qualified under the Ryan White Act.

23 This department had a couple of "performance/fiscal audits" and both came out good with small findings.  
24 For example, in one contract, our staff is required to list out what activity was done during the follow up;  
25 however, in their finding, our staff did not do it. In our paperwork, it shows that our staff did. Thus, in our  
26 plan of corrective action, we will respond that we have been doing and will improve in this area by  
27 highlighting the activity.

28 *Public Relations (April)*

29 **Social Media Status**

30 GLAD Facebook: 4780 likes (up 124 from last month)  
31 Twitter: 254 followers (up 11 from last month)  
32 YouTube: 1026 subscribers (plus 19 new subscribers)  
33 E-News Subscribers: 3436

34 **Google Analytics**

35 4413 Sessions  
36 3051 Users  
37 10,977 page views

38 **Future Events**

39 Resume upgrading websites for each center.  
40 Preparing for the DeafNation Expo. Each center will have its own table and will be adjacent to each other.  
41 GLAD has been given 30 minutes to talk about the organization on the stage.

42 **Training**

43 Deaf Sensitivity Training was provided at Burbank's Boys and Girls Club.  
44 Numerous building tours have been given.  
45 Denim Day was on April 27<sup>th</sup>. It was successful with all 13 offices and staff wearing denim and white or  
46 purple tops to show solidarity against domestic/sexual assault. GLAD has been practicing this since I joined  
47 the organization.

48 **Feel the Beat: Spotighting Deaf Artists**

49 Approximately, there was about 285 purchased tickets, 18 tickets for sponsors, and 30 volunteers.  
50 The net profit may be around 13k. The CEO plans to send an email with detailed information to the board

1 within two weeks.  
2 Overall, the CEO believes that the event was a huge success due to the fans being so thrilled to see Nyle  
3 DiMarco, CJ, and Beethoven’s Nightmare.  
4 Two performers got the opportunity to perform on stage. CEO believes that this kind of event should  
5 continue every other year with something different to keep the community coming back to GLAD.

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7 **V. SUBSIDIARY REPORTS**

8 LIFESIGNS Chair Report:

9 Woods reported that there will be a workshop on July 9<sup>th</sup> about interpreting for the political process.

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11 DAHC Chair Report:

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14 CODIE Report:

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17 TRI COUNTY Report:

18 Sidansky reported that Tri- County GLAD will have a booth at the Strawberry Festival on May 21<sup>st</sup> and  
19 May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Sidansky encouraged the board to attend.

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21 OC-DEAF Report:

22 Jones reported that OCDEAF will have a booth at DeafNation.  
23 Chair Yoga is offered at OCDEAF. Every Wednesday at OC-DEAF there is a deaf coffee social. Every  
24 third Thursday of the month OC-DEAF hosts a deaf social at Shakey’s in Garden Grove and every 4th  
25 Friday of the month OC-DEAF hosts a deaf social at Starbucks as well.

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27 **VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

28 Finance Committee Report:

29 No Report

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31 Governance Committee:

32 Sidansky appointed Crouse to the Governance Committee.

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34 Nominations Committee:

35 No Report

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37 Personnel Committee:

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40 Fundraising Committee:

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43 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee:

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46 **VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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49 **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

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**IX. PUBLIC INPUT**

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**X. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm. The next board meeting will be held at 6:30pm on August 3, 2016.

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Fred Lovitch  
Board Secretary