

1 **GREATER LOS ANGELES AGENCY ON DEAFNESS, INC.**
2 **Executive Agency Board of Directors**
3 **Wednesday, January 23, 2019**
4 **MINUTES**

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6 **President Sidansky called the meeting to order at 6:40 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, Elaine Aikins Modela Kurzet, Karen Bowman
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13 Absent:

14 Stacey Woods, Daryl Crouse, Dr. Patricia Hughes
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16 Visitors:

17 Ivonne Bogen
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19 Staff Present:

20 None
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22 Interpreters:

23 Barbara Mathis
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25 Recording Secretary:

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28 **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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31 **III. OFFICER'S REPORTS**

32 President's Report:

33 Sidansky discussed the progress of the 50th Anniversary event including location, price of admission and
34 public relations. Discussion ensued. Sidansky suggested establishing a new schedule for board meetings and
35 explained he is considering changing meetings from every month to every two months and meeting four
36 times per year with video conferencing in between. We want to streamline workflow and retain a goal-
37 oriented board. We want to have more diversity in the makeup of the board. Thinking of inviting community
38 leaders on a special day to introduce GLAD to them. The board discussed potential parties that are interested.
39 Discussion ensued.

40 Ivonne Bogen was introduced and explained she is looking to join GLAD's advisory board.

41 Sidansky proposed that mileage be covered by GLAD to reimburse the board for their service. Discussion
42 ensued.

43 Sidansky considered cancelling meeting because Hughes is absent. Opted, instead, to keep the meeting as
44 scheduled to tend to planning the 50th Anniversary. Voting will take place regarding price and location.
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46 Vice President's Report:

47 No Report
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49 Treasurer's Report:

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Secretary's Report:
No Report

IV. CEO'S REPORT
No Report

V. SUBSIDIARY REPORTS
LIFESIGNS Report:

No Report

DAHC Report:

Housing is available for seniors on the third floor. Current residents are satisfied with their living conditions. Will look to speak with more people. Modela has received letters regarding housing issues. Some of these issues have been resolved. Discussion ensued.

CODIE Report:

No Report

TRI-COUNTY Report:

Aikins recommended that emails be sent to the board if a member is absent. This will avoid situations in which no report is given. Aikins reported that last December, the Christmas gift wrapping was held for five days, Monday-Friday during the third week of December for six hours. This event earned \$400.00. Plans are being made to host the same event this year. Discussion ensued. Money previously earned from the event assisted with the cost of advertising and disseminating information to parents and children attending the Elks Lounge Party. It was the 29th anniversary with two hundred people in attendance.

The previous Tri-County GLAD regional director of fourteen years, Julianna Field, retired on November 2nd, 2018. Last Friday, the Administrative Assistant of eleven-twelve years, Jasmine Casey, retired as well. Hughes interviewed numerous applicants. The location of the interviews posed as a challenge. There are currently four vacant positions. Interview process is on hold until Hughes recovers from the flu. Positions are expected to be filled by November. Community Advocate, Hal Sudderuth, is currently manning the office. Volunteers have been contacted to assist with clerical work. Discussion ensued. Jasmine has not sent a list of events for February yet. Will get clarification from her on pizza night in Ventura.

AAARP's annual tax preparation service, March-April, for low-income, deaf individuals is ending. United Way is now the vendor. Gary Jacobson (deaf accountant) has offered his services. Unsure whether services are free to program and/or participants. There are three accountants. Gary Jacobson will provide tax service on March 9th and April 4th. On March 21st an interpreter will be present for tax service.

Tri-County GLAD is considering a CERT Preparation event regarding earthquake readiness. Participants will receive certification. CERT three-four hour refresher course will occur. Tests are used for new and past participants to brush up on skills. Discussion ensued.

Aikins received recognition for becoming the new Board President on January 3rd, 2019. Discussion ensued. Board member, Debbie, expressed interest in the role of Vice President. Voting will take place in March. We are hoping to have four new board members at the next meeting.

OC-DEAF Report:

Bogen discussed the Children's Holiday Party. There was a magic show. Discussed various events happening in the Orange County area. Discussion ensued.

We are looking to hire a Deaf Mentor and a Family Advocate.

1 **VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

2 Finance Committee Report:

3 No Report

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5 Governance Committee:

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8 Nominations Committee:

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11 Personnel Committee:

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14 Fundraising Committee:

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17 50th Anniversary Committee:

18 Hughes visited Pickwick’s Rose Garden in December 2018 as a potential place to host the 50th Anniversary
19 Celebration. The Royal Room holds 500 people and was preferred over the Banquet Hall as the lines of sight
20 were not clear in the latter. The Board brainstormed on logistics of setting up the room as well as pricing.
21 Pickwick will cover catering and set up. Discussion ensued. We could set up an auction and cash bar of
22 \$250.00. There must be a minimum of eighty attendees if the price per person is to be \$51.67. The deposit
23 is \$3,120. As you get closer to the date of the event, the price increases to \$4,132.60. With the admission of
24 eighty people, we would break even from the \$4,133 and make a profit. Admission should be \$75 dollars.
25 We have 80 people GLAD would profit \$1,866.00, plus there would be money left over from Tri-County
26 GLAD and the sponsors. For décor, we can purchase black and gold table cloths. One of the residents has
27 offered to purchase red carpet for pictures. We also need to focus on what we have for awards and gift
28 packages. Hughes can write a check tomorrow for the deposit if the Board votes and agrees. If it passes, we
29 can start on advertising. The date of the event is October 12, 2019 so the deadline should be ten days before.
30 Discussion ensued.

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32 **VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

33 Sidansky explained that Hughes will fill in the Board on the fourteen districts in Eagle Rock when she
34 returns.

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37 **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

38 Bowman moves that Bogen be approved to Board Member representative for Orange County. Aikins
39 seconded. **M.S.C.**

40 Aikins moves that the board authorizes Hughes to write a check for \$3,120 covering the deposit of the Royal
41 Room at Pickwick Gardens for GLAD’s 50th Anniversary Celebration on October 12, 2019. Ivonne Bogen
42 seconded. **M.S.C.**

43 Modela moves that the price of ticket admission for GLAD’s 50th Anniversary Celebration on October 12,
44 2019 start at \$75 for those that purchase tickets on/before October 1, 2019 (early birds) and then raise the
45 price to \$85 after this date. Bowman seconds. **M.S.C.**

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47 **IX. PUBLIC INPUT**

48 No Report

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1 **X. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

2 No Report

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4 **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

5 Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next Board Meeting will be held on March 27, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

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Board Secretary

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