

Missoula Council of the Deaf Incorporated (MCDi)

General Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2025

Location: The Break Coffee, Missoula, MT (Hybrid via Zoom)

Time: Meeting called to order at 10:05 am by Eliza Kragh (President)

Quorum: Verified (3 members present, constituting a quorum per bylaws)

Attendees

- Members Present:
 - Eliza Kragh (President)
 - Rita Brandborg (Vice President, appointed Secretary)
 - Tessa Williams (Event Coordinator)
- Members Absent:
 - Kevin Cooley (Treasurer)
 - Aubrey M (Secretary)
- Visitors:
 - Ella
 - Josie

Appointment of Secretary Pro Tem

Due to the absence of Secretary Aubrey M, Rita Brandborg is served as Secretary Pro Tem for this meeting with no objection from the membership

Proceedings:

1. Meeting Minutes
 - a. The minutes of the 01/11/ 2025 meeting were not available for review as the Secretary was absent from that meeting. The draft minutes will be distributed to members for review and will be presented for approval at the next meeting.
 - b. The revised minutes of the 08/06/2024 and 09/14/2024 meeting were approved by unanimous consent.
2. **Officers reports**
 - a. President (reported to Vice President)
 - i. HB 184: provided testimony at introduction in Senate
 - ii. Signed petition with Summit Independent Living for Section 504 support from MT Attorney General
 - iii. Will be attending ASLTA conference in DC in July
 - iv. Will be attending NAP conference in August

- b. Vice President
 - i. HB 151 Revise educational laws pertaining to recruitment and retention and MSDB, changed Educational Interpreters system from only MSDB to whole Montana
 - ii. HB 184 Modify language in the MCA that may diminish the dignity of individuals who are deaf or Hard of Hearing, provided Senate testimony
 - iii. Hosting First Friday March 7th 2025 at Pink Elephant, Photography and MCDi displays
 - iv. Will be attending ASLTA conference in DC in July
- c. Secretary
 - No report
- d. Treasurer
 - The treasurer reported to President that we currently have \$496.00 in the bank account
- e. Event Coordinator
 - i. Provided Senate testimony for HB 184
 - ii. Deaf History vlogs on MCDi for 4 weeks successful

3. Unfinished Business

- a. None

4. New Business

- a. Event Coordinator moved that MCDi post a monthly vlog for June, July, August, and September and will post two weeks before the new month.
 - i. Seconded
 - ii. Motion Carried and passed by Unanimous Consent by show of hands
- b. Vice President moved that MCDi will have a BBQ on June 5th 2025 at 6:00-9:00 PM, Kiwanis Park and will spend a maximum of \$150.00.
 - i. Seconded
 - ii. Motion Carried and passed by Unanimous Consent by show of hands

5. Good Will

- a. None

Next Member Meeting: Announced next meeting will be on September 13th 2025 at 10:00 AM, Missoula Public Library, 4th floor (Election of new officers and approval of revised bylaws).

Next Board Meeting will be August 9th 2025 at 10 am. The meeting will be hybrid via Zoom.

MAD will be hosting their next biennial conference in Bozeman MT from June 12 - 14th 2025

6. Adjournment

- a. Since there was no further business, the chair declared the meeting adjourned at 10:59 AM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Rita Brandborg, Secretary Pro Tem
Date submitted: 09/13/2025