

NYC Deaf Access Committee - Business Meeting Minutes

[NYCDAF Google Drive Folder](#)

August 21, 2023

Prepared by Claire G on 8/21/23

Opened with Serenity Prayer

- I. Reports
 - A. Old biz meeting mins accepted
 - B. [Treasury Report](#) Shared/Accepted
 - C. Manhattan Share A Day was last week
- II. Old Business
 - A. Communications Chair - maybe share on The Link (SENY newsletter)
 1. Andrew and Claire will work on this for the September issue
 - B. Lucy/Bylaws - to keep an eye on for future
- III. New Business
 - A. Outreach/Awareness efforts: Email people who may be able to share this resource, continue to announce at in person meetings, Andrew to post on private Facebook groups, can go to online meetings where there are interpreters & share/announce there. Maybe make a generic email to send out?
 1. <https://www.nyconnects.ny.gov/services/deaf-services-2273>
 2. <https://www.nyconnects.ny.gov/providers/new-york-society-for-the-deaf-so-fa-ag-435260>
 3. <https://www.rit.edu/ntid/saisd>
 4. <https://jewishboard.org/how-we-can-help/services-for-the-deaf-community/>
 5. <https://www.nyc.gov/site/mopd/resources/disability-specific-deaf-hard-of-hearing-schools.page>
 6. <https://www.nysd.net/about.html>
 - B. Would be great to get some additional support for Terp coordinating, we will post in The Link

Meeting closed with The Responsibility Statement, which reads: I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.

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July 2023

No formal business meeting held. Updates sent to committee members.

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June 20, 2023

Prepared by Claire G on 6/20/23

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- I. Reports
 - A. Previous biz meeting mins accepted
 - B. [Treasury Report](#) Shared/Accepted
 1. Prudent reserve of about \$3k
 2. Report accepted
 - C. Other updates:
 1. Chris went to District 602 meeting this month
 2. Andrew went to the midnite biz meeting - current chair's term is up in November so let's make sure to attend biz meetings once there's a new lineup
 3. Andrew will attend Rainbow room biz meeting next month
- II. Old Business
 - A. Seeking a communications chair? Maybe will go out in the Link - someone keeping an eye on various meetings that give us monthly contributions, mainly keeping a calendar - there's a [service position description](#) in the folder - Lucy may do it? We can post about it in The Link
 - B. Lucy can't do the bylaw updating anymore
- III. New Business
 - A. Maya has taken over as interpreter coordinator
 1. Claire can update Gina from the Link about not needing to post about that service commitment anymore
 - B. Need to create a flyer to post in the Link that we are still looking for more members to join the committee
 - C. Move all docs into the NYCDAC folder in [Google Drive Folder](#)
 - D. Should we move the biz meeting since Chris can never attend? Andrew will send out a doodle to see what other days/times could work
 - E. Maya is the new Interpreter Coordinator
 1. Maya made a motion to formalize/observing milestones for interpreters
- IV. Motion to close
 - A. Meeting closed with The Responsibility Statement, which reads: I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.

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May 16, 2023

Prepared by Claire G on 5/16/23

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- I. Reports
 - A. Previous business meeting minutes accepted
 - B. Treasury Report
 1. Andrew to update/correct, accepted pending update/correction
- II. Old Business
 - A. Bylaws still in process
 - B. Claire to send blurb to Gina to post in the Link
- III. New Business
 - A. Posting about additional members in the Link - Claire & Andrew to work on a flyer for Gina to include in future issues
 - B. Also would like to find a communications chair
- IV. Motion to close
 - A. Meeting closed with The Responsibility Statement, which reads: I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.

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April 25, 2023

Prepared by Claire G on 4/25/23

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- I. Reports
 - A. Previous business meeting minutes accepted
 - B. [Treasury Report](#) accepted
 1. Chris has to chase a few contributions
 2. Accepted
- II. Old Business
 - A. Bylaws
 1. Lucy drafted [bylaws](#)
 2. Went through together and answered questions
 3. Lucy is halfway done, bylaws look good so far
 - B. Posting open positions in The Link - Claire will email the contact to ask what we need to do to post that we are looking for an interpreter coordinator and hoping to expand meeting membership/attendees.
 - C. Portland DAC is trying to get something on the agenda in 2024, would we be willing to support their motion as the NYC DAC? Here is the [motion](#).
 1. Motion made to support Portland's motion, motion passed.
- III. Motion to close, meeting closed with responsibility prayer.

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March 2023

No formal business meeting held. Updates sent to committee members.

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February 28, 2023

Prepared by Claire G on 2/28/23

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I. Reports

- A. Old Biz meeting minutes accepted
- B. [Treasury report](#) accepted.
 - 1. Rainbow room donations didn't come in from January or February
 - 2. Red door passed a motion to provide an interpreter at Friday meetings by request (which means there is now an accessible meeting every day of the week yay) + donation to DAF \$70 per month
 - 3. NYU - interpreter is now by request, if there is no request that week they send the \$70 to DAF

II. Updates:

- A. SENY - motion was passed to have more literature translated into ASL to make service more accessible
- B. District 602 Meeting where Andrew met the new DCM, new batch of GSRs, some miscommunication about our funds and who pays for what but hopefully this will be cleared up in the ensuing meetings

III. Old Business:

- A. New terp [Onboarding doc](#) was created
- B. All [service position descriptions](#) have been updated/added
- C. Still need an interpreter coordinator and "AA Liason"
- D. Bylaws conversation has yet to happen. Reference doc [here](#). Lucy will review & draft bylaws for us by next month.
- E. Expanding roster of interpreters

IV. New Business:

- A. Chris is going to take over as treasurer.
- B. Could post in The Link to add new members to our group. We can get more information from Paola.

V. General:

- A. Claire + Andrew will be at GVG tomorrow night for the biz meeting

Meeting closed with responsibility prayer!

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January 17, 2023

Prepared by Claire G on 1/17/23

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I. Reports:

- Secretary minutes accepted
- Treasury report accepted:
 - Midnite donation came in on time
 - Rainbow room donation didn't come in but Michael is following up
 - Monthly recurring donations should total around \$700 per month for now (from Midnite, Rainbow Room, and Westwingers)
- Other updates: We can share a table with SENY Accessibility Committee at the SENY Convention in March if we want to (March 24 - 26)
- Year end Recap: In 2022 we reached out to 37 interpreters & ended up with 6 regular interpreters. Grew from 1 to 3 regular deaf fellows who attend meetings. Raised over \$2k.

II. Old Business

- Terp onboarding doc - Chris is working to create. Doc includes AA slogans, terms, expressions, etc. May be a living document that is continually added to.
- Tips/FAQ sheet for groups to print out - Andrew. This has been added to the website and there are several deaf fellows who are going to review & provide any feedback. We can ask the overall chairs for meetings that have mailing lists to email about the website. There are lots of resources to help us already and we don't have to reinvent the wheel. (eg mailing lists already exist)
- NYCDAF business cards w/ donation info - Claire. These have been created and ordered. Estimated arrival Jan 24. Please make sure to get some and distribute!
- NYCDAF Donations are available via Zelle/PayPal - Michael/Andrew. That is how some groups make their monthly donations. This info is available on the website.
- Additional financial support
 - From the city - Andrew
 - From AA World Services (office right by Columbia!) - Chris
- Terp outreach update - Andrew. We are getting more interpreters. Also some of the interpreters are telling their interpreter friends about NYCDAC - spreading through word of mouth. Andrew tries to not schedule same person more than 2x per week.

III. New Business

- [Service position descriptions](#) for discussion/approval - Claire
 - Will discuss treasurer & payment coordinator at Feb Biz meeting
 - Accepting descriptions was tabled until next biz meeting
- Elect a payment coordinator - Andrew

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- Paola/Potential for reaching out to NYIG to become a committee under them - Andrew
- Creation of bylaws - Lucy/Andrew - Refer to Brooklyn Intergroup bylaws. Important for the rotation of service positions. Can draft and then edit in 6 months depending on how things go. Motion to create bylaws made, and accepted.

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