

## Director and Chair Report

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May 12, 2022

### General Update(s)

Eric Wilcox, Chair  
Susan Beckett, Vice Chair

- Communication Access Allyship
- Report Submission Protocols – Eric Wilcox/Susan Beckett
  - Present Report to the Administrative Assistants 2 weeks in advance for processing and remediation
  - Report Expectations/Reporting Outline (present overview vs. word for word of report content)
- General Meeting Platform Update
  - Continue virtual meetings – re-evaluate for 2023
- Budget Update
  - Total Expenses (thru 3/31/22): \$8,423.21
  - Balance (as of 3/31/22): \$16,247.01

### Membership Updates

Cheyenne Pasquale, Int. ED

- Open position (before our next meeting) – “One member who is a member of the Nevada Association of the Deaf...”
  - Mr. Beardsley has decided to not renew for an additional term and will be ending his term in June of 2022.
  - NVAD has appointed a new President, Tim Smalley and Vice President, Laura Thompson with efforts to find the remaining open seats of Treasurer and Secretary. – Mr. Smalley has submitted his application and awaits the Governor’s appointment.
  - Thank you to Mr. Beardsley for his years of service and dedication to the Commission and its objective for our state.

### Nominations and Elections Process

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- Election for Chair and Vice-Chair at the July meeting
- Nomination Process
  - Email asking for nominations will be sent to commission members.
  - Nominations will be accepted until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
  - Confirmation of nomination acceptance and ballot will be sent by Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- Election Process
  - Live Zoom Poll will be conducted during the July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, meeting.

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- Incoming Chair and Vice-Chair will begin elected roles immediately following the July meeting.

### Network Lists: Resources/Collaborations/Potential Partner/Partners

- Current development
  - Network system is being formatted and redefined from past practices. Further updates to share at July's meeting.
- Recent Resources/Collaborative relationships/efforts
  - American Sign Language Communication (ASL Comm) – Partnership/Alliance
  - Autism Treatment Assistance Program (ATAP) – Collaborative initiative started
    - Current Request:
      - Deaf Culture Competency Training Requested
      - Collaborative Community Outreach
    - Connections to:
      - Nevada Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) – [Autism \(nv.gov\)](https://www.nv.gov/autism)  
Potential Partnership/Alliance – Speech Impaired on Spectrum
  - Blindconnect – Alliance/Resources (Potential Partnership – Meeting set for Mid May)
  - Global Technical Communications (GTC): ASL Anywhere – Potential Partnership/Alliance/Resource
  - Health in All Policies (HiAP) – Resource/Partner
    - Connections to:
      - Statewide Health Needs Assessment Group – in efforts to bring Public Health Accreditation to our state through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) – ED offered a seat at the table of discussion – accepted, active member
      - Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC Foundation) – Resource/Partner
  - Hidden Valley ES, Washoe county – Collaborative efforts/resourcing
  - Innivee Strategies – Resource/Alliance
  - Las Vegas Deaf Seniors (LVDS) – Partnership/Alliance
  - Nevada Attorney for Injured Workers – Collaborative/Alliance
    - Current project: CAS Collaboration on Deaf Culture Awareness/Sensitivity Training
    - Connections to:
      - Department of Administration's Hearings Division (Hearings)
      - Department of Business & Industry's Division of Industrial Relations (DIR)
  - Nevada Early Intervention Services (NEIS) – Resource/Alliance

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- State of Nevada Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology & Hearing Aid Dispensing Board (NV Speech Hearing Board) – Alliance/Networking/Resources
  - Connections to:
    - NEVADA**
      - [NV Coalition](#)  
Nevada’s Coalition to Address Personnel Shortages in Special Education and Related Services
        - Nancy Kuhles: [nkuhles119@gmail.com](mailto:nkuhles119@gmail.com)
      - [Nevada Speech-Hearing Association](#)  
A state association that promotes the practice of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
        - Kim Reddig: [Kreddig0804@gmail.com](mailto:Kreddig0804@gmail.com)
    - NATIONAL**
      - [IHS - International Hearing Society](#)  
A national organization that promotes the practice of Hearing Aid Dispensing. There was a Nevada chapter but I just found out it’s been closed, so they are referring people to IHS. Advocacy Work: <https://myhome.ihsinfo.org/myhome/Advocacy/AdvocacyCenter.aspx>
      - [ASHA - American Speech-Language Hearing Association](#)  
A national organization that certifies speech-language pathologists and audiologists. Advocacy Work: <https://www.asha.org/advocacy/>
      - [American Academy of Audiology](#)  
Represents audiologists and future audiologists nationwide by promoting quality hearing and balance care. Advocacy Work: <https://www.audiology.org/advocacy/>
- Nevada Care Connection (NVCC) – Collaboration and cultural exposure efforts
  - Presentation of services and access point at the July 12<sup>th</sup> General Commission Meeting
- Nevada Black Deaf Advocates (NVBDA) – Partnership/Alliance
- Nevada Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (NVRID) – Partnership/Alliance
  - Professional Development Committee – seat offered
  - Requested to be added to ListServ
- Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity (NOHME) – Round Table Discussion, Partnership/Alliance
- Office of Suicide Prevention (OSP) – Suicide Prevention Hotline/”988” efforts and Inservice Trainings for Volunteers
- Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) – Partnership/Alliance
- Virginia Department of Deaf and Hard of Hearing (VADDHH)

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- National Association of State Agencies of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NASADHH) – Member/Resource relationship

### Community Contact(s) – For Possible Action Cheyenne Pasquale, Int. ED

This section is being added for the Director to report major issues/concerns reported by the community to the Commission.

- ASL/CART – State Contract Issue
  - Contract Status Update
  - Letter sent to state purchasing on 5/5/2022 as motioned at the March 10, 2022, meeting.
- Unemployment Issues
  - Approved letter at the March 10, 2022, General Commission meeting sent on 5/11/2022. We are now awaiting response and further action can be made by the Accessibility Subcommittee.
- University of Nevada Reno (UNR) – ASL Language Considerations and Cancellation of ASL Courses/Credits concern
  - Confirmation that UNR will continue offering American Sign Language (ASL) courses and will continue to allow ASL course credits to count towards a student’s foreign language major requirements per Dr. David K. Shintani, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education at University of Nevada Reno (UNR).

### 2022 Meeting Schedule Reminder

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- Remaining 2022 General Commission Meetings:
  - July 14<sup>th</sup>, 9am – 12pm
  - September 8<sup>th</sup>, 9am – 12pm
  - November 10<sup>th</sup>, 9am – 12pm
- Subcommittee Meetings:
  - Education Subcommittee: October 4<sup>th</sup> 9am (Suggested time change to 4:00pm to increase Educators and Parent attendance): For Possible Action
  - Legislative Subcommittee: October 6<sup>th</sup> 10am
  - Accessibility Subcommittee: June 7<sup>th</sup>, 10am; December 6<sup>th</sup> 10am
  - Employment Subcommittee: June 9<sup>th</sup>, 10am; December 8<sup>th</sup> 10am

## Agenda Item 7. Review and Discussion of the Work of the Commission, and Community Engagement Plan:

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### Community Engagement Plan

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- Community Engagement Draft (Outline) – currently in development
  - Includes (but not limited to):
    - Commissioner Participation – Expectations of roles
      - Executive Director’s Role – Defined
      - Commissioners’ Role – Defined
- Dissemination Communication Plan
  - Informational materials
    - Website revisions
    - Flyers – Necessity for generational/accessibility preferences/needs
    - Social Media platforms – to be discussed and explored at a later date
- Partnership/Ally Development – in progress (see above report – Section “Network List”)
- Measurement Plan – under revision
- Townhalls – advocate for collaborative organizations that address specific issues/common concerns and said objectives

### Townhall Dates (For Possible Action)

- Projected dates:
  - South – August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 (Week of Deaf Nation Expo) – Time of day need.
  - North/Rural – August 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Time of day need.