



USADB House of Delegates Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2013
DoubleTree – Valley Forge
King of Prussia, PA

Note: USADB has 8 regions and abbreviations will be used. Here is a list:

- ❖ CBAD – Central Basketball Association of the Deaf
- ❖ EAAD – East Athletic Association of the Deaf
- ❖ FAAD – Far West Athletic Association of the Deaf
- ❖ MAAD – Midwest Athletic Association of the Deaf
- ❖ NEAAD – New England Athletic Association of the Deaf
- ❖ NWADB – Northwest Association of Deaf Basketball
- ❖ SEAAD – Southeast Athletic Association of the Deaf
- ❖ SWBAD – Southwest Basketball Association of the Deaf

Roll Call:

USADB Board:

Commissioner Shirley Platt
Deputy Commissioner Christina Costello
Secretary James “JP” Powell
Treasurer Brian Fruits
Public Relations Director Joey Baer

USADB Staff:

Tournament Director Chuck Wallace
Youth Director Stephen DaSilva

Region Officers:

CBAD President Doug Mader
EAAD President Stewart Gerlis
FAAD Commissioner Mark Corson
MAAD President Lorrie Shank
EAAD Sports Director Bruce Beston
NWADB President Justin Anderson

Dignitaries:

Parliamentarian: Billy Griffin
Sergeant-at-Arms: Robert “RJ” Jones

Delegates:

Oskar Schugg, FAAD-DSA Model
Kevin Bolhin, SWBAD-Rattlers
Patti Canne, SWBAD-Rattlers
Michael Krieger, EAAD-New Jersey Wild One
Chad Duhon, EAAD-NoVA Womens
Barry Loeffler, SWBAD-ATX Toros *
Sarah Faber, CBAD-Lady Panthers
Gustavo Diaz, CBAD-WSAD Orange Mustangs
Joseph Ruiz, CBAD-CPD Beasts
Benny King, FAAD-AZ Black Widows

Delegates (continued):

Kevin Parham, FAAD-AZ Desert Fire
Brian Bippus, CBAD-Indy Hawks
Arturo Iniguez, SWBAD-Texas Alamo
Andrew Helm, EAAD-Greater Philadelphia
John Antal, EAAD-Galaxy
Wendell Forbes, Jr., EAAD-NJ Warriors
Michael Carter, NEAAD-Brattleboro Deaf Club
Jamon Williams, CBAD-Detroit Panther *
Jose Roman, CBAD-Chicago Rebels
Arthur Larson, NEAAD-Bridgeport
Carl Denney, Delegate-at-Large

* Official Credential Form not submitted, but signed the Log in Sheet

Absent:

USADB International Director David Hamilton
SEAAD Region was not present nor represented (not in good standing)
SWBAD Region was not present nor represented

Commissioner Platt called the meeting to order at 1:53pm EDT.

Commissioner Platt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Powell announced 33 officers, region officers and delegates present and signed in.

Commissioner Platt asked for a moment of silence to honor people who have passed away since the last House of Delegates Meeting in Houston, TX:

John "Jax" Levesque, California
Bennie Maucere, West Los Angles, California

Special remembrances:

Seymour Bernstein, Riverside, California
Laura Edwards' dad (4/2012)
Mervyn & Carol Garretson (Late 2012), Past NAD President
James "Jimmy" Goodson, Phoenix, AX (Late 2012)

Agenda

It was moved and seconded that we adopt the agenda as published. CARRIED

2012 House of Delegates Minutes (Houston)

It was moved and seconded that we accept the minutes as written. CARRIED

Reports

Officers' reports were accepted as submitted (included in packet)

Commissioner Shirley Platt highlighted parts of her report, which focused on International and the upcoming Deaflympics in Sofia. She briefly explained the political situation in Sofia.

Deputy Commissioner Christina Costello gave a summary for her time as Deputy (May 2012-present), which covered the retreat (which was held on Tuesday April 2, 2013) and the SEAAD Region situation. Public Relations (ex-Deputy) Joey Baer gave his summary for the April-May period, which covered the "Houston Fight" that occurred in the hours after the "After Party" was shut down.

Secretary James Powell summarized the activities performed during the year – a site visit to King of Prussia, Team Registration Packet, and various letters and board meeting minutes.

Public Relations Director Joey Baer gave his report on tournament sponsors and announced he was leaving at the end of April but will remain involved with USADB.

Treasurer Brian Fruits gave his financial reports (included in packet) and commented that times have changed. We no longer collect membership dues and forced USADB to be frugal. He explained that USADB has 3 separate funds (National, International and Youth). Fruits highlighted some of the major expenses – lawyer fees for an ongoing legal case, T-shirts, gym and prizes for champ teams. USADB has made its final payment to Sabrina Overlie for a girl's camp in MN, the last debt from 2008. The audits on 2010 and 2011 are done and everything's in order. The 2012 audit is almost done. All IRS 990's have been filed on time. This is Fruits' last year as USADB Treasurer as he is nearing the maximum number of years on the board.

Commissioner Platt introduced **Youth Director Stephen DaSilva** to the delegates and he gave a short summary. A strategy plan for the Youth program was recently given to the Board. We're having the High School All Stars games this year – thanks to New Jersey Deaf Sports (NJDS) for their 2 years of fundraising. NJDS's 2013 tournament was a huge success.

Tournament Director Chuck Wallace thanked the Executive Committee and Board officers for helping get information, team registration and other things done.

Commissioner Platt handed out the 2013 Region Affiliation certificates and the Region of the Year Award went to Northwest Association of Deaf Basketball for being so efficient with the team registration and fees.

Old Business

The following are the Motions and Proposals Referred to Governance Committee in 2012 Houston House of Delegates Meeting:

1) HOD 2012-09

I, Brian Fruits, move that: we revise the following section in the USADB Bylaws:

CHAPTER FIVE. House of Delegates

§ 5.01 Delegates.

Voting members of the House of Delegates shall consist of the following:

- (a) ~~One delegate from each team~~ ~~One men~~ ~~player representative and one female~~ ~~player representative per region~~ with a delegate form signed by the region's secretary;
- (b) One ~~delegate officer~~ from each region with a delegate form signed by the region's secretary, and;
- (c) The officers of the Association.
- (d) Former past officers of the AAAD/USADB as delegate at large.

The following restrictions shall apply:

- (a) No person shall be entitled to more than one vote, regardless of holding multiple offices.
- (b) Each delegate shall be a full member in good standing with the Association and the USADSF for at least one year prior to the House of Delegates meeting, and the organization he represents shall meet the membership criteria as outlined in Article Three of this Constitution.

Rationale: Reduce the number of delegates for each region to three each region.

Governance Committee: No conflicts with bylaws. Let delegates decide.

AMEND: Remove the word "Player"

AMENDMENT CARRIED

MOTION FAILED

2) HOD-2012-14

USADB Executive Board moved that we adopt new USADB job description and structure.

Summary of the motion: the new board would have Commissioner, Vice President of Finance, Vice President of National Programs, Vice President of International/Youth Programs, and Vice President of Member Services.

Governance Committee: Recommend establishing an ad hoc committee to study and determine how the new structure should be implemented and its impact on organization's governance (i.e. House of Delegates, Executive Committee, etc). Another option to consider is to refer this back to the Governance Committee to draft a new set of Constitution and Bylaws to ensure no conflicts with the new structure inserted.

RECOMMENDATION ACCEPTED (to form an ad-hoc committee)

3) HOD 2012-18

I, Brian Fruits, move that: we revise the following section in the USA Deaf Basketball National Tournament Guidelines:

25) Basketball Rules

(b) There shall be a five (5) minutes overtime in case of a tie in any basketball games during the Annual Basketball Tournament. All games in the annual USADB Basketball Tournament shall have two (2) or three (3) basketball officials recognized by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) or Recreational Basketball Association/League. All games will be followed by NCAA Rules and Regulations or Recreational Basketball Rules and Regulations.

Referral passed.

Rationale: USADB could use recreational referees to keep the tournament costs down.

Governance Committee: Split: one side favors for financial reasons and other side favors keeping NCAA referees. Let delegates decide.

REFERRED BACK TO GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

4) HOD-2012-Floor-11:

Shirley Platt (USADB) moved that USADB create a new category of Associate Membership for those who wish to be individual supporting members of USADB.

Referral to Executive Committee passed.

Rationale: There are many people and some organizations that support USADB and have for many years. Most of them would gladly help USADB by paying annual membership dues. There may also be some non-regional organizations that like to be affiliated with us

(camps, etc.). The Associate Membership category can be comprised of two parts: Individual and Organizational.

Governance Committee: Platt proposed following three (3) motions for action.

MOTION: It was moved to read and vote on the following 3 motions.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion HOD-2012-Floor-11a) Revise Constitution

§ 3.02 Classes of Membership.

The membership shall be divided into ~~two~~ three classes:

- (a) Individual Membership.
- (b) Regional Membership.
- (c) Associate Membership.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion HOD-2012-Floor-11b) Add a new sub-section to Bylaws

Chapter One Membership

Individuals shall be members of the Association in one of the following classifications:

- (a) ...
- (b) ...
- (c) ...
- (d) ...
- (e) All associate individual members shall be members of the USADSF.

REFERRED TO GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Motion HOD-2012-Floor-11c) Add a new section to Bylaws

Chapter One Membership

§ 1.03 Membership Dues

Individual or team membership dues, region affiliation fees, associate member dues, and all penalties and fines as set forth in Guidelines and Bylaws shall be non-refundable.

MOTION CARRIED

New Business

The following are proposals that were accepted by **March 1, 2013** and reviewed by the Governance Committee.

Proposal 2013-1: I, Executive Board, move to accept a new set of Constitution and Bylaws with revisions.

Rationale: Several sections moved to logical place elsewhere in the Association governing documents to lessen confusion and placed with other sections under same topics. Also, there were a few spelling and grammar corrections.

Governance Committee: In favor.

PROPOSAL CARRIED

Proposal 2013-2: I, MAAD, move to add a new sub-section to the bylaws.

CHAPTER THIRTEEN. USADB NATIONAL TOURNAMENT RULES

§ 13.03 - PLAYER ELIGIBILITY RULES.

7. Professional and Semi-Professional Players. No active professional or semi-professional players shall not be eligible to play for any USADB team.

Rationale: USADB tournament is for amateur players and semi-pro/pro players can play in international tournament and Deaflympics.

PROPOSAL FAILED

Proposal 2013-3: I, FAAD, move to add a new section to the Bylaws:

CHAPTER FIFTEEN. Hearing Loss Requirements for All Athletes

§ 15.04 AUDIOGRAMS

Each USADB Region will provide with USADB Secretary for all new players and others a set of audiograms or proof of attendance at residential schools for the deaf and the like.

Rationale: To increase awareness of on-line audiograms and proof of attendance at residential schools for the deaf within the database for USADB in its selections for national and international events as well as to lessen complications in case of Free Agents, etc.

Governance Committee: If delegates approve this motion to maintain and store thousands of audiograms, the committee recommends referring this to an ad hoc committee to conduct a feasibility study, cost analysis and implementation plan to report back to HOD in 2014.

PROPOSAL CARRIED

Proposal 2013-4: I, FAAD, move to amend the Bylaws:

§ 13.03 - PLAYER ELIGIBILITY RULES.

3. Hearing persons shall not play on any USADB member team in any regional or national tournament. Teams desiring to have hearing coaches shall be permitted to do so. Each USADB men's and women's teams will be allowed for one (1) CODA.

Rationale: To increase more players in the pool, especially with Women's Teams, as most of Women's Teams do sorely need such additional players. Also, will help strengthen some Men's Teams in some regions.

Governance Committee: Not in favor because it has been proven difficult to prove a player is actually a CODA and this conflicts with the Association's affiliation to USADSF.

ACCEPTED GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

Proposal 2013-5: I, FAAD, move to add a new sub-section to the Bylaws:

§ 13.07 - USADB REGISTRATION FORMS.

11. Each USADB men's and women's team coach(es) shall be responsible for accuracy of such USADB Forms with further synchronization and training on such said USADB forms.

Rationale: To streamline and to lessen confusion on part of team coaches, team leaders and team players on such new USADB Forms with more accuracy and more possibility for such on-line registration to lessen errors and omissions. In short, any registration process should be short, simple and sweet without any added confusions. Such forms should be attached with simple instructions.

Governance Committee: Ad hoc committee to explore the possible implementation of a new online registration system or redesign of a more simple registration form.

REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Proposal 2013-6: I, James Powell, move to revise the Bylaws:

§ 13.07 - USADB REGISTRATION FORMS.

1. The USADB secretary ~~or Treasurer~~ shall supply each regional Secretary-(Treasurer) ~~with a sufficient number of yearly dated blank~~ official team's registration, USADB GUIDELINES OF USADB TOURNAMENT RULES, and waiver forms on or before October 1. The regional association or any USADB team members thereof shall not be allowed to devise or make use of any other type of player's registration form as such shall be considered invalid.

AMEND: Remove "with a sufficient number of yearly dated blank"

AMENDMENT CARRIED

§ 13.07 - USADB REGISTRATION FORMS.

1. The USADB secretary shall supply each regional Secretary-(Treasurer) official team's registration, USADB GUIDELINES OF USADB TOURNAMENT RULES, and waiver forms on or before October 1. The regional association or any USADB team members thereof shall not be allowed to devise or make use of any other type of player's registration form as such shall be considered invalid.

PROPOSAL AS AMENDED CARRIED

Proposal 2013-7: I, James Powell, move to revise the Bylaws:

§ 13.07 - USADB REGISTRATION FORMS.

6. All team registration forms shall be mailed to regional secretaries by February 1. Regional secretaries shall keep the team registration forms packets with postmarked to be mailed to USADB ~~Treasurer-Secretary~~. USADB Secretary to forward checks to USADB Treasurer for deposit.

PROPOSAL CARRIED

Proposal 2013-8: I, USADB Board, move that: we revise the following section in the USADB Bylaws:

CHAPTER THIRTEEN. USADB NATIONAL TOURNAMENT RULES

§ 13.09 - NATIONAL TOURNAMENT SEEDING PROCEDURE.

4. All regional winners shall be seeded 1st through 8th, and all runner-ups ~~and at large teams~~ shall be seeded 9th through 16th. If there is no winner and/or runner-up teams from any region participating in the tournament, select any third place team from other region as at-large team to be seeded at least lower than all participating region winners and runner-ups.

Rationale: The governance committee recommends deletion of 13.08 (3) and incorporate the rule into 13.09 (4) because this rule is essentially a part of the seeding procedure. If this motion passes, a main motion will follow to delete the 13.08 (3) section.

AMEND: remove “third place”

AMENDMENT CARRIED

AMEND: change the word “higher” to “lower”

AMENDMENT CARRIED

Amend to remove “to be seeded at least lower than all participating region winners and runner-ups.”

TABLED to NEW BUSINESS

Proposal 2013-9: I, USADB Board, move that: we delete the following section in the USADB Bylaws:

CHAPTER THIRTEEN. USADB NATIONAL TOURNAMENT RULES

§ 13.08 - NATIONAL TOURNAMENT TEAM & PLAYER REGISTRATION RULES.

~~3. If there are no runner-up team from any region, decide not to participate the USADB National Tournament, BPAC have the right to pick any third place teams from other region to replace the runner-up team, as at-large team.~~

Rationale: The governance committee recommends deletion of 13.08 (3) and incorporate the

rule into 13.09 (4) because this rule is essentially a part of the seeding procedure.

PROPOSAL CARRIED

Proposal 2013-10: I, USADB Board, move that: we revise the following section in the USADB Bylaws:

CHAPTER THIRTEEN. USADB NATIONAL TOURNAMENT RULES

§ 13.07 - USADB REGISTRATION FORMS.

9. All teams are required to participate in their regional tournaments before entering the USADB National Basketball Tournament as regional championship team and inviting teams ~~determined by BPAC~~.

Rationale: BPAC was disbanded during a past House of Delegate meeting, and the procedure for team seeding is already outlined in Bylaws 13.09 National Tournament Seeding Procedure.

PROPOSAL CARRIED

Proposal 2013-11: I, USADB Board, move that: we revise the following section in the USADB Bylaws:

§ 13.09 - NATIONAL TOURNAMENT SEEDING PROCEDURE.

3. A team of five (5) members must be in place and approved by USADB Board by ~~February 28th~~ ~~January 31st~~ October 1st.

Rationale: The date change will give the board more time to contact and recruit the candidates and to ensure training is provided in timely manners.

AMEND: Change January 31st to October 1st

AMENDMENT CARRIED

§ 13.09 - NATIONAL TOURNAMENT SEEDING PROCEDURE.

3. A team of five (5) members must be in place and approved by USADB Board by October 1st.

PROPOSAL AS AMENDED CARRIED

Proposal 2013-12: I, USADB Board, move that: we revise the following section in the USADB Bylaws:

CHAPTER FOUR: Executive Board.

§ 4.02 Proposals.

- (1) Any individual member, team member, or member region may submit a written proposal to the Executive Board. Such submission must be made at least ~~30~~ 15 days in advance of an Executive Board meeting. The proposal will then be considered by the Executive Board for official action, and such proposals may be referred to the House of Delegates for consideration.

Rationale: Change to 15 days will give regions enough time to submit any proposals after receiving a 30-day notice of an upcoming Executive Board meeting.

PROPOSAL CARRIED

Proposal 2013-13: I, USADB Board, **move that:** we revise the following section in the USADB Constitution:

§ 4.01 Amendments.

- (3) Any member of the Association may submit a proposed amendment in writing, at least ~~30~~ 15 days in advance of the House of Delegates meeting, to the Deputy-Commissioner.

Rationale: Change to 15 days will give regions enough time to submit any motions in reference to USADB's Constitution and Bylaws from their delegate meeting.

PROPOSAL CARRIED

Proposal 2013-14: I, USADB Board, **move that:** we revise the following section in the USADB Constitution:

§ 4.01 Amendments.

- (2)The Deputy-Commissioner shall issue a request for proposed revisions to the Constitution, ~~and~~ Bylaws, ~~and Guidelines,~~ to the membership by February 15 to the ~~[amended Vice President~~ Deputy Commissioner before the next Basketball tournament.

Rationale: Motions to revise Guidelines can be made from the floor during House of

Delegates meeting.

AMEND: Change "Vice President" to "Deputy Commissioner"

AMENDMENT CARRIED

§ 4.01 Amendments.

(2)The Deputy-Commissioner shall issue a request for proposed revisions to the Constitution and Bylaws to the membership by February 15 to the Deputy Commissioner before the next Basketball tournament.

PROPOSAL CARRIED

Proposal 2013-15: I, USADB Board, move that: we revise the following section in the USADB Bylaws:

CHAPTER THIRTEEN. USADB NATIONAL TOURNAMENT RULES

§ 13.07 - USADB REGISTRATION FORMS.

7. Any team who submitted the USADB registration form with USADB teams fee, USADB player membership fees and/or region team fee (surcharge fees), after February 1 (postmarked), ~~shall not be allowed to play in the regional tournaments or national tournament. This rule shall not be suspended for any reason. shall pay fine imposed by their region. Any teams who submitted the USADB registration forms to their region by after Feb 15th shall not play in their regional or national tournament.~~

Rationale: It was recommended by the executive committee at the Fremont meeting in 2011 that if teams submit past the Feb 1st deadline shall pay a fine to be determined by their regions who will collect the fine.

AMEND: Change the word "by" to "after" (to their region after Feb 15th)

AMENDMENT 7. CARRIED

PROPOSAL CARRIED

Proposal 2013-16: I, USADB Board, move that: we revise the following section in the USADB Bylaws:

CHAPTER THIRTEEN. USADB NATIONAL TOURNAMENT RULES

§ 13.04 - PLAYER RESIDENCY RULES:

Any player whose residency, place of employment, or attendance at an educational institution is questionable shall show proof thereof within the respective region to the Regional Secretary. At least three valid proofs shall be a current driver's license and documentation which provides such proof of residency within that region for at least ~~thirtysixty~~ (3060) days. Region shall resolve disputes regarding player residence and send final approval of the appropriate USADB Commissioner prior to February 15th.

Rationale: Basketball season is from November to March in most places. Since deadline for forms is Feb 1st, moving can occur within 30 days of the forms due. Some teams already start practicing and participating in invitational prior to signing the forms. It would be reasonable to allow 60 days of proof of residency. As well as some people who just moved don't get their new license or state ID right away.

PROPOSAL FAILED

Proposal 2013-17: I, USADB Board, move that: we revise the following section from the USA Deaf Basketball Tournament Guidelines:

7) Hotel/Lodging

The Tournament Director and the Local Support Committee liaison shall negotiate with a local or national hotel for a block of rooms. The following criteria must be adhered to:

- a) Shall reserve up to 16 regional championships teams ~~subject to USADB Financial Committee's Recommendation (Section 13.08 (f)). If 10 or less team members show up for the tournament, they shall be given only 2 rooms at teams' expense.~~

NOTE: The number of nights depends on the number of courts available and starting time of the games on Thursday

Rationale: USADB doesn't have adequate financial resources to pay for these rooms.

PROPOSAL CARRIED

Proposal 2013-18: I, USADB Board, move that: we insert the following section in the USADB Bylaws:

CHAPTER ONE. Membership

§ 1.05 – Members in Good Standing

To maintain membership in good standing, members shall abide by the Constitution, By-Laws, and Guidelines and maintain an interest in the activities of the USADB.

Rationale: To clarify the definition of “good standing” for members of the USADB.

PROPOSAL CARRIED

Proposal 2013-19: I, USADB Board, move that: we insert the following sections in the USADB Bylaws:

CHAPTER SIX. Regions Duties & Obligations

§ 6.5 – Financial Obligations

Regions shall settle all outstanding financial obligations including, but not limited to, debts, fees, and fines from the previous year and current year by July 15th.

§ 6.6 – Rule Enforcement

Regions shall enforce, at their region tournaments, all player and team eligibility rules in the USADB Bylaws.

§ 6.7 – Benefits of Region Membership in Good Standing

1. Voice and voting privileges at all official meetings.
2. Active participation on the Executive Committee including all types of communication.
3. Honor all team and player suspensions imposed by other regions and USADB.
4. Usage of USADB logo and name in their promotional materials.

Rationale: To clarify the definition of “good standing” for members of the USADB.

PROPOSAL CARRIED

Proposal 2013-20: I, USADB Board, move that: we insert the following sections in the USADB Bylaws:

CHAPTER SIX. Regions Duties & Obligations

§ 6.8 – Loss of Benefits for Region Membership in Not Good Standing

When the Executive Board declares, with consultation from the Executive Committee, a region not to be in good standing, the region will lose all the benefits afforded in Section 6.7 with one or more of the following ~~sanctions~~ solutions:

1. Create a qualifying tournament to be hosted by a team(s) in the region in the name of USADB/(insert region's geographical area) Tournament.
2. Allow teams in the region to play in other region tournaments after team requests are approved by the Executive Committee.
3. Any and all outstanding financial obligations shall be settled before complaints, hearing requests, or appeals will be accepted and processed as proscribed by the bylaws.

Rationale: Executive Board and Executive Committee do not need to spend many hours dealing with regional issues that should have been resolved according to Constitution and Bylaws. Long drawn-out process takes time and focus away from preparation for the national tournament and making the USADB better. Players and teams need to feel confident and assured that politics will not create hardships on them. This motion will promote and emphasize better and healthy partnerships between regions and USADB.

AMEND: Replace the word "sanctions" with "solutions"

AMENDMENT CARRIED

§ 6.8 – Loss of Benefits for Region Membership in Not Good Standing

When the Executive Board declares, with consultation from the Executive Committee, a region not to be in good standing, the region will lose all the benefits afforded in Section 6.7 with one or more of the following solutions:

1. Create a qualifying tournament to be hosted by a team(s) in the region in the name of USADB/(insert region's geographical area) Tournament.
2. Allow teams in the region to play in other region tournaments after team requests are approved by the Executive Board.
3. Any and all outstanding financial obligations shall be settled before complaints, hearing requests, or appeals will be accepted and processed as proscribed by the bylaws.

PROPOSAL AS AMENDED CARRIED

2013-HOD-Floor-1: I, USADB Board, move to amend the Bylaws:

§ 13.03 - PLAYER ELIGIBILITY RULES.

6. **Free Agent.** A player may join a team outside of his/her respective region as a free agent and must stay with that team for at least one season. Men's teams are allowed to use one free agent and women's teams are allowed to use up to two free agents. Teams must identify free agents using the appropriate code on the official roster form. Free Agent player must touch their team's regional tournament.

MOTION FAILED

2013-HOD-Floor-2: I, USADB Board, move to amend the Bylaws:

§ 13.03 - PLAYER ELIGIBILITY RULES.

4. **High School student/player.** Any high school student/player shall not play for any USADB team in the same academic year unless he has exhausted his high school eligibility. No one under the age of 18 years shall be permitted to play.

MOTION FAILED

2013-HOD-Floor-3: I, USADB Board, move to amend the Bylaws:

§ 13.04 - PLAYER RESIDENCY RULES:

Any player whose residency, place of employment, or attendance at an educational institution is questionable shall show proof thereof within the respective region to the Regional Secretary. At least three valid proofs shall be a current driver's license and documentation, which provides such proof of residency within that region for at least thirty (30) days. Region shall resolve disputes regarding player residence and send final approval of the appropriate USADB ~~Commissioner prior to February 15th~~ Board at any time.

MOTION CARRIED

2013-HOD-Floor-4: I, USADB Board, move to amend the Bylaws:

§ 13.09 - NATIONAL TOURNAMENT SEEDING PROCEDURE.

~~4. All regional winners shall be seeded 1st through 8th, and all runner up and at large teams shall be seeded 9th through 16th.~~

~~5. No two teams from same region shall meet in the first two rounds of the tournament unless third team from any given region is added and will be seeded at large.~~

REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2013-HOD-Floor-5: I, USADB Board, move to remove from the Bylaws:

CHAPTER FIFTEEN.

~~§15.02 USADB National Tournament for Hearing Loss Requirement.~~

~~The association and all members regions shall adhere to the CISS criteria for pathological definition of deafness for each athlete with understanding that each athlete shall have at least 55 decibels in at least one ear instead of the better ear.~~

MOTION CARRIED

2013-HOD-Floor-6: I, Andrew R. Helm, move that let the club's basketball coach write down the names of players; be allowed to make changes on the roster; and send/mail the form to USADB. At the USADB tournament, the players sign the form then.

REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2013-HOD-Floor-7: I, Doug Mader, move that USADB force SEAAD to pay \$1400 with no appeal rights and must be paid within 45 days.

MOTION CARRIED 25-0

2013-HOD-Floor-8: I, Arturo Iniguez, move that in Division I bracket, there shall be no byes.

REFERRED TO GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

2013-HOD-Floor-9: I, NoVA, move that § 13.03 #2 be sent to Governance Committee to review, as it does not reflect deaf education situations.

REFERRED TO GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Tabled Proposal 2013-8 was brought back to the floor for action:

Proposal 2013-8: I, USADB Board, move that: we revise the following section in the USADB Bylaws:

CHAPTER THIRTEEN. USADB NATIONAL TOURNAMENT RULES

§ 13.09 - NATIONAL TOURNAMENT SEEDING PROCEDURE.

4. All regional winners shall be seeded 1st through 8th, and all runner-ups ~~and at large teams~~ shall be seeded 9th through 16th. ~~If there is no winner and/or runner-up teams from any region participating in the tournament, select any third place team from other region as at-large team to be seeded at least lower than all participating region winners and runner-ups.~~

Rationale: The governance committee recommends deletion of 13.08 (3) and incorporates the rule into 13.09 (4) because this rule is essentially a part of the seeding procedure. If this motion passes, a main motion will follow to delete the 13.08 (3) section.

AMEND: Remove “~~third place~~”

AMENDMENT CARRIED

PROPOSAL REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FUTURE TOURNAMENT HOST REGIONS

2014 SEAAD (North Carolina)
2015 NWADB (Salt Lake City or California, and Women's 25th Anniversary)
2016 MAAD
2017 NEAAD
2018 FAAD
2019 CBAD (Men's 75th Anniversary, in Ohio)

New Business closed, as there were no more business to debate.

ELECTIONS

Two board positions are up for election, Deputy Commissioner and Treasurer.

Deputy Commissioner

Sitting Deputy Commissioner Costello announced her intention to run for this. Other nominations were solicited and none were received.

Christina M. Costello was elected as Deputy Commissioner by ACL. Secretary Powell announced Christina Costello as the Deputy Commissioner for 2013-2015.

Treasurer

Incumbent Brian Fruits declined the nomination for re-election to a third term. There were no other nominations from the floor. The USADB Board will appoint to fill this position. An announcement will be made and posted on the website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deputy Commissioner announced that Carl Denney is requesting any history from AAAD/USADB in order to put together for our 75th Anniversary Tournament in 2019 in Ohio. If anyone has information, please contact Carl Denney.

Deputy Commissioner asked for a round of applause for Chris Miller on being the first Deaf basketball official to referee NCAA Division 1 games.

It was announced that the Coaches Meeting starts at 7pm EDT in this room.

For information about the poker tournament, see Deputy Commissioner Costello.

House of Delegates Meeting ADJOURNED 6:10pm EDT

Respectfully Submitted,

James "JP" Powell
USADB Secretary