



## USADB House of Delegates Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2012

Marriott Hotel - Houston North  
Houston, TX

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 – Farwest Athletic Association of the Deaf
- ❖ MAAD – Midwest Athletic Association of the Deaf
- ❖ NEAAD – Northeast 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

Present:

Board:

Commissioner Shirley Platt  
Deputy Commissioner Joey Baer  
Secretary James “JP” Powell  
Treasurer Brian Fruits

Staff:

Tournament Director Chuck Wallace

Region Officers:

CBAD President Doug Mader  
EAAD Vice President Christina Costello  
FAAD Commissioner Mark Corson  
MAAD President Barbara Nacarelli  
NWADB President Justin Anderson and NWADB Secretary/Treasurer Craig Rafford  
SWBAD Secretary/Treasurer Paul Laird

Dignitaries:

Parliamentarian: Karl Ewan  
Facilitator: S. Kay Vincent  
Sergeant-at-Arms: Robert “RJ” Jones  
International Task Force: Gene Duve, Interim Chair  
Commissioner’s Assistant: Paige Thompson

Delegates:

Sam Thomas, FAAD-Arizona Desert Fire \*  
Sarah Faber, CBAD-WSAD Lady Mustangs  
Jose Amador, SWBAD-San Antonio Alamo  
Robert Loeffler, SWBAD-Austin Toros \*

Delegates (continued)

Arturo Iniguez, SWBAD-Austin Lady Thunder  
Kevin Freese III, SWBAD-Third Coast Pitbulls  
John Perry, EAAD-Northern Virginia Diplomats  
Brian Bippus, Delegate-at-Large (Past Chief Non-Player Rep, 1998-2000)  
Chad Dukan?, EAAD-Northern Virginia  
Jay Krieger, CBAD-Indy Hawks  
Robert Jones, EAAD-Greater Philadelphia  
Tammy Maus?, SEAAD-Carolinas (CAAD) \*  
Daniel Biskupak, NEAAD-Worcester \*

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

Visitors (no voice, no vote)

SEAAD President Joseph Brafford (Region non-compliance)

Absent:

USADB International Director David Hamilton  
USADB Youth Director Keith Westhoelter  
NEAAD Region was not present nor represented  
USADB Statistician: John T. Scott

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Commissioner Shirley Platt called the meeting to order at 1:25PM

Commissioner Platt and Secretary James Powell read the roll-call. Twenty-four officers and delegates are present for voting purposes.

Commissioner Platt led the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag.

Commissioner Platt and Secretary Powell asked for a moment of silence to honor people who have departed. Refer to Necrology Report as prepared and submitted by Secretary Powell.

Commissioner Platt announced the Region of the Year Award went to FAAD for their timely filing and payment of team registration forms and fees.

**2011 Bloomington, MN House of Delegates Meeting Minutes:**

Commissioner Platt announced that the House of Delegate Meeting Minutes from 2011 HOD meeting in Bloomington, MN was submitted to Executive Committee members and there were no corrections needed.

MOTION: M. Corson (FAAD) moved that we approve the 2011 HOD minutes as written.  
CARRIED.

## Reports:

**Commissioner Platt** presented her USADB Commissioner Report, which highlighted several topics such as Fraud Issue, Finances, International, Youth and the Four-Year plan. This report was previously submitted to USA Deaf Sports Federation (USADSF) for their USADSF NSO House of Delegates Meeting this coming weekend, here in Houston. Commissioner Platt also indicated that SEAAD and NEAAD regions are in non-compliance status with USADB. Both owe fees and fines to USADB. SEAAD pleaded its case with the Executive Committee this morning and the decision was made that if SEAAD pay the fees and fines due to USADB by 1pm today, SEAAD would be allowed to participate in the HOD. Since SEAAD was unable to resolve this matter, SEAAD President Joey Brafford is present as a visitor. NEAAD did not reply to our e-mails requesting various items and whether or not NEAAD would be sending an officer to Houston. NEAAD also owes USADB fees and a fine.

**Deputy Commissioner Joey Baer** gave his report highlighting activities as updating the bylaws based on the motions carried at 2011 HOD Meeting, as well as preparing the 2012 motions for today. Deputy Commissioner Baer coordinated the successful 2011 Fall Retreat held September 29-October 1 at CSD-F, in Fremont, California.

**Secretary James Powell** gave his report highlighting several things since his appointment in May 2011 to finish the previous Secretary's term. The report summarized the motions that were made and carried between the 2011 and 2012 HOD meetings. The report also noted USADB actions and the formation of two (2) ad-hoc committees. Finally, it outlined some of the goals to accomplish in the near future.

**Treasurer Brian Fruits** reported that the 2010 Audit is almost done and will be posted on the website. The 2011 audit will start after the 2012 tournament is completed. USADB is good financial shape and continues to plan its future budgets based on what the Executive Committee decided and will decide related to team registration and tournament fees. Treasurer Fruits mentioned that USADB needs to consider raising the region affiliation fees soon because a) it has not been raised for so long and b) an increase is necessary to keep up with cost of doing business and operating expenses. All IRS forms (Form 990) have been filed on time. The full financial report is included in the Information Packet that was distributed and will be posted on the website.

**Tournament Director Chuck Wallace** announced that we have 29 teams (18 men and 11 women) playing this year's tournament. SWBAD sent a record 6 men teams to the tournament, which posed some seeding challenges for the Basketball Player Advisory Council (BPAC). All games will be played at the Legends Sports Complex in Spring, Texas.

Treasurer Fruits was asked to explain the purposes of the three (3) funds USADB maintains. There is a fund each dedicated to the Youth and Internationals programs. The International Program Treasurer handles the International Fund and the Youth Director handles the Youth. The National program fund is the one that Fruits manages and covers both the USADB Board and National Tournament income and expenses.

Deputy Commissioner Baer asked the delegates to spread the word that USADB will soon need some officers for the near future.

### **Old Business:**

**Audit:** Commissioner Platt reports that USADB has filed the necessary paperwork with the State of Texas and now the Texas Department of Justice will handle the fraud case. Treasurer Fruits spent countless hours documenting and preparing a paper trail that showed a pattern of questionable activities by the previous administrations.

**International Task Force:** Commissioner Platt introduced Interim Chair of the ad-hoc committee International Program Task Force, Gene Duve to present his report. Mr. Duve summarized that he met with people from the International program twice and interviewed a number of people. The committee discussed the plans for improving the program – especially the women’s division. The report which was submitted to the Board prior to HOD was accepted and distributed on the website. The report made several recommendations and created a plan of action for USADB and the International program to embark on.

**Tournament Fundraising Study Task Force:** Chair James Johnson (MAAD) was not present and did not submit a report to USADB. However, Christina Costello (EAAD) reported that the task force has been slowly working on this. A report is expected before 2013 Philadelphia tournament.

**2011 HOD Motions & Proposals:** The Law Committee updated the USADB Constitution, By-Laws and Guidelines based on the motions carried at the 2011 Bloomington, MN HOD meeting. Deputy Commissioner Baer presented several motions that were referred to the Executive Committee and Law Committee for action and recommendation. That report is included in the Information Packet as well as on the website.

Note: Full text of the old motions are in the Informational Packet and is on the website. Only the headings and the first paragraph or motion are copied here.

- 1) **#4) HOD-2010-19:** Moved to have the eight (8) Regional Presidents to be involved with the USADB’s future Law Committee.

### **§ 9.01 Governance Committee.**

The Governance Committee shall consist of the Deputy Commissioner as a liaison officer, three other members of the Association appointed by the Deputy Commissioner, with the approval of the Executive Board, **and 8 Region Presidents**. It shall have the authority to propose revisions and amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Guidelines of the Association, and shall present them for action at the meeting of the Executive Board and the House of Delegates. As a Grievance Appeals Board, it shall have the authority to adjudicate all grievances.

The Law Committee reports that in the 2002 HOD minutes, this motion already passed so this became effective immediately. Bylaws Article 9.01 was updated.

PROPOSAL: CARRIED

- 2) **Proposal 14: (HOD 2011):** USADB Board moved that USADB give authority to 8 Region Presidents and Executive Board to have final approval of motions not related to bylaws at the annual retreat.

§ 8.01 Committees.

The Executive Board shall have the authority to establish such committees as necessary to meet the needs of the organization.

- (a) Executive Committee (\*new)
- (b) Governance Committee
- (c) Finance Committee
- (d) Hall of Fame Committee (\*new)

MOTION: M. Corson (FAAD) moved to reword Article 8.01 as follows:

§ 8.01 Committees.

The Executive Board shall establish the following committees:

- (a) Executive Committee (\*new)
- (b) Governance Committee
- (c) Finance Committee
- (d) Hall of Fame Committee (\*new)

MOTION CARRIED.

PROPOSAL CARRIED

- 3) **HOD-2011-03:** Mark Corson, moved that all teams must be timely with all deadlines, no matter what on the following:

- Team registration deadline of Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>
- 72 hrs. on team entry fee
- 72 hrs. on team entry form
- 72 hrs. on team photo

Governance Committee's Recommendation: At 2011 (Fremont), USADB Executive Committee retreat, it was agreed unanimously that USADB Board would enforce the deadlines. There is no further action need on this part.

PROPOSAL CARRIED with 5 opposing.

- 4) **HOD-2011-09:** Justin Anderson, moved that to remove the word “restricted” in 14.03 of RFA to Free Agent and remove the words of “The player must remain with the team of his choice for at least two years.” Mark Corson seconded. *Referred to Law Committee*

Proposed: 7. 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.

PROPOSAL CARRIED

### **New Business**

The following are motions submitted to USADB prior to February 15, 2012. The Law Committee reviewed these motions and made recommendations.

Note: The entire text of the motions is inserted here from the “USADB Constitution, Bylaws Proposals” as published in the Information Packet and on the website. The text has been edited slightly for grammar and formatting purposes only.

**HOD-2012-01:** Joey Baer moved that we add two new committees, Executive Committee and Hall of Fame Committee, under Functions of Standing Committees.

### **Current:**

CHAPTER NINE. Functions of Standing Committees

#### **§ 9.01 Governance Committee.**

The Governance Committee shall consist of the Vice President as a liaison officer and three other members of the Association appointed by the Vice President, with the approval of the Executive Board, and 8 Region Presidents. It shall have the authority to propose revisions and amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Guidelines of the Association, and shall present them for action at the meeting of the Executive Board and the Basketball Council. As a Grievance Appeals Board, it shall have the authority to adjudicate all grievances.

**§ 9.02 Finance Committee.**

The Finance Committee shall consist of the Treasurer as chair and between two (2) and five (5) other members of the organization. It shall have the authority to handle all matters pertaining to the establishment of the annual budget of the organization, and to prepare a quadrennial budget of projected income and expenses of the organization.

**Proposed:**

CHAPTER NINE. Functions of Standing Committees

**§ 9.01 Executive Committee. (NEW)**

The Executive Committee shall consist of the USADB Executive Board and the 8 Region Presidents. This committee shall be empowered to propose, review and approve the standard policy operating procedures including Policy and Procedures Manual (PPM) and to advise the USADB Executive Board and Staff on the USADB Guidelines including overseeing the criteria, evaluations, four-year planning, goal-oriented planning, long-range planning, objectives, priorities, resolutions, and others.

**§ 9.02 Governance Committee.**

The Governance Committee shall consist of the Vice President as a liaison officer and three other members of the Association appointed by the Vice President, with the approval of the Executive Board, and 8 Region Presidents. It shall have the authority to propose revisions and amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Guidelines of the Association, and shall present them for action at the meeting of the Executive Board and the Basketball Council. As a Grievance Appeals Board, it shall have the authority to adjudicate all grievances.

**§ 9.03 Finance Committee.**

The Finance Committee shall consist of the Treasurer as chair and between two (2) and five (5) other members of the organization. It shall have the authority to handle all matters pertaining to the establishment of the annual budget of the organization, and to prepare a quadrennial budget of projected income and expenses of the organization.

**§ 9.04 Hall of Fame Committee. (NEW)**

The Hall of Fame Committee shall consist of the Chairperson as appointed by the USADB Commissioner with the approval from USADB Board. The Hall of Fame Committee shall consist a chair and between two (2) and six (6) other members of the organization. It shall have the authority to handle all matters pertaining to the preparation of the induction prior to and of the ceremony at annual USADB National Tournaments. It shall consider worthy candidates to be inducted into the USADB Hall of Fame who have displayed exceptional performance or service to the deaf in the world of basketball as athletes, coaches, leaders, writers, officials and old timers.

PROPOSAL HOD-2012-01 CARRIED

**HOD-2012-02:** Joey Baer moved to move “Chapter Ten – Ad Hoc Committees” to Chapter Nine – “Functions of Standing Committees”.

**Current:**

CHAPTER TEN. Ad Hoc Committees

**§ 10.01 Functions.**

The Commissioner, the Executive Board, or the Basketball Council may establish ad-hoc committees. Ad-hoc committees shall address such duties as directed, report to the Executive Board and/or Basketball Council, and expire upon the completion of their reports.

**Proposed:**

**§ 9.01 Executive Committee.**

<same>

**§ 9.02 Governance Committee.**

<same>

**§ 9.03 Finance Committee.**

<same>

**§ 9.04 Hall of Fame Committee.**

<same>

**§ 9.05 Ad-Hoc Committee.**

<same>

The Commissioner, the Executive Board, or the Basketball Council may establish ad hoc committees. Ad hoc committees shall address such duties as directed, report to the Executive Board and/or Basketball Council, and expire upon the completion of their reports.

Rationale: All Committees need to be put together in one chapter to reduce confusion.

PROPOSAL HOD-2012-02 CARRIED

**HOD-2012-03:** The USADB Board, eight (8) Regional Presidents and the Governance Committee moved that the entire section: “ARTICLE SEVEN. BASKETBALL PLAYERS ADVISORY COUNCIL” will be deleted from the Constitution and create new ad-hoc committee



to refine Basketball Player Advisory Council roles. The new ad-hoc committee will submit new guidelines to Executive Committee by August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

PROPOSAL HOD-2012-03 CARRIED

**HOD-2012-04:** The Governance Committee moved that we move the entire "ARTICLE FOURTEEN. USADB NATIONAL TOURNAMENT RULES" to Bylaws section.

PROPOSAL HOD-2012-04 CARRIED

**HOD-2012-05:** Governance Committee moved to delete Article Fourteen, Section 14.03 #2:

14.03 #2. A player shall have a hearing loss of 55 dB or greater in the better ear to be eligible. This is in accordance with the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD) Bylaws.

It is recommended to delete number 2 because in Chapter 17 (bylaws-see below), it already states the hearing loss requirement.

CHAPTER SEVENTEEN. Hearing Loss Requirements for All Athletes

**§ 17.01 CISS Criteria for Pathological Definition of Deafness.**

The Association and all Member Regions shall adhere to the CISS criteria for pathological definition of deafness for each athlete, so that each athlete having a hearing loss of at least 55 decibels in the better ear.

**§17.02 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 under-standing that each athlete shall have at least 55 decibels in at least one ear instead of the better ear.

**§ 17.03 Copy of Hearing Test Administered by a Certified Audiologist.**

Each athlete shall provide the Secretary with a copy of the most recent hearing test, performed by a certified audiologist and showing the level of hearing loss in decibels.

PROPOSAL HOD-2012-05 CARRIED

**HOD-2012-06:** James Powell moved that the Article 17 should be moved to 6.02 number 6 in the Constitution section:

**Current:**

**§ 6.02 Constitution, Bylaws, and Guidelines Amendments.**

(1) The Constitution, Bylaws, and Guidelines of the Association may be amended by the Basketball Council at a properly constituted meeting of the Council.

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

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

(4) All written proposals, amendments, and any other changes relative to management, structure, and function of the Association shall be submitted to the Deputy-Commissioner who shall forward such proposals and amendments to the Governance Committee to review and act upon.

(5) Only the Executive Board may submit written proposed amendments from the floor.

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN. Amendments to the Constitution

**§ 17.01 Amendments.**

The Constitution may be amended, altered or revoked at the Basketball Council meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Basketball Council delegates present and voting.

**Proposed:**

**§ 6.02 Constitution, Bylaws, and Guidelines Amendments.**

(1) The Constitution, Bylaws, and Guidelines of the Association may be amended by the Basketball Council at a properly constituted meeting of the Council.

(2) The Deputy-Commissioner shall issue a request for proposed revisions to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Guidelines, to the membership by February 15 annually to the Vice President before the next Basketball Council meeting

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

(4) All written proposals, amendments, and any other changes relative to management, structure, and function of the Association shall be submitted to the Deputy-Commissioner who shall forward such proposals and amendments to the Governance Committee to review and act upon.

(5) Only the Executive Board may submit written proposed amendments from the floor.

(6) *The Constitution may be amended, altered or revoked at the Basketball Council meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Basketball Council delegates present and voting.*

Rationale: It will reduce confusion.

PROPOSAL HOD-2012-06 CARRIED

**HOD-2012-07:** The Governance Committee moved that we move the entire "CHAPTER SIXTEEN. BASKETBALL RULES" to Guidelines.

Rationale: It needs to be put in the right place.

PROPOSAL HOD-2012-07 CARRIED

**HOD-2012-08:** The Executive Committee moved that we re-word Chapter 14.09.

**Current:**

§ 14.09 - NATIONAL TOURNAMENT SEEDING PROCEDURE.

1. The BPAC and the USADB Men's and Women's Player Representatives shall agree by majority vote on the seeding of teams entering the national tournament.
2. All regional winners shall be seeded 1st through 8th, and all runner-up and at large teams shall be seeded 9th through 16th.
3. 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.

**Proposed:**

§ 14.09 - NATIONAL TOURNAMENT SEEDING PROCEDURE.

1. *A team of 5 members shall agree by majority vote on the seeding of teams entering the national tournament. (one for men and one for women)*

2. Five (5) members will consist of Tournament Director, four (4) at-large members (who shall not be players or coaches) that are recommended by the eight (8) Region Presidents.

3. A team of five (5) members must be in place and approved by USADB Board by February 28<sup>th</sup>.

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.

**Rationale:** We have been struggling with the seeding procedures and the Executive Committee agreed at our retreat in Fremont that it needs a new procedure to make things go smooth.

MOTION: It was moved the phrase "(who shall not be players or coaches)" be added to "at-large". CARRIED

MOTION: Robert Jones moved that \_\_\_???\_\_\_. FAILED

PROPOSAL HOD-2012-08 CARRIED, as amended

**HOD 2012-09:** Brian Fruits moved that we reduce the number of delegates for each region to 3 each region.

**Current:**

ARTICLE SIX. Basketball Council

**§ 6.01 Delegates.**

Voting members of the Basketball Council shall consist of the following:

- (a) One delegate from each team with a delegate form signed by the region's secretary;
- (b) One delegate 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.

**Proposed:**

ARTICLE SIX. Basketball Council

**§ 6.01 Delegates.**

Voting members of the Basketball Council shall consist of the following:

- (a) One (1) "at-large" delegate from each region with a delegate form signed by the region's secretary.
- (b) One (1) man delegate from each region with a delegate form signed by the region's secretary.
- (c) One (1) woman delegate from each region with a delegate form signed by the region's secretary.
- (d) The officers of the Association.

**Rationale:**

- a. makes it fairer for every region during any HOD by maximizing the number of votes.
- b. allows the ability to use a small meeting room to save money.
- c. allows all regional reps and USADB Board to have a better working relationship
- d. reduces the hours spent in meeting room.
- e. allows the coaches to have a meeting with Tourney Director at the same time (instead of waiting until after the HOD meeting – Coaches are tired and hard to get together).

MOTION: Justin Anderson moved that (a), (b) and (c) be simplified to: constitute 3 delegates from each region (1 men, 1 women and 1 region officer). CARRIED

As amended:

ARTICLE SIX. Basketball Council

**§ 6.01 Delegates.**

Voting members of the Basketball Council shall consist of the following:

- (a) three (3) delegates from each region consisting of 1 region officer, 1 men team and 1 woman team representatives
- (b) the officers of the Association.

PROPOSAL HOD-2012-09 REFERRED TO GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

**HOD-2012-10:** James Powell moved to re-word “Basketball Council” to “House of Delegates” in Constitution, Bylaws and Guidelines.

Rationale: Our basketball community always refer our Basketball Council as “House of Delegates” With the re-wording, it will reduce confusion in how we describe our meetings.

PROPOSAL HOD-2012-10 CARRIED

**HOD-2012-11:** James Powell moved that Chapter Seven section shall be moved to Chapter One under 1.02 Regional Membership.

**Current:**

CHAPTER ONE. Membership

**§ 1.02 Regional Membership.**

Regions are defined in Chapter Seven.

CHAPTER SEVEN. Member Regions

**§ 7.01 General Description.**

The national territory of USADB shall be divided into eight member regions, subject to change by the Basketball Council.

**§ 7.02 Central Basketball Association of the Deaf (CBAD):**

Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin with environs of Buffalo, NY, Erie, PA and Pittsburgh, PA.

**§ 7.03 Eastern Athletic Association of the Deaf (EAAD):**

New York, Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, District of Columbia with exception of the environs of Buffalo, NY, Erie, PA, Pittsburgh, PA and Northern Virginia.

**§ 7.04 Farwest Athletic Association of the Deaf (FAAD):**

Arizona, Southern Nevada, New Mexico, Hawaii, Southern California.

**§ 7.05 Midwest Athletic Association of the Deaf (MAAD):**

Missouri, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska.

**§ 7.06 New England Athletic Association of the Deaf (NEAAD):**

Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island.

**§ 7.07 Northwest Association for the Deaf Basketball (NWADB):**

Utah, Idaho, Washington, Montana, Oregon, Alaska, Northern California and environs of Fremont, California.

**§ 7.08 Southeast Athletic Association of the Deaf (SEAAD):**

Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida.

**§ 7.09 Southwest Basketball Association of the Deaf (SWBAD):**

Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, Oklahoma.

**Proposed:**

**§ 1.02 General Description.**

The national territory of USADB shall be divided into eight member regions, subject to change by the Basketball Council.

**§ 1.02(a) Central Basketball Association of the Deaf (CBAD):**

Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin with Greater Erie, PA and Greater Pittsburgh, PA.

**§ 1.02(b) Eastern Athletic Association of the Deaf (EAAD):**

New York, Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, District of Columbia with exception of Greater Erie, PA, Greater Pittsburgh, PA and Northern Virginia.

**§ 1.02(c) Farwest Athletic Association of the Deaf (FAAD):**

Arizona, Southern Nevada, New Mexico, Hawaii, Southern California.

**§ 1.02(d) Midwest Athletic Association of the Deaf (MAAD):**

Missouri, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska.

**§ 1.02(e) New England Athletic Association of the Deaf (NEAAD):** Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island.

**§ 1.02(f) Northwest Association for the Deaf Basketball (NWADB):** Utah, Idaho, Washington, Montana, Oregon, Alaska, Northern California and environs of Fresno, California.

**§ 1.02(g) Southeast Athletic Association of the Deaf (SEAAD):**

Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee (except Greater Memphis, TN), North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Puerto Rico.

**§ 1.02(h) Southwest Basketball Association of the Deaf (SWBAD):** Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Greater Memphis, TN.

PROPOSAL HOD-2012-11 CARRIED

**HOD-2012-12:** James Powell moved that we re-word Chapter Seven as read:

**Current:**

CHAPTER SEVEN. Member Regions

**§ 7.10 Transfers of Teams Between Regions.**

Requests for transfers of a team from one region to another shall be formally submitted by the team in writing to its regional secretary before January 15th. Approval of both member regions is required before the request can be acted upon at the next USADB Basketball Council meeting. Upon approval of the Basketball Council, the transfer shall become effective the following season.

**§ 7.11 Regional Officers' Addresses.**

Regional Secretaries shall submit to the USADB Secretary within ten days after their regional election, the names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of the newly elected regional officers.

**§ 7.12 Regional Reports.**

Regional secretaries shall submit to the USADB Executive Board the reports or minutes of their regional basketball council meetings ten days prior to the USADB Basketball Council meeting that follows.

**Proposed:**

**CHAPTER SEVEN. Regions Duties & Obligations**

**§ 7.1 Transfers of Teams Between Regions.**

Requests for transfers of a team from one region to another shall be formally submitted by the team in writing to its regional secretary before January 15th. Approval of both member regions is required before the request can be acted upon at the next USADB Basketball Council meeting. Upon approval of the Basketball Council, the transfer shall become effective the following season.

**§ 7.2 Regional Officers Addresses.**

Regional Secretaries shall submit to the USADB Secretary within ten days after their regional election, the names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of the newly elected regional officers.



**§ 7.3 Regional Reports.**

Regional secretaries shall submit to the USADB Executive Board the reports or minutes of their regional basketball council meetings ten days prior to the USADB Basketball Council meeting that follows.

**§ 7.4 Regional Delegates. (NEW)**

Regional secretaries shall submit to the USADB Secretary a properly completed delegate form for each delegate attending the HOD 10 days before the scheduled HOD meeting.

PROPOSAL HOD-2012-12 CARRIED

**HOD-2012-13:** James Powell moved that 13.09 (2) should be removed from bylaws.

**Current:**

**§ 13.09 Collection of Fees, Dues, Applications, and Forms.**

- (1) The Treasurer shall set up a system of collecting and administering the fees, dues, applications, and forms.
- (2) Each fan who attends the USADB National Tournament shall pay twenty dollars (\$20.00) fan registration fee.
- (3) Check policy: \$25 service charge fee for any returned checks.
- (4) Team picture fine, in an amount determined in Appendix A, shall impose to any team who provide poor quality pictures or not supplied any pictures.

**Proposed:**

**§ 13.09 Collection of Fees, Dues, Applications, and Forms.**

- (1) The Treasurer shall set up a system of collecting and administering the fees, dues, applications, and forms.
- (2) Check policy: \$25 service charge fee for any returned checks.
- (3) Team picture fine, in an amount determined in Appendix A, shall impose to any team who provide poor quality pictures or not supplied any pictures.

Rationale: It is built into the admission price and we do not require USADB membership for ALL people. Fans should be allowed to join USADB as they wish.

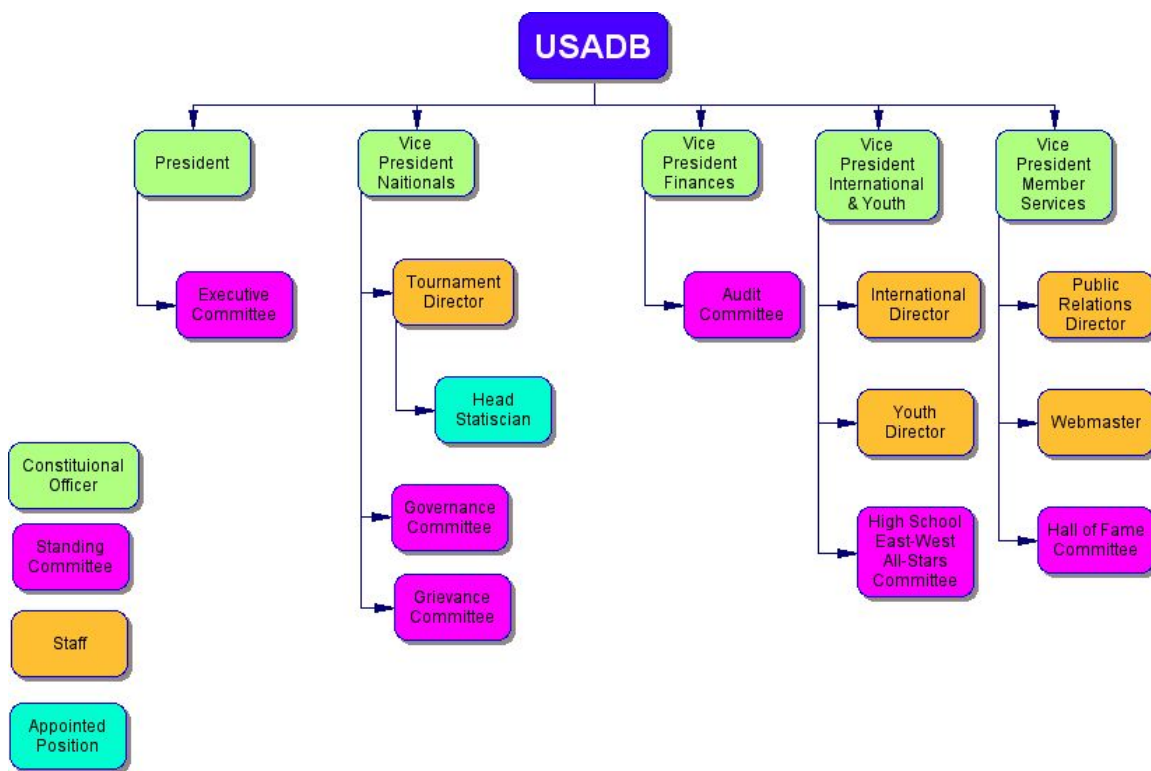
MOTION: Move that (2) be revised to read: "An amount, as determined in Appendix A, shall be imposed on any returned checks. CARRIED

**§ 13.09 Collection of Fees, Dues, Applications, and Forms.**

- (1) The Treasurer shall set up a system of collecting and administering the fees, dues, applications, and forms.
- (2) Check policy: An amount, as determined in Appendix A, shall be imposed on any returned checks.
- (3) Team picture fine, in an amount determined in Appendix A, shall impose to any team who provide poor quality pictures or not supplied any pictures.

PROPOSAL HOD-2012-13 CARRIED as amended.

**HOD-2012-14:** USADB Executive Board moved that we adopt new USADB job description and structure.



## **Proposed Duties of Officers under the Restructured USADB**

### **X.01 President**

- (a) Be the chief executive officer of the Association; and shall enforce the provisions of the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, and Guidelines of the Association;
- (b) Appoint the Chairs and members of all standing and ad hoc committees and shall serve ex-officio as a member of all committees;
- (c) Preside at all meetings of the Executive Board and the House of Delegates;
- (d) Assign duties to other officers and any committees as deemed necessary; and
- (e) Serves as official liaison to USADSF and USA Basketball.

### **X.02 Vice-President of National Programs**

- (a) Perform all of the duties of the Commissioner in the temporary or permanent absence of the Commissioner;
- (b) Rule on all questions pertaining to the playing rules of the National Basketball Tournament;
- (c) Serve as National Basketball Tournament Liaison;
- (d) Oversee the coordination and inspection of the hosting arrangements of the national tournament facilities by the Tournament Director not later than one year prior to the tournament date;
- (e) Serve as Chair of the All-Star Team Selection Committee for the National Basketball Tournament;
- (f) Work with the Tournament Director to gather all game and statistical paperwork to be submitted to the Vice-President of Member Services within thirty (30) days after the conclusion of the National Tournament for the official file and the website;
- (g) Coordinate live reporting and statistics of national tournaments with the Public Relations Director and the Vice President of Member Services;
- (h) Serve as direct liaison to Deaf Basketball Officials (DBO);
- (i) Oversee the annual East-West High School All Star Classic at the national tournament; and
- (j) Provide guidance, direction and oversight to the National Tournament Director.

### **X.03 Vice-President of Member Services**

- (a) Serve as the official liaison to the media;
- (b) Serve as the official point of contact for all communication with USADSF, USA Basketball and other outside agencies;
- (c) Oversee outreach and advertising of all USADB events by the Public Relations Director;
- (d) Oversee coordination of a daily e-newsletter for the National Basketball Tournament, with the Public Relations Director, when feasible;

- (e) Oversee and coordinate with the Public Relations Director, all of the art and design work for National Tournaments, youth events and camps (ie: tickets, flyers, posters, etc.);
- (f) Oversee the USADB website content, provide direction and updates to the webmaster on a regular and consistent basis (weekly, bi monthly);
- (g) Oversee the coordination and solicitation of sponsorships, advertisers and exhibitors for the National Tournaments by October of each year for the following year, and other events as needed; and
- (h) Provides guidance, direction and oversight to the webmaster, and assign duties as defined in the Guidelines or as delegated by Executive Board

#### **X.04 Vice-President of Finance**

- (a) Be responsible for all matters pertaining to budgets and funds of the Association and all of its committees;
- (b) Approve all expenditures of the Association;
- (c) Oversee the expenditure of all grants available to the Association and its committees in cooperation with the President, other officers, and selected members; monitor all fund-raising activities with the Vice-President of Member Services;
- (d) Prepare an annual fiscal plan for the Association;
- (e) Coordinate with the national tournament host registration committee's bookkeeper on tournament-related finances;
- (f) Send out annual membership renewal notices in collaboration with Vice President of Member Services;
- (g) Collect all membership and affiliation dues;
- (h) Submit annual audited financial reports;
- (i) Shall complete USADB's annual financial statement reports and these reports shall be provided to the delegates at USADB Basketball Council meeting.
- (j) Oversee the financial activities performed by the staff treasurers or bookkeepers of any and all USADB programs. The President and Vice-President of Finance shall be the authorized signers on all bank accounts of the Association; and
- (k) Provides guidance, direction and oversight to all committee level staff treasurers or bookkeepers.

#### **X.05 Vice-President of International and Youth Programs**

- (a) Serve as direct liaison to the USADSF Vice-President of International Affairs on all matters pertaining to USA basketball teams for PanAm, World Championships and Deaflympics competitions; as well as International Committee on Sports for the Deaf (ICSD); and Deaf International Basketball Federation (DIBF);
- (b) Be responsible for communication to USADB Executive Board;

- (c) Be responsible for development of all athlete selection criteria, coach selection criteria, and four (4) year plans of all international and youth programs;
- (d) Coordinate with the International Director in preparing a four-year fiscal plan for PanAm, World Championships and Deaflympics activities;
- (e) Coordinate with the Youth Director in preparing a four-year fiscal plan for elite camps, PanAm training and competition; annual East-West High School All Stars;
- (f) Oversee the logistics of the annual East-West High School All Star Classic at the National Tournament as coordinated by the East-West All Stars Director. Work with Vice-President of National Programs to ensure all arrangements are made at the annual National Tournament; and
- (g) Provide guidance, direction and oversight to the International Teams Director, the Youth Director and the East-West All Stars Director.

#### PROPOSAL HOD-2012-14 REFERRED TO GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

**HOD-2012-15:** James Powell & Shirley Platt moved that the Governance committee shall use the basic outline below to make some revisions to reflect the restructure.

Basic outline:

- 1) Change Constitution and rename officers to new titles
- 2) Change Bylaws to define officers' roles/responsibilities
- 3) Change Bylaws to define Executive Board, Executive Committee
- 4) Change Bylaws to define staff ...roles, responsibilities, and who they report to.
- 1) Change Constitution:
  - a. Article 4.01 deleted
  - b. Article 4.01 created – Officers of the Association (these are elected)
    - i. President
    - ii. Vice-President of National
    - iii. Vice-President of Member Services
    - iv. Vice-President of Finance
    - v. Vice-President of International & Youth Programs
  - c. Article 4.02 created – Staff of the Association (these are appointed)
    - i. Public Relations Director
    - ii. Tournament Director
    - iii. Youth Director
    - iv. International Team Director
  - d. Article 5.01 deleted
    - a. Article 5.01 created to wit: The Executive Board (the “Board”) shall consist of the five elected officers, shall conduct the official business and administration of the

Association subjected only to the provisions of the Constitution, Bylaws, and Guidelines of the Association.

- b. Article 8.03 delete .. no longer need. committee chairs reports to specific officers as defined in bylaws
  - c. Article 8.01 – add Finance Audit Committee to statnding committee
- 2) (and 3 and 4) Change Bylaws
- a. Change Chapter 2, 2.01 (2) – Tournament Director is NOT elected ...appointed..why here? (I think it should have been Public Relations Director)
  - b. 2.01(2) Change titles to President, Vice-President of Member Services
  - c. 2.01(3) Change titles to Vice-President of National and Vice-President of Finance
  - d. Change chapter 3 --- oh boy
    - i. Hall of Fame Chairperson reports to VP of Member Services
    - ii. Tourney Director reports to VP of National
    - iii. PR Director reports to VP of Member Services
    - iv. International Director reports to VP of International/Youth
    - v. Youth Director reports to VP of International/Youth
    - vi. Ad-hoc committee chairs report to President
    - vii. Governance reports to Executive Board (Governance is how we govern the organization)
    - viii. Law Committee reports to VP of National (how to interpret the constitution and bylaws) Can see this same as Governance ...pick one and stick with it
    - ix. Audit Committee reports to VP of Finance
  - e. Remove Charter 5 – it's blank
  - f. Renumber Chapter 4 to chapter 5
  - g. Split Chapter 3.05 3.006 3.07 3.08 to new chapter 4
  - h. Add Clauses to International and Youth to say that PR staff work with VP of Member Services and PR Director
  - i. Add clauses to International and Youth to say that treasurers shall report to VP of Finance
  - j. Add clause somewhere to Audit Committee duties to audit all funds (national, youth and international)

QUESTION: Should the chair of All-Star Selection committee be moved to VP of International/Youth or ?

PROPOSAL HOD-2012-15 REFERRED TO GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

**HOD-2012-16:** USADB Executive Committee moved to adopt new section, “No Scratch Out” to be inserted under Registration Guidelines.

No Scratch Out Guideline:

The only exception to this rule is when a team has decided not to participate in a national tournament and a player wanted to join another team headed to the national tournament. The player must email to both team coaches and regional president and secretary to express his/her intention to decommit from the original team and identify the team he wishes to commit to. The player must receive an approval email from the regional president who will then forward to the USADB Board. The player's name will be crossed off the original team's registration form and the player must sign another team's registration form. The player will pay the player registration fee twice. This procedure must be completed before the February 1st deadline.

**MOTION:** Barbara Nacarelli moves the sentence "The player will pay the player registration fee twice" be replaced with "The player will pay the region's scratch-out fine." **CARRIED 9-3.**

Proposed, as amended:

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**PROPOSAL HOD-2012-16 CARRIED as amended.**

**HOD-2012-17:** James Powell moved that we adopt new Goals and Objectives.

Current:

ARTICLE TWO. Objectives

§ 2.01 General Goals and Objectives.

The general goals and objectives of the Association shall be to:

(a) develop participation in local, regional and national deaf basketball competitions and recreational events;

(b) simulate healthful physical, moral, and cultural education for deaf sports enthusiasts in the United States ("US"); and

(c) promote and protect the mutual interests of all member organizations of the Association.

§ 2.02 Coordinating and Controlling Goals and Objectives.

The coordinating and controlling goals and objectives of the Association shall be to:

(a) establish national goals for basketball activities and encourage attainment of those goals; and

(b) recognizing that the USADSF is ultimately responsible, coordinate and develop basketball activities in the US directly related to international competition, so as to foster productive working relationships among sports-related organizations of all nations.

§ 2.03 Educational and Development Goals and Objectives.

The educational and development goals and objectives of the Association shall be to:

(a) provide and coordinate through the Association, technical information of physical training, equipment design, coaching, and performance analysis;

(b) encourage and support research, development and dissemination of information regarding deaf basketball athletes and basketball programs;

(c) develop the health, character, patriotism and good citizenship of deaf youth in the US by promoting and encouraging their physical fitness, moral and cultural education, and public participation in basketball activities; and

(d) act as the parent organization in the development of regional and local basketball organizations; these to be governed by the rules and regulations promulgated by the Association.

§ 2.04 Basketball Competition Goals and Objectives.

The basketball competition goals and objectives of the Association shall be to:

(a) foster and regulate uniform rules of basketball competition among members of clubs of the deaf and to provide adequate competition for those members who are primarily interested in inter-club basketball;

(b) promote annual regional and national tournaments in basketball; and

(c) improve and maintain the standards of the deaf athletes to the point where they can gain and hold respect in competition with non-deaf teams and individuals.



Proposed:

ARTICLE TWO. Objectives

§ 2.01 General Goals and Objectives

The general goals and objectives of the Association shall be to:

- (a) develop and promote participation in local, regional and national deaf adult basketball competitions and recreational events;
- (b) simulate healthful physical, moral, and cultural education for deaf sports enthusiasts in the United States ("US");
- (c) promote and protect the mutual interests of all member organizations of the Association; and
- (d) oversee the training and development of youth and adult teams to the PanAm Games, World Championships and Deaflympics.

§ 2.02 Basketball Competition Goals and Objectives

The basketball competition goals and objectives of the Association shall be to:

- (a) foster and regulate uniform rules of basketball competition among deaf club members and to provide adequate competition for those interested in inter-club basketball activities;
- (b) improve and maintain the skill levels and standards of play for deaf athletes to the point where they can gain and hold respect in competitions with non-deaf teams and individuals; and
- (c) promote and develop young deaf basketball players through youth basketball camps; East-West All Stars Classic and other clinics and events as feeder programs for national and international teams.

§ 2.03 External Goals and Objectives.

The external goals and objectives of the Association shall be to:

- (a) recognize that the USADSF is ultimately responsible for and to coordinate and develop basketball activities in the US directly related to international competition; and
- (b) provide, coordinate and encourage technical research and information on accommodating and integrating deaf basketball athletes in physical training, equipment design and use, coaching and performance analysis.

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The basketball competition goals and objectives of the Association shall be to:

- (a) foster and regulate uniform rules of basketball competition among members of clubs of the deaf and to provide adequate competition for those members who are primarily interested in inter-club basketball;
- (b) promote annual adult regional and national basketball tournaments;
- (c) promote and develop young deaf basketball players through youth basketball camps; East-West All Stars Classic and other clinics programs as feeder programs for national and international teams.
- (d) improve and maintain the skill level and standard of play for deaf athletes to the point where they can gain and hold respect in competition with non-deaf teams and individuals.
- (e) oversee the training and development of youth and adult teams to the PanAm Games, World Championships and Deaflympics.

Rationale:

- 1) We have 3 areas – Association, Basketball and External goals
- 2) External goals are #3 ...not as important as the first 2
- 3) 2.03(b) – talks about how to accommodate and what we need to do to allow competition with both deaf and non-deaf athletes.
- 4) eliminated some parts that were thought already loosely covered in other parts.
- 5) combined and re-worded some parts to reduce “wordiness” and to correct a few grammar issues (for example, look at 2.02(b) -- note the sentences is “The basketball competition goals and objectives of the Association shall be to recognizing.....” It should be “....be to recognize...”.

PROPOSAL HOD-2012-17 CARRIED

**HOD-2012-18:** Brian Fruits moved that USADB can use recreational referees to keep the costs down.

**Current:**

CHAPTER SIXTEEN. Basketball Rules At the annual USADB National Tournament, the rules shall be:

(a) all Games in the annual USADB Basketball Tournament will be played twenty (20) minutes per half.

(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). All games will be followed by NCAA Rules and Regulations

**Proposed:**

CHAPTER SIXTEEN. Basketball Rules At the annual USADB National Tournament, the rules shall be:

(a) all Games in the annual USADB Basketball Tournament will be played twenty (20) minutes per half.

(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). All games will be followed by NCAA Rules and Regulations ***OR Recreational Basketball Rules and Regulations.***

PROPOSAL HOD-2012-17 REFERRED TO GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

**HOD-2012-19:** The Governance Committee moved to open discussion on USADB Team Registration Fee, National Tournament Entry Fee, and Region Team Champ Prize.

**Current:**

1) USADB Team Registration Fee: \$100 per team

2) USADB National Team Entry Fee:

Before February 1<sup>st</sup>, \$350

Within 72 hours of Region Tournament, \$400

After 72 hours of Region Tournament, \$450

3) Bylaws – 13.08 - Expenses of the Association

(f) The Association shall be authorized to pay the regional championship teams (Men and Women teams), based on American Automobile Association's two stars rating, lodging costs up to four rooms/four nights based on USADB Financial Committee's recommendation.

**Rationale:** The Governance Committee would like to listen to your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions on 3 things above. Please come to the meeting with solutions on how we can improve in these areas.

PROPOSAL HOD-2012-19 TABLED UNTIL AFTER NEW FLOOR MOTIONS

**HOD 2012-Floor-01:**

Christina Costello (EAAD) moved that we remove \$100 team fee.

MOTION HOD 2012-Floor-01 REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE for further discussion.

**HOD-2012-Floor-02:**

Barbara Narcelli (MAAD) moved that USADB \$350 team entry fee shall be maintained at the conclusion of the regional basketball tournament instead of February 1<sup>st</sup>

MOTION HOD-2012-Floor-02 REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE in accordance and in coordination to motion HOD-2012-Floor-01.

**HOD-2012-Floor-03:**

Mark Corson (FAAD) moved that we adopt the policy of reimbursements for men's (Div I and II) and women's and have this matter to be referred to USADB Executive Committee on an emergency session.

MOTION HOD-2012-Floor-03 REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**HOD-2012-Floor-04:**

Arturo Iniguez (Austin Lady Thunder) moved to attach prize for championship for both Men's team and Women's team.

MOTION HOD-2012-Floor-04 WITHDRAWN

**HOD-2012-Floor-05:**

Paul Laird (SWBAD) moved that verification and clarification of player's eligibility shall be done at least 15 days prior to USADB HOD meeting.

MOTION HOD-2012-Floor-05 RULED OUT OF ORDER

**HOD-2012-Floor-06:**

Mark Corson (FAAD) moved that we congratulate and recognize SWBAD for its efforts in bringing 6 men's and 5 women's teams to 2012 USADB in Houston TX.

MOTION HOD-2012-Floor-06 CARRIED

**SWBAD Officers and SWBAD Team Representatives were given recognition by "deaf" applause.**

**HOD-2012-Floor-07:**

Tommy J. "TJ" Moses (Carolina) moved that USADB host tournament in Charlotte NC in 2016

MOTION HOD-2012-Floor-07 was RULED OUT OF ORDER

**HOD-2012-Floor-08:**

Mark Corson (FAAD) moved that we adopt the policy of having seedings based on last year and current results similar to NCAA instead of ranking on basis of being regional champions and have this matter to be referred to USADB Executive Committee in an emergency session.

MOTION HOD-2012-Floor-08 CARRIED

**HOD-2012-Floor-09:**

Mark Corson (FAAD) moved that we have task force committee to adopt the following tasks:

- Ways and means in fundraising
- Provide first aid and trainer(s)
- Future retreats
- USADB representatives at regions

MOTION HOD-2012-Floor-09 CARRIED, with 1 opposing vote.

**HOD-2012-Floor-10:**

Jay Krieger (Indy Hawks) moved that the board do not alter bylaws defining teams' criteria.

Rationale:

It will cause the team make-up be out of control allowing women in men, men in women, CODA in deaf, calling apples "oranges".

MOTION HOD-2012-Floor-10 was WITHDRAWN

**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.

MOTION HOD-2012-Floor-11 REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**HOD-2012-Floor-12:**

Barbara Nacarelli (MAAD) moved that Executive Committee modify the timeline for the flat team entry fee to be maintained until 72 hours after the regional tournament.

MOTION HOD-2012-Floor-12 REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**HOD-2012-Floor-13**

Robert Loeffler (ATX-Toros) moved that the Executive Committee reserve the right to hear all protests regarding player residency up to the start of the USADB national tournament in the HOD meeting.

Jay Krieger (Indy Hawks) amended motion to read:

Executive Committee reserves the right to hear all protests regarding player ~~residency eligibility up to the start of the USADB national tournament in the HOD meeting.~~

anytime.

Amendment CARRIED

Motion HOD-2012-Floor-13 now reads: The Executive Committee reserves the right to hear all protests regarding player eligibility at anytime.

MOTION HOD-2012-Floor-13 REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**HOD-2012-Floor-14** (An amendment to HOD-2012-Floor-08)

Mark Corson (FAAD) moved that USADB remove BPAC and we adopt the new means of seedings with regional tournament directors and/or regional presidents. Remove section 9 as they will select the top teams as seeded last year and current rankings.

MOTION HOD-2012-Floor-14 FAILED

New Business closed as there were no more motions to debate.

**ELECTIONS**

Commissioner:

Incumbent Commissioner Shirley Platt announced her intention to run for re-election to a 2-year term. Nominations for Commissioner were solicited. None received.

Shirley Platt was re-elected as Commissioner by ACL. Secretary Powell announces Shirley Platt is the USADB Commissioner for 2012-2014.

Secretary:

Incumbent Secretary James "JP" Powell announced his intention to run for re-election to a 2-year term. Secretary Powell reminded the Delegates that he was appointed to finish the previous secretary's term. The previous secretary resigned shortly after Bloomington, MN National Basketball tournament. Other nominations for Secretary were solicited. None received.

James "JP" Powell was re-elected as Secretary by ACL. Commissioner Platt announces that James "JP" Powell is the USADB Secretary for 2012-2014.

Public Relations:

Being that this is a vacant position, nominations were sought. Current Deputy Commissioner Joey Baer announces his intention to run for this. No other nominations were received.

Joey Baer was elected to Public Relations Director by ACL, to be effective May 1, 2012. Secretary Powell announces that Joey Baer is the USADB Public Relations Director for 2012-2014.

Joey Baer will resign the Deputy Commissioner position on May 1, 2012 to assume Public Relations Director. USADB will announce the vacancy and appoint a qualified candidate after May 1, 2012 to finish the Deputy Commissioner's term which ends in 2013.

House of Delegates Meeting ADJOURNED 6:24pm

Respectfully submitted

James "JP" Powell  
USADB Secretary