

**USADB Executive Council
Meeting Minutes**

Date: Sunday, March 27, 2022

Time: 4:00PM PST / 7:00PM EST

- I. Opening
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 4:08PM PST / 7:08PM EST via Zoom.
 - b. Kristina Lorenzo-Arteaga, Secretary, called it to order.
- II. Present
 - a. Carl Denney, USADB Commissioner
 - b. Paige Thompson, USADB Interim Deputy Commissioner
 - c. Kristina Lorenzo-Arteaga, USADB Secretary
 - d. Joey Kutcka, USADB Treasurer
 - e. Ronnie Zuchegno, Jr., National Program Director
 - f. Sarah Faber, Women National Director
 - g. Leo Gutierrez, Youth Director
 - h. Michelle Heathington, FAAD
 - i. Nancy Gonzalez, FAAD
 - j. Josh Tozeski, FAAD
 - k. Charles Trumble, MAAD
 - l. Paul LeCroy, SEAAD
 - m. Arturo Iñiguez, SWBAD
 - n. Justin Anderson, NWADB
 - o. Alexandra Pucciarelli-Miller, EAAD (disaffiliated)
- III. Absent
 - a. Jim Powell, Assistant to the Commissioner (unofficial)
 - b. CAAD
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - a. **The EC voted and accepted the meeting minutes from 1/9/22 as read.**
- V. Old Businesses
 - a. Deputy Commissioner McCowin: The Board met two weeks prior to discuss the DC issue. The Board passed a 2/3 vote to have DC McCowin removed. The reasons were as following: he has been absent for five months after he was appointed, only appeared at two EB meetings (one being the one he was voted at), only appeared at two EC meetings, did not perform his assigned duties. The Board felt he was not the right person for the position and the Commissioner offered to allow McCowin to resign in silence. He did not, so the Board had to conduct a formal vote. The Board has chosen to appoint Paige Thompson as the Interim Deputy Commissioner for the time being. She will perform her Public Relations duties in addition to the Deputy Commissioner duties. Trumble suggested having the DC McCowin news removed from the USADB website, but Thompson mentioned that the meeting minutes as posted would reveal the same information to the public regardless.
 - b. 2022 Tournament: decisions on how the tournament will be ran will be made by the Board with Zuchegno, Jr.'s input.
 - i. Nine Deaf officials have been reserved for the tournament and 2 or 3 additional local, hearing officials will be recruited. It is planned for Saturday's games to be officiated by Deaf officials only.

- ii. Region officers to please encourage your teams to attend USADB 2022! Please gather email addresses of coaches within your region to pass onto Zuchegno, Jr. He will assist in convincing teams to attend as well.
 - iii. Tourney format will be 16/8. For men, the first round will send 8 teams to the left side of the bracket. The second round will eliminate 4 men teams wholly. Assuming all possible options, those 4 men teams will continue to have a third scheduled game (for 13th through 16th places). The same principle will apply to the two women teams for 7th/8th places.
 - iv. Women tournament: will likely be scheduled for only Friday and Saturday, unless over 8 teams register. Men brackets will run Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.
- VI. New Businesses
- a. USADB Elections: Secretary, Public Relations, and the Commissioner positions are up for elections in May 2022. Jim Powell is the nominating chair. If anyone wants to nominate an individual for a position, please send an email to jim@usadb.us. Elections will occur at USADB 2022 in Indianapolis.
 - b. Region Reports:
 - i. NWABD: Anderson gave his region tournament report (6 men teams)
 - ii. MAAD: Trumble gave his region tournament report (5 men / 3 women teams)
 - iii. SWBAD: Iñiguez gave his region tournament report (10 men / 3 women teams)
 - iv. SEAAD: LeCroy gave his region tournament report (12 men / 7 women teams)
- VII. Adjournment / Closing Remarks
- a. The meeting was adjourned at 6:12PM PST / 9:12PM EST.
 - b. Next EC meeting will be March 6, 2022 at 4:00PM PST / 7:00PM EST.
- VIII. Minutes submitted by: Kristina Lorenzo-Arteaga, USADB Secretary.