

**Conference Report by President Marietta Sternke and Vice President Fara Harper** 

## Monday, July 1, 2024

- Marietta driven up to Chicago on June 30th and stayed at another hotel before staying at the Sheraton hotel on Monday.
- JR and I arrived and saw Marietta hard at work with registration stuff so we jumped in and helped.
- Joseph was also hard at work as the volunteer coordinator and helped a lot as well.



### Tuesday, July 2, 2024

- 9 AM: COR Networking (learn how to use clickers via fun questions)
- 1-4 PM: COR #1 (Delegates covered ground rules, approved agendas, practiced more with our clickers)
- 5:15 PM: Caucus #1 (Regional meetings with our Region 2 Representatives, Linsay Darnall, Jr. and Kevin Ryan)
- Our IAD folks got together and went out to eat at Gordon Ramsay restaurant then had dessert at Cold Stone Creamery.



#### Wednesday, July 3, 2024

- 8:30-11:30 AM: COR #2 (Listened to NAD Board reports and met the World Federation of the Deaf Board)
- 1 PM: Forum #1 (Priorities and ByLaws)
- 2 PM: Forum #2 (Priorities & Membership)
- 4:30 PM: Caucus # 2 (Regions discuss/vote on priorities)
- 7:00 PM: NAD@Night Opening Ceremony





### Thursday, July 4, 2024

- 8:30-11:30 AM: COR #3 (Priorities and vote on new Board)
- 1-4 PM: Workshops
  - DECLARE, LEAD-K
- 4:15 PM: Caucus #3 (Discussed election)
- 5:00 PM: Gallaudet Alumni Reception
- 7:00 PM: NAD@Night Pitch Competition
  - The winner for Pitch Competition was Naima Boudreaux and her platform was "Introducing...Deaf Mental Health & Wellness Hub.
  - 2nd place went to Joshua Wojnar with his platform,
    "RESEARCH STUDY Mapping Deaf America: Visualizing American Deaf Sociality Through Geographic Information Systems."
  - 3rd place went to Andrew Cho.





#### Friday, July 5, 2024

- 8:30-11:30 AM: COR #4 (Priorities and ByLaws-incomplete due to time)
- 1-4 PM: Workshops: Inclusive Emergency Preparedness, Tech Forward
- 4:15 PM: Caucus #4 (Discussed concerns about NAD's future)
- 7:00 PM: NAD@Night College Bowl (RIT/NTID beat Gallaudet 108-107)



# Saturday, July 6, 2024

- 8:30-11:30 AM: Workshops: JrNAD Chapters, FCC Dialogue on Accessibility
- 1-4 PM: Workshops: Power of Counter Storytelling, Recruiting Deaf Youth
- 4:15-6:00 PM: Town Hall "Where do we go from here?"
- 8:00 PM: IAD Deaf Night Out at Gwen Hotel (Thanks to Bridget Lemus for arranging this)



#### 2024-2026 NAD Updates

- Current NAD Officers
  - President
    - Lisa Rose
  - Vice-President
    - Stephanie Hakulin
  - Secretary
    - Milmaglyn Morales
  - Treasurer
    - Jimmy Peterson
- Region 2 Representatives:
  - Kevin Ryan
  - Chris Haulmark

- 5 Priorities for the next two years
  - 1. Address Deaf Youth Well-Being
  - 2. Deaf Seniors Issues
  - 3. DECLARE: Deaf Children's Language Rights Everywhere
  - 4. Access to Resources for DeafDisabled Citizens & Enhancing Services for DeafBlind Communities
  - 5. Deaf Community Needs: Access Emergency Responders & Emergency Notifications