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## MINUTES

### First General Session, October 18, 1967

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Blake at 1:30 p.m. The meeting was turned over to William E. Woodrck for chairing.

The Reverend H. W. Rohe led the Invocation.

Sam Craig, Superintendent of the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf extended a welcome to the first convention of PRWAD. J. H. Whitworth responded in behalf of the organization.

Boyce Williams introduced the Keynote Speaker, Gerald H. Fisher, Ed.D., who presented a paper on "The Challenge of Serving Deaf Adults—A Candid View."

The first general session was adjourned at 2:50 and was reconvened for a business session at 3:35 p.m.

The reading of the minutes from the organizational meeting in St. Louis, Missouri was dispensed with upon approval of the convention. There were no additions or corrections and the minutes were approved as they stood.

The Secretary read and/or acknowledged official correspondence to the convention as well as other letters of general interest.

The President reported upon the actions of the Executive Board which has met a number of times since the organizational meeting in St. Louis. The state of affairs of the organization was also discussed.

The Treasurer's report was submitted. Mervin Garretson submitted a motion to refer the report to an auditing committee which was seconded and passed. The President appointed an auditing committee consisting of Donald Shaffer, Chairman, Daniel Misenheimer, and Edmund Cassetti. The Committee was instructed to submit its report at the next Business Session of the Convention.

The Membership Committee Chairman B. Robert Gonzales' report was submitted. No action was necessary.

Editor, Roger M. Falberg reported on the program of the official organ of the organization, *The Journal of Rehabilitation of the Deaf*. No action was necessary.

The President discussed the President's Newsletter and solicited items of interest from individual members which might be of interest to the general membership. Special note was made of the fact that it would be desirable to include proposed salary or salary range when employment opportunities were included.

The Bylaws Committee presented a brief report and it was agreed to delay the full report until the second business session since the proposed changes were not in a form amenable to presentation at

the time.

Mervin Garretson, Executive Secretary of the Council of Organization Serving the Deaf, was asked to discuss the COSD and the role PRWAD might play if it should elect to apply for membership. A formal decision by the Convention was delayed until the next business session.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

#### **Second General Session, October 19, 1967**

The second business meeting was called to order by President Gary Blake at 10:00 a.m., October 19.

The auditing committee reported favorably on the Treasurer's report and recommended for approval. The report was accepted as originally presented.

The Bylaws were presented with recommended revision and changes by the Committee composed of Roger M. Falberg, Robert R. Lauritsen and Glenn T. Lloyd.

#### *New Business*

Mr. Pimentel moved that the Executive Board proceed with the action necessary to join the Council of Organizations serving the Deaf. The motion seconded and passed unanimously.

After some discussion on the procedure for designation of PRWAD members as official representatives to the COSD, it was the consensus of the members that the representatives be elected from the floor. Nominations were made by a committee appointed by the President and from the floor. The following persons were elected:

- 1) Term beginning immediately on joining and expiring April, 1968. Elected Herbert L. Pickell
- 2) Term beginning immediately on joining and expiring April, 1969. Elected Eugene Peterson
- 3) Term beginning April, 1968 and continuing through April, 1970. Elected Lewis Wilcox

The following resolutions presented by Mr. Pimentel was passed unanimously by the convention:

Whereas the National Association of Hearing and Speech Agencies has proposed to establish effective community services for the adult deaf in Hearing and Speech Centers, and

Whereas their ready networks of Hearing and Speech Centers greatly facilitate the actual provision of services, and  
Whereas the NAHSA agreement to seek affiliation with the Council of Organizations Serving the Deaf affirms and reinforces its commitment to serve deaf people, and

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Whereas the PRWAD has a similar interest in seeing services improved and extended to the deaf community:

Therefore, be it resolved that the PRWAD strongly support in any way possible the NAHSA in specific projects and services relating to the deaf and to assist the NAHSA in the implementation of its current proposal.

Due to the limited time a formal report was not presented from the Resolutions Committee; however, a suggestion was made that the resolutions be published in the President's newsletter but not acted on by the convention.

The Business meeting was adjourned.

Boyce Williams gave concluding remarks on the overwhelming success of the 1st Biennial Convention of the Professional Rehabilitation Workers with the Adult Deaf. He suggested that his remarks be published due to the limitations of time.

President Blake adjourned the convention.