



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
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## Rhode Island Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Monday, March 21, 2005 MEETING MINUTES

**Commissioners Attending:** J. Ronan, E. Rawlings, R. Cooper, S. Goldenberg, P. Thompson, K. Blue, J. Daniels, T. Zellner, J. Desmarais-Valdez, L. Sack

**Commissioners Absent:** J. Tolento

**Public:** G. Valdez, C. Valdez

**Staff Attending:** S. Florio (Exec. Director)

**Communication Accommodations: CART and ASL Interpretation**

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The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m. by the Chair Travis Zellner, in Training Room A of the Administration Building, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES** 2/16/05 meeting minutes - L. Sack motions and J. Desmarais-Valdez seconded. Passed unanimously with no corrections being made.

**EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION** Chair mentions that we will not be convening into Executive/Closed Session at this time.

### OFFICERS' REPORTS

Chair - Election of officers will take place this evening and asked if anyone had any questions. J. Desmarais-Valdez inquires about term limits and if there are maximum terms specified in the bylaws. E. Rawlings from the bylaws committee elaborated that the bylaws states 2 terms, however, it does not state the maximum of terms. Additionally, if the commissioners are unable to fill a vacant position, the commission may request the departing commissioner to whom terms have expired, if they wish to continue to serve and to renew a term.

Chair points out that its time to 'roll up our sleeves' and get the 'slogan/logo' task moving.

Vice Chair - No report

Treasurer – Executive Director points out that the treasurer receives quarterly reports and that it is the responsibility of the treasurer to 'double check' and to make sure everything is in its place.

Secretary - No report. However, she did state that she does not wish to continue as secretary and would like someone else to take her place.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** see attached

**BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT**

E. Rawlings will double check the specifications of term limits

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

No report. Congratulations to the newly elected officers!

**HOSPICE COMMITTEE REPORT**

No report. S. Florio and E. Rawlings are still trying to set up an appointment sometime early April.

**HEALTHCARE COMMITTEE REPORT**

No report. Previous meetings have been canceled.

**AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT**

J. Desmarais-Valdez mentions that L. Sack is part of the committee and that they will start thinking about nominations during the summer.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion of RI CDHH slogans/logo. Consensus agreement by all to focus on developing a slogan first and then a logo. A drawing board shall be provided for future meetings to enable everyone to see and participate in the development.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Election of Officers - The chair asked existing officers if they wish to continue their duties. All replied yes except secretary S. Goldenberg. K. Blue expressed interest to replace S. Goldenberg. There were no other interested applicants nor contestation.

R. Cooper nominates that the existing officers and K. Blue to serve a new term and J. Ronan seconded. Brief discussion took place and J. Daniels motions to close the nominations and J. Ronan seconded. Passed unanimously.

P. Thompson requests the staff of CDHH to include "Rhode Island Silent Camp" on the RICDHH web site.

J. Ronan motions to adjourn meeting and J. Daniels seconded. Meeting adjourns at 8:04PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Travis Zellner, Chair