

Hello MADC members and our community,

This letter outlines the MADC community meeting on December 6th, 2019.

We would like to take a moment and thank those who were able to attend.

MADC Community Meeting commenced at 7:03 P.M.

Introduction by MADC Secretary

Introduction of Board Members Present

Ground Rules For Public Discourse Established by Attendees, Thompson Hall, and Facilitators

Board Rationale for Vote Delay

- MADC did not have an updated and accurate membership list to ensure everyone had access or knowledge of the situation to vote.
- Dissemination of information was insufficient and we were not able to resolve numerous access issues.
- We also were working on understanding the bylaws and how it applied to this situation. There was no precedence.
- We needed more community input.

Community Comment Period

Members shared concerns about:

- President and the Board,
- Not receiving information about the situation,
- Not understanding the issues facing MADC,
- Board transparency, and
- Members want the timeline publicly posted

Special meeting

- Date set through collaboration between MADC Board and the community
- Vote will be held to remove the MADC president
 - If President is removed, the board has decided the Vice President shall become President
 - If the Vice President accepts, then the community will then have to vote in a new Vice President or allow the board to appoint a Vice President from within.
 - If this happens, the community will need to vote to fill a vacant position.

- If the Vice President does not accept, then community can nominate and vote for a new President
 - If this happens, the board will respectfully requests 3 months to screen and choose nominees.

The community requested the current MADC President be suspended from all MADC duties and activities until the result of the vote at the next special meeting.

In good faith, at the request of the community, the Board held an open board meeting to discuss suspending the MADC President's duties until after the special meeting.

Meeting commenced at 9:35pm.

A motion was made and seconded for suspending the MADC President from:

- Presidential duties,
- Access to MADC website, Google accounts including, but not limited to gmail, drive, and any documents, spreadsheets, or presentations within,
- Participating in any social media discussions related to MADC, and
- Participating in any MADC meetings or obtaining information from any active Board member.

Motion was passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 P.M.

Please pass this letter along to the community and let them know that if they want to receive information to email jason.valentine@minndeaf.org with "ADD MEMBER" in the subject line. Information about the special meeting below.

We thank you for your patience, forgiveness, and understanding during this challenging time. If you have any questions, please email Jason Valentine, our Secretary at jason.valentine@minndeaf.org. We are looking forward to continue working with Deaf, DeafBliind and Hard of Hearing Minnesotans.

Sincerely,

Minnesota Association of Deaf Citizens Board Members

SPECIAL MEETING

Saturday, December 21st

1:00 P.M.

Location Announced Soon