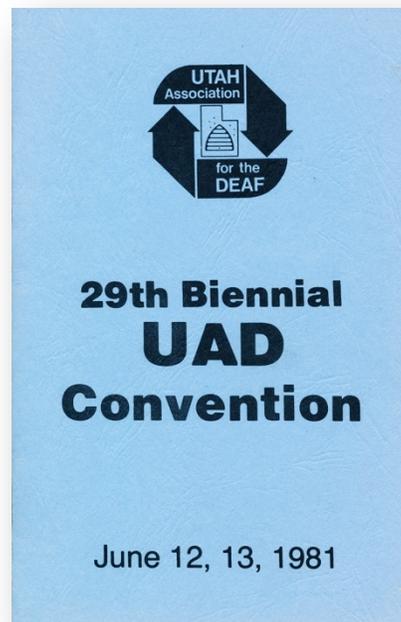


Twenty-Ninth Biennial Convention
June 12-13, 1981
Salt Lake Airport Hilton, Salt Lake City

At the Wright Room of the Salt Lake Airport Hilton, the twenty-ninth biennial convention of Utah Association for the Deaf was held June 12-13, 1981. Many association members were on hand to receive their certificates of appreciation for their services to the Utah Association for the Deaf at the Friday Appreciation Night (UAD Bulletin, July 1981, p. 1-3).

The business session took all day on Saturday. The key resolutions were to:

- Empower the Utah Association for the Deaf to print postcards with a message to the Federal Communications Commission to ask that they require CBS to close caption their programs,
- Distribute the postcards for signatures and mail to FCC; that a committee be formed to look into and document close captioning problems, contact local TV stations to establish a liaison problems, and
- Add a clause to the UAD interpreter policy to prevent interference with a deaf person's full right to interpreting, and to prevent the management or counseling of a deaf person's business by an interpreter (UAD Bulletin, July 1981, p. 1-3).



Other resolutions were commendations:

to the Utah State Fair booth volunteers; to the 1981 convention committee, headed by Alden Broomhead and Stanley O'Neal; to the Airport Hilton Hotel, to local TV stations channels 2, 4, 7 and 11 for showing closed captions; to Dave Mortensen and Robert Sanderson for attending many civic and professional meetings at their expense and time

on behalf of UAD; to praise Sears for making TeleCaption decoder available for purchase; to thank Dr. Walker W. Talbot and the Utah State Board of Education for its support for the community center for the deaf, and to continue encouraging them to work for it (UAD Bulletin, July 1981, p. 1-3).



**Dr. Walker W. Talbot, State
Superintendent of Public
Instruction**

The banquet, held in the Lindberg room, was an enjoyable affair. After a dinner of prime rib, Dr. LeRay McAllister, majority leader in the Utah House of Representatives, gave a talk on how to lobby for the community center for the deaf. The many questions that were fired at Dr. McAllister indicated a lively interest in his topic (UAD Bulletin, July 1981, p. 1-3).

1981 – 1983

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| | Gene D. Stewart |
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| | Carol R. Wilson (new) |
| | Steve Sawyer (new) |

Thirtieth Biennial Convention
October 7-8, 1983
Utah Community Center for the Deaf, Bountiful

Dennis Platt was the chairman of the thirtieth biennial convention with assistance of Valerie Platt. The convention was held at the Utah Community Center for the Deaf in Bountiful, Utah. It was a special event for everyone.



**Dennis Platt, 1983 UAD Convention
Chairman
Photo by Robert L. Bonnell**

The 1983 convention was postponed due to flooding in and around the Utah Community Center for the Deaf in Bountiful. Ongoing repairs further postponed the convention.

- First convention date: June 10-11, 1983; postponed
- Second convention date: July 30-31, 1983; postponed
- Third convention date: October 7-8, 1983

At the convention, the Utah Association for the Deaf passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS many deaf people had donated time and skills to help improve the Utah Community Center for the Deaf,

WHEREAS many deaf people and hearing people have donated useful items to the Center for the Deaf,

WHEREAS organizations and individuals have donated money to help defray expenses of improving the Center for the Deaf,

BE IT RESOLVED that the UAD go on record as giving its thanks and appreciation to all who have so generously donated time, useful items and money.

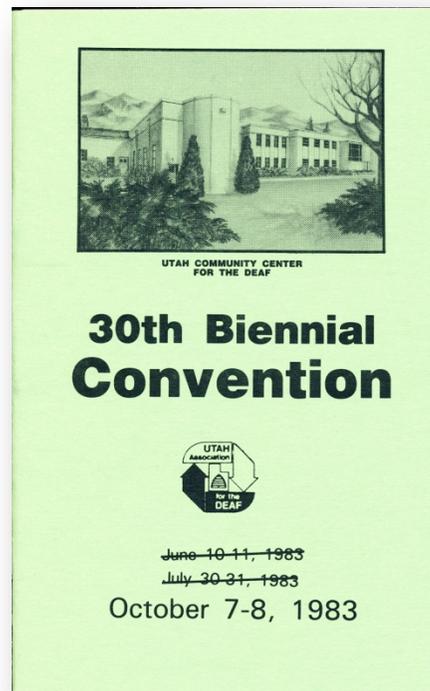
(signed) Robert G. Sanderson, Secretary
(Sanderson, UAD Bulletin, January 1984, p. 3)

UAD Membership Increased

The UAD convention saw the membership roster grew by leaps and bounds. As of October 19 of that year, the roster stood at 183 members (UAD Bulletin, November 1983, p. 2). UAD president Dave Mortensen said, “It was gratifying to see so many people in attendance and so many people joining the UAD. We now have 183 members. That’s a huge increase from the past few years” (Mortensen, *UAD Bulletin*, November 1983, p. 1-2).

UAD Bookstore

The bookstore was established in 1983 at the Utah Community Center for the Deaf in Bountiful, Utah. Dr. Robert G. Sanderson is credited with the idea, which he learned from the National Association of the Deaf. Valerie Kinney was the business manager for both UAD business and the Bookstore, and was the editor of the UAD Bulletin at the same time. Other managers worked under Peter Green’s supervision. When the new Utah Community Center for the Deaf in Taylorsville opened in 1992, Grace Watterson was a bookstore manager for a while. When Grace resigned to work for the Deaf Center, Peter Green took her place and managed it until his death in May 2003. Valerie Kinney took over the bookstore at that



time and recruited volunteers to staff the bookstore. Valerie turned over the management of the bookstore in April 2007 to Adele Sigoda who has continued to this day as

bookstore manager.



The bookstore has seen changes through the years – mainly in the sale of portable TTYs, which gave the bookstore a good source of income. With the advent of videophones, the sale of

TTYs declined. Best sellers today are doorbell/phone signalers, alarm clocks and sign language books for ASL classes held at the deaf center.

A first is an auxiliary bookstore set up in St. George, on a six-month trial. Faith Bassett, who lived in St. George, was the first bookstore manager. There was a sizeable deaf and hard of hearing community in this southern area (Valerie Kinney, personal communication, February 19, 2012).

1983 – 1985

President	W. David Mortensen
Vice President	Dennis R. Platt
Secretary	Robert G. DeSpain (resigned 1-4-1985)
Secretary	Rodney W. Walker (appointed 1-4-1985)
Treasurer	Gerald (Jerry) R. Taylor
Chairman	Peter M. Green (resigned 8-19-1984)
Chairman	C. Roy Cochran (appointed 9-16-1984)
Board Members	C. Roy Cochran (moved up 9-16-1984)
	Dr. Robert G. Sanderson
	Glen W. Ross (resigned, no date available)

Lois M. Williams
Alden M. Broomhead
Lloyd H. Perkins
George L. Laramie
(appointed 11-27-1984)

Board of Trustees

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Fred J. Bass

**Thirty-First Biennial Convention
June 14-15, 1985
Utah Community Center for the Deaf, Bountiful**

Charles Roy Cochran chaired the thirty-first biennial convention held at the Utah Community Center for the Deaf in Bountiful during June 14-15, 1985. He was nominated



**Charles Roy Cochran, chairman of the
1985 UAD Convention**

and elected as president of the Utah Association for the Deaf. He looked back at the age of 21 and as a newlywed of two months in 1963, he was elected as one of 11 directors, the youngest. This time, he accepted his big responsibility as UAD president (Cochran, *UAD Bulletin*, August 1985, p. 2).

The convention chairman said that Dave Mortensen had served as UAD president for 14 years at the time and no one had beaten his record. He felt his name should be in the Guinness Books of Records or Who's Who in NAD/UAD. Cochran felt Dave did a very good job directing UAD in a time of growth, from a simple organization to a complex one administering several programs, from a home-run organization to a business office (Cochran, *UAD Bulletin*, August 1985, p. 2).

At the convention, Kirk Walker, resolutions chairperson, took the floor to bring up resolutions as quoted from the October 1985 issue of the UAD Bulletin. A summary of passed resolutions follows:

Resolution 1: To show appreciation to Robert Sanderson for his service to deaf people for many years before his retirement.

Resolution 2: To show appreciation to Valerie (Platt) Kinney for her time as UAD business manager.

Resolution 3: To show appreciation to KTVX Channel 4 of Salt Lake City for closed captioning their news programs.

Resolution 4: To show appreciation to the UAD Achievement Award committee: Barbara Bass, Celia May Baldwin, and Kayleen Pugh.

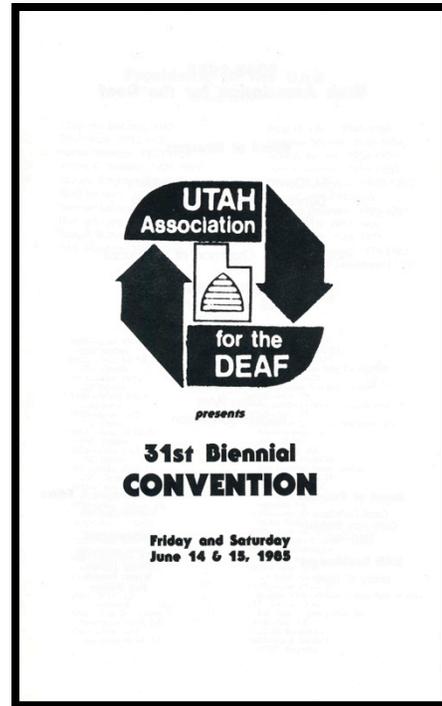
Resolution 5: To show appreciation to the 1983-1985- UAD board of directors: David Mortensen, Dennis Platt, Robert DeSpain, Jerry Taylor, Roy Cochran, Alden Broomhead, George Laramie, Stanley O'Neal, Lloyd Perkins, Glen Ross & Robert Sanderson.

Resolution 6: To show appreciation for the closed captioning of the networks: PBS, ABC, NBC, CBS, and NCI.

Resolution 7: To show appreciation for the two UAD full time interpreters, Kirk Walker and Wilma Powell.

Resolution 8: To show appreciation for the job done by the chairman, Roy Cochran, and his committee: Bruce Van Kampen, Nellie Sausedo, Lynn Losee for the 1985 UAD biennial convention.

Resolution 9: To show appreciation to Beth Ann Campbell and the Utah Community Center for the Deaf staff for continuing the work at the deaf center (p. 2 – 4).



1986 National Association of the Deaf Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah

After two years of planning, two years of meetings, two years of TTY phone calls, two years of driving to check out needs, the 1986 National Association of the Deaf Convention finally arrived in August 1986. The convention was co-chaired by Robert and Mary Sanderson.

After the two years of hard work had paid off, the convention was successful. The registration count gave 1,218 registered conventioners. A computer check showed that 49 states and the District of Columbia were represented at the convention.



Mary & Dr. Robert G. Sanderson
UAD Bulletin, August 1986

The convention committee was comprised of six husband-wife coordinator teams, each with a specific responsibility. Co-chairperson Robert and Mary Sanderson

had the responsibility of overseeing general entertainment and public relations. Assistant co-chairpersons were Dennis and Valerie Platt, coordinators mainly for registration and a variety of smaller tasks.

Money matters were the responsibility of Jerry and Nancy Taylor; they also coordinated



Dennis Platt.

fundraising efforts such as the yard sale and candy sales. Gene and JoAnn Stewart coordinated the workshops and exhibits, and also saw to that there were interpreters for every need. For diversion, Dave



Valerie (Kinney) Platt
Photo by Robert L. Bonnell

and Shauna Mortensen arranged tours to Wendover, Salt Lake City's nearest gambling "joint," Temple Square and the Utah Community Center for the Deaf, and dispensed information on local sights. Last but not the least, Barbara and Fred Bass coordinated the local functions for the Miss Deaf America Pageant.



Jerry Taylor

There was much going on all week long. Tuesday morning started out with the Order of Georges and Georgettes breakfast, chaired by George and Dora Laramie. This was attended by NAD supporters. The

President's Reception held that evening was packed in the ballroom where it was held: Kenneth and Priscilla Burdett were chairpersons of this event. Miss Deaf America Pageant preliminaries were held at the Capitol Theatre on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons; the pageant finals were on Friday evening. The California entertainment group, "Excerpts," directed by Robert Daniels, gave its performance on Wednesday evening. Gary Sanderson, son of Robert and Mary Sanderson was in charge of the



Nancy Taylor

Wednesday evening entertainment.



Shanna & Dave Mortensen

Friday noon was the awards luncheon, which was held at the Hilton hotel nearby and which was ably put together by Peter and Sally Green. Saturday evening was capped by New Frontier Dance, under direction of George and Carola Gavros, which had the local group, Hands Up, giving a performance in song and dance.

The Beehive Caucus, a newsletter, was

distributed daily, giving convention news and interviews. The Casper Room, which was used as a workroom, was busy as the copy machine ran all day long; phone calls were handled by interpreters for deaf people who needed voice assistance in making calls.

The convention was like a family reunion for many. Wednesday noon saw three sorority and fraternity luncheons; class mini-reunions for Gallaudetians took place during the week as classmates found the opportunity to get together.

Appreciation Dinner Climaxes NAD Committee Work

An appreciation dinner hosted by the UAD honored NAD convention workers for their hard work and enthusiasm. For some, it was the culmination of two years of meetings, designing, planning, and bringing the convention to a successful reality. The

planner of the appreciation dinner and emcee of the evening was Roy Cochran, president of the Utah Association for the Deaf.



Peter Green

Robert and Mary Sanderson were praised by the UAD board of directors for their work and they were quick to say that without the assistance of over 100 committee workers, the convention would not have been possible.

Dr. Sanderson proudly said, “Personal remarks and letters from people all over the United States indicated that the convention was a success.” He had also received clippings about the convention and/or the pageant from as far away as Florida, indicating the convention and pageant was well covered by Associated Press.



Sally Green

Awards Luncheon Honors Supporters

At a luncheon attended by close to 900 people, awards were given to people who had given support or given of their time and talent to further the cause of National Association of the Deaf.

An Utahn, Mary Sanderson, was given Knights of the Flying Fingers award for her untiring and dedicated work in seeing the 1986 NAD convention become a reality.

Shutterbugs Capture NAD Spirit

Thirty-four rolls were “shot” by a team of photographers, Robert Welsh, Robert Bonnell and Louise Saathoff. They managed to capture every event that went on before, during and after the convention. When they were not busy capturing the convention on film, they were taking orders for pictures.

The biggest part of their work, however, was filling orders for well over 2,000 pictures. This was by no means a simple job since they had to figure how many of each picture that had been shot. As of September 30, they were still filling orders.

The original pictures and negatives were shipped to the National Association of the Deaf Office (UAD Bulletin, August 1986, p. 1-3).



Kenneth and Priscilla Burdett
Photo by Robert L. Bonnell

1985 – 1987

President	C. Roy Cochran
Vice President	Dennis R. Platt
Secretary	Robert G. DeSpain (resigned 12-10-1985)
Secretary	Rodney W. Walker (appointed 2-1-1986)
Treasurer	Nellie M. Sausedo
Chairman	Stanley L. O’Neal (resigned 9-7-1985)
Chairman	Dennis R. Platt (appointed 11-2-1985) (held both vice president and chairman positions)

Board Members	Dr. Robert G. Sanderson
	Robert J. Welsh
	Lloyd H. Perkins (resigned 8-3-1985)
	Judy R. Saunders (resigned 9-9-1985)
	Kirk D. Walker (resigned 10-12-1985)
	Reid O. Simonsen (resigned 1-3-1986)
	George L. Laramie (appointed 10-12-1985)
	Glen (Corky) C. Sparr (appointed 10-12-1985; resigned 6-5-1986)mo
	George B. Gavros (appointed 10-12-1985)
	Rodney W. Walker (appointed 10-15-1985; moved up 2-1-1986)
	Peter M. Green (appointed 2-1-1986)
	W. David Mortensen (appointed 2-1-1986)
	Marsha L. Thurston (appointed 6-7-1986)

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(appointed 9-6-1986)
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(moved up 10-15-1986)
Bruce R. Van Kampen, 3rd trustee
(appointed 9-6-1986)

**Thirty-Second Biennial Convention
June 12-13, 1987
Excelsior Hotel, Provo**

Under the direction of Ron Nelson and his wife Kristi Mortensen, co-chairs, the Utah Association for the Deaf hosted the thirty-second biennial convention in Provo, Utah, a first. They selected the Excelsior Hotel for the convention site because the deaf people of Provo had not historically been involved in the UAD and were politically and socially isolated from the main Deaf community in Utah. They had hoped to persuade them to come to the convention to catch a glimpse of the functions of the UAD. Sadly, only 3 people from Provo attended the convention (Nelson, *UAD Bulletin*, June 1989, p. 5).



Ron Nelson and Kristi Mortensen

Ron Nelson said that the most active member in Provo was Jim Harper. He became involved and was elected to the UAD Board of Directors. He was the best thing that ever happened to the Provo area. Throughout the two years of Jim's service, he faithfully attended almost every monthly board meeting held in Bountiful, a long distance to travel. He brought news of Provo's efforts to get services needed and asked for advice

and expertise. He kept Provo informed of the UAD political efforts. Singlehandedly, he started the Utah Valley Chapter which officially joined the UAD during the convention (Nelson, *UAD Bulletin*, June 1989, p. 5).

The Miss Deaf Utah Pageant was held at the Hillcrest High School on Friday evening. The business meeting was held at the Excelsior Hotel the next day. The banquet



Jim Harper

and entertainment were at the same place in the McKay Room, where attendees met the new Miss Deaf Utah! (*UAD Bulletin*, July 1987, p. 2).

The convention was brought to a successful close with over 90 in attendance at the banquet. Senator Darrel Renstrom, who sponsored the Senate Bill 101 Hearing Impaired Telecommunication Access Act and Utah Relay Services Bill for TDD distribution and message relay center, was a guest speaker and spoke about the bill, which was passed with 20 minutes to spare before the legislature adjourned. He was presented with a copy of the “Joy of Signing” book, signed by many deaf people who appreciated his efforts on their behalf (*UAD Bulletin*, July 1987, p. 2).

The Golden Hand Award went to Celia May Baldwin, a long time active member and supporter of the Utah Association for the Deaf. Her participation was not limited to UAD, but had extended to the local division of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, St Mary Magdalene Club for the Deaf, despite being a single parent of two children. Although she moved to Fremont,



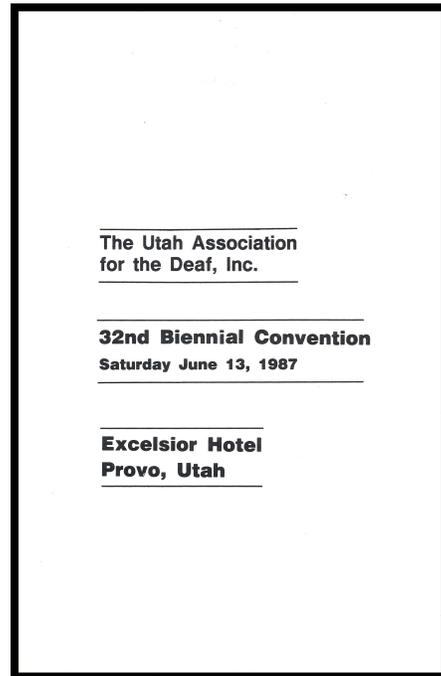
Celia May Baldwin
Photo by Robert L. Bonnell

California less than a year ago, her contributions had been well remembered and worthy of the Golden Hand Award for 1987 (UAD Bulletin, July 1987, p. 2).

Roy Cochran, outgoing president, announced the presentation of the President's Award to Tim Funk, who was with the Committee on Consumer Services. He contributed many hours of advice and guidance to the Utah Coalition on Deaf Access in pushing Senate Bill 101 through the 1987 legislature session (UAD Bulletin, July 1987, p. 2).

At the convention, the resolution was developed, as follows:

- Whereas deaf people and friends of the deaf turned out enmasse at the rally on January 30 at the Utah Capitol, many taking the day off work, and
- Whereas interpreters volunteered their time to interpret at the rally, and at the Senate and House legislative sessions,
- Whereas the rally was the formal start of Senate Bill 101 to provide TDD distribution and message relay center, which benefits both the deaf and the hearing alike,
- Be it resolved that the Utah Association for the Deaf go on record as commending all those who gave their time that day to see the SB 101 off to a good start, which eventually culminated in a successful passage in the Senate and the House,
- Be it further resolved that the UAD secretary be directed to place a copy of the resolution in a future issue of the UAD Bulletin (UAD Bulletin, September 1987, p. 2).



Utah Relay Service

The “Hearing Impaired Telecommunication Access Act” was enacted during the 1987 legislative session. The purpose of this law was to assist deaf person gain better access to regular telephone services. On October 13, 1987, W. David Mortensen,



Utah Deaf Supporters with Utah Governor Norman H. Bangerter, 1987

president of the UAD contracted with the Public Service Commission for the operation of the Utah Relay Service in the state of Utah.

The Utah Relay Service officially went into service on January 4, 1988. The Utah Relay Service operated by the UAD under the contract with the Public

Service Commission for 10 years (Sanderson, UAD Bulletin, April 1999). Madelaine Perkins, CODA and certified interpreter, was appointed by the UAD to take over as the as the executive director of the Utah Relay System, housed at the Utah Community Center for the Deaf (Mortensen, *UAD Bulletin*, November 1987).

In 1999, the UAD contract expired. The Utah Relay Service was awarded to Sprint after a bid with by Public Service Commission in 2000. The TTY eventually became obsolete when Sorenson Communication, Inc. came into the picture in 2003.



Madelaine Burton Perkins, excutive director of the Utah Relay System

1987 – 1989

President	W. David Mortensen
Vice President	Dennis R. Platt (resigned 5-3-1988)
Vice President	Lloyd H. Perkins (appointed 6-7-1988)
Secretary	S. Annette Peebler
Treasurer	Dr. Jay J. Campbell (resigned 12-3-1987)
Treasurer	Peter M. Green (appointed 12-3-1987)
Chairman	C. Roy Cochran
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Board of Trustees	Fred J. Bass, chair W. David Samuelsen Reid O. Simonsen

**Thirty-Third Biennial Convention
June 17-19, 1989
University Park Hotel, Salt Lake City**

John Peebler was the chair of the thirty-third biennial convention held at the University Park Hotel in Salt Lake City, Utah. The convention provided a chance to see reports on the Utah Interpreter Service and the Utah Relay Services and asked the Deaf community for their views and feelings on these services and other issues. The 80th

anniversary party for Utah Association for the Deaf was celebrated (Mortensen, *UAD Bulletin*, June 1989, p. 1-2).

A 16 mm film entitled “A History of the Utah School for the Deaf: 1940-1965” was displayed at the convention. While employed at the Utah School for the Deaf, Kenneth C. Burdett had filmed a large bunch of happy students. Dave Mortensen, UAD president, commented, “It shows that it never harmed a deaf boy or girl to be sent away from home to a school that exclusively served their needs. Education, socialization, leadership training, discipline, dramatics, dance, public speaking, sports, entertainment, you name it, it was there. Those were very, very happy times.” Mortensen was however informed “Times have changed.” He questioned, “Have they changed for the better or worse?” “Is mainstreaming the answer?” He again responded, “No, I would say not.” Some say it is a trend, that this is a modern age. Shucks, I say, however, you be the judge. You talk to any one of those who spent at school away from home and see if any feel it was a mistake” (D. Mortensen, *UAD Bulletin*, June 1990, p. 1).



Kenneth C. Burdett, 1958

1989 – 1991

President	W. David Mortensen
Vice-President	Ronald J. Nelson
Secretary	Rodney W. Walker (resigned 4-1-1990)
Secretary	Ronald J. Nelson (appointed 4-6-1990)
Treasurer	Peter M. Green
Chairman	Dr. Robert G. Sanderson

Board Members

C. Roy Cochran
Beth Ann Campbell
(resigned 7-10-1990)
Ronald J. Nelson
(moved up 4-6-1990)
Shirley A. Snow
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Jerry W. Westberg
Lee A. Shepherd
S. Annette Peebler
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(appointed 8-7-1990)

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