

**Thirty-Fourth Biennial Convention  
June 13-15, 1991  
Salt Lake Airport Hilton, Salt Lake City**

Lynn Losee was the chair of the thirty-fourth biennial convention at the Salt Lake Airport Hilton Hotel. In spite of the small number of 168 persons who registered at the UAD convention, it was considered successful as the people enjoyed the three different events: the picnic on Thursday, June 13 at Bountiful Park, the dinner and the Miss Deaf Utah pageant on Friday, June 14, and the awards banquet on Saturday, June 15. The food served at all the three events was excellent. The business meeting went well; only eight amendments to the by-laws were discussed; some were approved, changed, or rejected. The participants felt good about the sessions. Good feelings were prevalent (UAD Bulletin, July 1991, p. 3).



**Lynn Losee, chair of the  
UAD 1991 Convention**

The people thought all three workshops such as HIV/AIDS, Deaf Empowerment, and ASL/Deaf Culture offered at the convention were equally excellent and worthwhile. Open mouths in surprise were evident at the “HIV/AIDS” workshop. The UAD appreciated the time given by Christine Buchholz to “HIV/AIDS”, Jacqueline Roth to “Deaf Empowerment,” and Minnie Mae Wilding Diaz to “ASL and Deaf Culture” (UAD Bulletin, July 1991, p. 3).

Right after the election of the board members, John (Jack) White and Bob Welsh were elected as the new UAD trustees (UAD Bulletin, July 1991, p. 3).

People were already looking forward to meeting again in two years, maybe at the new Utah Community Center of the Deaf in Taylorsville, rather than at far-away places like Park City (UAD Bulletin, July 1991, p. 3).

People reported that they enjoyed the relaxing atmosphere and pleasant surroundings at the Airport Hilton Hotel (UAD Bulletin, July 1991, p. 3).

The six pageant contestants were a delightful bunch of young ladies. Though only one became the state queen, all the girls truly shone in their own way (UAD Bulletin, July 1991, p. 3).

People commented on the contestants' widely diverse educational background. They all graduated from public high schools all over Salt Lake and Utah counties: Heather Horman, Olympus; Melanie Mears, Brighton; Pamela Mower, Jordan; Christie Norton, Skyline; Kristi Waldvogel, Mountain View; and Shannon Warr, Bountiful (UAD Bulletin, July 1991, p. 3).

Only four out-of-staters were at the UAD Convention. Besides Kathy Allen from



1991 UAD Convention

Alaska, there were two Californians; Dora Laramie of Fremont and Beverly Nunn of Sun Valley, and a Nebraskan: Robert Taylor of Omaha (UAD Bulletin, July 1991, p. 3).

When asked why Dr. Robert G. Sanderson declined the nomination to be on the UAD Board, he said it was time for him to retire as he had been with the UAD for 36 years. Reason accepted (UAD Bulletin, July 1991, p. 3).

Additionally, the convention ended with an awards banquet which was full of surprises and provided excitement among the conventioners.

USDB Superintendent David West was a guest speaker and he spoke on trends in education of the deaf (UAD Bulletin, July 1991, p. 1).

### **President's Awards**

The prestigious President's Award was given to four persons for their deep involvement with the Utah Deaf community. They were:



**W. David Mortensen**

Madelaine Perkins for her work with the Utah Relay Service; John (Jack) F. White for devoting many years to Utah sports; Rodney W. Walker for many years of service to many different organizations; and Gene D. Stewart for dedication to the Utah Deaf community through vocational rehabilitation.



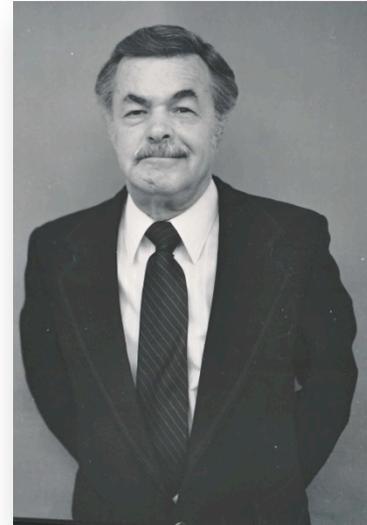
**John (Jack) F. White**

Dave Mortensen got a surprise of his own when Dr. Robert Sanderson presented him with a gavel inscribed, "UAD Board thanks Dave Mortensen for 18 years of dedicated service" (UAD Bulletin, July 1991, p. 1-2).

### **The Golden Hand Award**

The Golden Hand Award was given to Peter Green for his outstanding leadership in the Utah Deaf community. As UAD treasurer, he had actively kept books on the UAD general fund, United Way, Miss Deaf Utah, and other accounts. He established an agency for up to 32 persons for billing statements for freelance interpreters, which had never been done before. He had spent many hours on a voluntary basis, compiling financial

records. The general fund doubled under his watchful eye. He continually kept track of all UAD inventory such as TV decoders, TDDs, books, and other items in the UAD Bookstore. He was chairman of two Utah School for the Deaf reunions twice. He was a member of the Salt Lake Frats, Utah Athletic Club for the Deaf and Utah Association for the Deaf; he showed up at every meeting. The people recognized him for being a fine man and a true member of the Utah Deaf community (UAD Bulletin, July 1991, p. 1-2).



**Pete Green**

**1991 – 1993**

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 Dale E. Link  
 Peter M. Green  
 W. David Mortensen

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 Lee A. Shepherd  
 Alan B. Donaldson  
 Norman B. Williams  
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 R. Layne Owens  
 (resigned 11-19-1992)  
 Cleo F. Peterson  
 (appointed 1-5-1993)  
 William G. Vicars  
 (appointed 9-1-1992)

**Board of Trustees**

S. Annette Peebler

Robert J. Welsh  
John (Jack) F. White

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**Thirty-Fifth Biennial Convention  
June 17-19, 1993  
Utah Community Center for the Deaf, Taylorsville**

Lynn Losee served as the chair once more for the thirty-fifth biennial convention, held at the Utah Community Center for the Deaf in Taylorsville.

Four important fields such as grants, National Safety Council on Defensive Driving, relay service, and the Americans with Disabilities Act were covered during the workshops at the convention (Mortensen, L.M., *UAD Bulletin*, July 1993, p. 3).

The Utah Association for the Deaf conventioners enjoyed the three different events: the potluck social on Thursday at UCCD, the dinner and the Miss Deaf Utah pageant on Friday, and the awards banquet on Saturday (*UAD Bulletin*, July 1993, p. 3).

Ben Soukup, president of the National Association of the Deaf, director of both South Dakota Association of the Deaf and Communication Services for the Deaf in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, was a keynote speaker at the banquet in downtown Salt Lake Hilton Hotel (*UAD Bulletin*, July 1993, p. 3).



**Ben Soukup  
Deaf Person of the Month, October  
2007**

Some of the goals that the UAD board looked at when the board meetings resumed were:

- Legislation to increase the surcharge on phone lines from 10 cents a line to 25-35 cents to increase quality services and improve standards of the Utah Relay Services;
- Workshops with an aim to “empower the young deaf population and produce more leaders for the future;”

- More workshops or seminars in the community to meet understanding of social issues and needs of the deaf;
- Education on deaf issues;
- Support of the Bi-Bi Deaf Mentor project;
- Captioning on local news broadcasts;
- Support to get ASL accepted as a foreign language.

Although the goals didn't look simple or easy, UAD attempted to accomplish all of them within two years (UAD Bulletin, August 1993, p. 1).

### **The Golden Hand Award**

The 1993 Golden Hand Award was presented to Rodney Walker in recognition of his community services (UAD Bulletin, July 1993, p. 3).



**Rodney W. Walker**

### **The Presidential Awards**

The Presidential Awards were handed to the men and women who served many organizations. Those honored were:

- Barbara Bass
- Kenneth Kinner
- Jane Bell
- Lynn Losee
- Dave Mortensen
- Mary Sanderson
- Robert G. Sanderson
- Peter Green
- Shirley Platt
- Ann Thatcher
- Pat Walker
- Lloyd Perkins (UAD Bulletin, July 1993, p. 3).



1993 UAD Convention

**1993 – 1995**

**President**  
**Vice President**  
**Secretary**  
**Treasurer**  
**Chairman**

W. David Mortensen  
 Lynn G. Losee  
 Valerie G. Kinney  
 Peter M. Green  
 Patricia A. Walker  
 (resigned 9-7-1993)  
 Ronald J. Nelson  
 (appointed 9-7-1993)

**Board Members**

William G. Vicars  
 W. David Samuelsen  
 Shirley H. Platt  
 Thomas Novick  
 Patricia A. Walker  
 (moved down 9-7-1993)  
 Ronald J. Nelson  
 (moved up 9-7-1993)  
 Gary L. Leavitt  
 (resigned 12-9-1993)  
 Frank DeRiggi  
 (appointed 3-1-1994)

## Board of Trustees

Robert J. Welsh, chairman  
John (Jack) F. White  
Rodney W. Walker

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## Thirty-Sixth Biennial Convention June 15-17, 1995 Utah School for the Deaf, Ogden

The Utah Association for the Deaf held its thirty-sixth biennial convention on a new campus at the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind. Dave Mortensen, UAD president, noted feeling like going back to the early years when all UAD conventions were held in Ogden at the school. They missed the old campus, but the new campus was nice too, and it will create new memories (Mortensen, *UAD Bulletin*, June 1995, p. 4).

The UAD convention began on Thursday, June 15, with a reception on the patio of the new USDB Administration Building (Kinney, *UAD Bulletin*, August 1995, p. 1).

Friday afternoon, June 16, two workshops were held. One was about Interpreters and how deaf people can use them effectively, presented by Annette Tull, an interpreter for the Granite School District. The other was about the relay service, what it can and cannot do for relay users, presented by Madelaine Perkins, who directed the Utah relay service (Kinney, *UAD Bulletin*, June 1995, p. 1).



**Dave Mortensen, UAD President**  
Photo by Robert L. Bonnell

That evening, the Miss Deaf Utah Pageant, with Kristi Mortensen as state director and Katrina Lee as pageant director, was held in the auditorium (Kinney, *UAD Bulletin*, August 1995, p. 1).

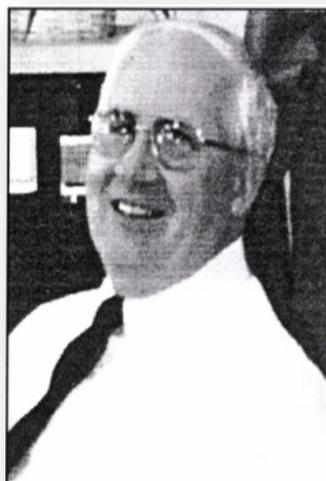
## **UAD Chooses to be Different**

When drafting their constitutions and by-laws, many members of various associations and clubs insisted on certain words to make sure that their organizations was to be run by the deaf themselves. The thorny words were “of” and “for.” A large percent of deaf organizations used the word “of” in their organization names because they felt that it means a real sense of ownership. They felt that the word “for” means allowing either the deaf or hearing to run the organization, thus having less control over their organization. The debated went on and on. At the convention, the same argument popped up concerning the use of “for” in Utah Association for the Deaf.” Much of the mail that the UAD had been getting had the word “of.” After hearing the cons and pros, the members voted to stay with the same word “for.” Hence, the UAD went by this name: Utah Association for the Deaf. As one member said, “It won’t hurt UAD to be different” (UAD Bulletin, November 1995, p. 1).

## **Dr. Lee Robinson, USDB Superintendent Gives a Speech**

During the business session, Dr. Lee Robinson, Utah Schools for the Deaf superintendent gave a short speech that gave the UAD a clear view of the school mission. He showed them on the overhead projector the numbers of deaf and blind students statewide. As of December 1994, a total of students were 953 (UAD Bulletin, September 1995, p. 4-5).

The school had just completed brand new classrooms for the deaf and the blind on campus. Dr. Robinson hoped that they would encourage more parents to send their children to the campus program. The school was seeking new ways to establish a sport program; for example, have both the campus and extension programs get their athletes together and have some real games. Dr.



**Dr. Lee Robinson, USDB  
Superintendent**

Robinson attended the Western Classic basketball competition in Fremont, California in January 1995 and was impressed by the large numbers of deaf high school students from various schools in the west (UAD Bulletin, September 1995, p. 4-5).

Dr. Robinson encouraged deaf organizations to use the USDB facilities for their meetings, and was pleased that the Utah Association for the Deaf was using their facilities for its convention (UAD Bulletin, September 1995, p. 4-5).

He welcomed meetings with the UAD to make improvements in deaf education. He believed that the key was communication between the USDB and the Deaf community (UAD Bulletin, September 1995, p. 4-5).

That evening, Dennis Platt was emcee for the banquet. The banquet program was highlighted by a talk given by Margo Cienek, a former Miss Deaf America, who shared insights on past, present and future of deaf culture (Kinney, *UAD Bulletin*, June 1995, p. 1).

#### 1995 – 1997

<b>President</b>	W. David Mortensen
<b>Vice President</b>	Valerie G. Kinney
<b>Secretary</b>	Ronald J. Nelson (resigned 4-2-1996)
<b>Secretary</b>	Hester (Polly) Parsons (appointed 4-2-1996, resigned 3-13-1997)
<b>Treasurer</b>	Peter M. Green
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<b>Board Members</b>	W. David Samuelsen Shirley H. Platt Edward L. Bell Lee A. Shepherd Lynn G. Losee Hester (Polly) Parson (moved up 4-2-1996, resigned 3-13-1997) Ronald J. Nelson

(moved down 4-2-1996)  
Stanley L. O'Neal  
(appointed 3-13-1997)

**Board of Trustees**

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(resigned 1-1-1996)  
George B. Gavros, 3<sup>rd</sup> trustee  
(appointed 1-2-1996)

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**Thirty-Seventh Biennial Convention  
June 13-14, 1997  
Salt Lake Airport Hilton, Salt Lake City**

Utah Association for the Deaf hosted the thirty-seventh biennial convention at the Salt Lake Airport Hilton in Salt Lake City June 13-14, 1997. After workshops held on Friday, June 13, the convention adjourned early in the evening so they could all be at home to root for the Utah Jazz team in the NBA finals game #6 against the Chicago Bulls (Mortensen, K., *UAD Bulletin*, July 1997).

The next day on Saturday, June 14, the convention reconvened. During the convention business meeting, significant motions from the July 1997 issue of the UAD Bulletin were, as follows:

- Thanks to Dave Mortensen and Shanna Mortensen for their 20 plus years of devotion to UAD, especially with Dave as president;
- The suspension of the new Constitution and Bylaws proposals to allow the UAD lawyer time to go over the document and make sure it does not conflict with state



Shanna & Dave Mortensen, 1954

laws. After the lawyer has given his opinion, a general meeting will be held in late September or early October;

- The establishment of committee to study the feasibility and set a policy for a lending library of deafness related materials;
- The establishment of a one-day Bi Bi conference to be held within a year. Minnie Mae Wilding-Diaz was chosen as chair of the Bi Bi conference;
- The purchase of a laptop computer for use by the secretary to record all meeting minutes and two modems, one installed in the UAD bookstore computer and in the UAD Bulletin computer to enable the use of e-mail capabilities;

Resolutions were also passed at the business meeting. They included:

- Thanks to David Samuelson for the time and effort in following and reporting on the legislature on matters pertaining to the Deaf community;
- Thanks to KJZZ for beginning the closed captioning effort on Jazz games and encouraging them to caption all games;
- Thanks to KUTV Channel 2, KTVX Channel 4, and KSTU (Fox) Channel 13 for being sensitive to their deaf audiences with the introduction of real time captioning and ask that they also caption 1-15 reconstruction bulletin segments;
- Commendation to the Deaf Connections director, Carol Croyle, and her staff, friends and volunteers for an outstanding job;
- Applaud and express deep appreciation to Dave Mortensen for his everlasting work in making UAD a successful and prosperous organization (Kinney, *UAD Bulletin*, July 1997, p. 4).



Minnie Mae Wilding-Diaz

### **UAD Retains “For” In Its Name**

On February 21, 1998, the UAD survived an attempt to change its name to Utah Association of the Deaf. Voting at the general meeting on this question failed to attain the

2/3 majority require to pass. The name remained as Utah Association for the Deaf (UAD Bulletin, March 1998, p. 1).

### **Now It's "Conference"**

In September 1997, a motion was passed at the UAD general meeting to change the word "convention" to "conference" where there were references to UAD convention in the UAD Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws (Kinney, *UAD Bulletin*, October 1998, p. 1).

#### **1997 – 1999**

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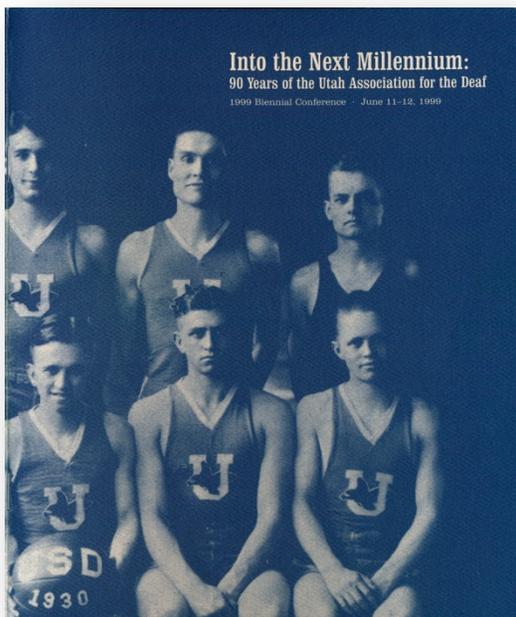
**Thirty-Eighth Biennial Conference  
June 11-12, 1999  
Provo Marriott, Provo**

The Utah Association for the Deaf concluded its thirty-eight biennial conference at the Provo Marriott in Provo. The conference opened at 1:00 PM on Friday, June 11, 1999, with Dr. Jess Freeman King of Utah State University in Logan, Utah giving a talk entitled, “A look Ahead: Education of the Deaf in the Next Millennium.” Following was Dr. Carol Padden of University of California-San Diego, who spoke on the “Future of Deaf People” (UAD Bulletin, July 1999, p. 1; UAD Bulletin, September 1999, p. 1-6).



**Dr. J. King Freeman**

The afternoon was rounded out by Kelby Brick who, with his legal background, gave a talk on “Accessibility: The Law” (UAD Bulletin, July 1999, p. 1).



An ensemble of deaf entertainers brought Deafywood, highlighting Friday evening (UAD Bulletin, July 1999, p. 1).

The Saturday’s speakers were Tom Humphries of University of California-San Diego who spoke on “The Modern Deaf Self” and Kelby Brick on “Current Legal Issues & How to Influence Public Policy” (UAD Bulletin, July 1999, p. 1).

During the conference, the association board and members worked together to create resolutions, as quoted from the July 1999 issue of the UAD Bulletin.

### **Resolutions:**

#### **Resolution #1**

**Whereas** Caralee Crye, chair of the 1999 UAD Conference, and her committee putting many hours to ensure the success of the 1999 UAD Conference;

**Whereas** they have worked hard to bring well-known experts and held excellent workshops;

**Whereas** they succeeded in bringing a famous deaf act known as Deafywood which everyone enjoyed very much;

**Whereas** Provo has not had a UAD Conference since 1987;

**Be it further resolved** that the UAD recognize and applaud the accomplishments of Carelee Crye and her committee members; and that a copy be sent to her by the UAD secretary.

#### **Resolution #2**

**Whereas** David Samuelsen applied for the UAD domain name and established the UAD website;

**Whereas** the UAD website has won several awards for its design and content;

**Whereas** he has continued to add information from clubs; organization and business to the UAD website;

**Whereas** he also set up UAD Announce, a mailing list that allows for announcements and notices to be mailed out;

**Whereas** the UAD Announce mailing list has continued to grow and even be copied to other deafuser lists;

**Be it resolved** that the UAD recognize and applaud David Samuelson's efforts to make a website that UAD can be proud of; and

**Be it further resolved** that the resolution become a part of the official UAD record and a copy be sent to him by the UAD secretary.

### **Resolution #3**

**Whereas** Barbara Bass, editor of the UAD Bulletin, has spent much time for many years to post a monthly UAD Bulletin;

**Whereas** she has made many efforts to contact reports and people for news and information;

**Whereas** she has taken time to read national deaf publications and mentioned important issues in the UAD Bulletin;

**Whereas** she has encouraged local deaf writers and others to submit articles of interest;

**Whereas** she has tried her best to keep up to date with computer technology and desktop software;

**Be it resolved** that the UAD in conference recognize and applaud Barbara Bass for her strong and successful work as editor of the UAD Bulletin; and

**Be it further resolved** that the resolution become a part of the official record and a copy be sent to her by the UAD secretary.

### **Resolution #4**

**Whereas** Minnie Mae Wilding-Diaz was selected as chair of the Bi-Bi Committee two years ago;

**Whereas** she and her committee were charged with exploring issues regarding education of deaf children;

**Whereas** in the intervening two years, she and her committee set up the Utah Deaf Education and Literacy, Inc.

**Whereas** the Jean Massieu School is the fruition of their two years of work;

**Whereas** the school will open its door on August 30, 1999;

**Be it resolved** that Minnie Mae Wilding-Diaz and her committee members be commended for their sacrifice of time and dedication to the needs of deaf children; and

**Be it further resolved** that the resolution become a part of the official UAD record and a copy sent to her by the UAD Secretary (UAD Bulletin, July 1999, p. 4).

**1999 – 2001**

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	(resigned 6-27-2000)
	S. Clay Crye
	(appointed 9-9-2000)