



IAD President's Message



Hello, Happy Valentine's Day, everyone!

This message will be short and sweet.

I have been working and emailing to the Representatives and Senators about the reintroduce SF445 Deaf Children's Educational Bill of rights and ask them to kill it as I am developing a sub-committee to modify the original bill that was first introduced last March. After modify the original bill, I will bring it up in the fall/winter.

Remind everyone that the Deaf Capitol Day is on **Tuesday, March 6, 2012.**

We will have IAD Board of Director's meeting coming soon this Saturday, February 4th with doors open at 8 am, the meeting starts at 9 am at Council Bluffs Silent Club; 536 Bluff St. in Council Bluffs, IA. We will have Steve Brummel, Project Endeavor, will give his workshop/presentation at 3 pm at Council Bluffs Silent Club on February 4th. Hope to see everyone there!

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FCC Issues FNPRM

On Dec. 15, 2011, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM) regarding the structure and practices of the Video Relay Service (VRS) program, which also directs Telecommunications Relay Services. To learn about the most recent FNPRM, watch a video from The VRSCA Team.

Here are five questions we VRS consumers should consider:

1. Does the FNPRM advance the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for functional equivalence, nationwide access and innovation in developing new technologies?

2. Does the FNPRM give us, the consumers, choice in VRS providers, equipment and services? We have the right to choose the equipment and technologies that best serve us.
3. Does the FNPRM require improved standards for all calls? We want VRS equipment that gives us greater interoperability through improved standards for all calls, including point-to-point calls.
4. Does the FNPRM provide for outreach and education on current and new technologies - so we know how to use them personally and professionally?
5. Does the FNPRM ensure quality, innovation and improved services?
6. All consumers - you and I - have the right and the opportunity to have our opinions about VRS and VRS-related issues considered by the FCC.

To view specific comments relating to VRS, visit the FCC's website, http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs/comment_search/input?z=byr2q. This site will ask for a "Proceeding Number." The two docket numbers that are VRS related are 03-123 and 10-51. Note that most VRS consumer issues will fall under docket number 10-51.

[News from the National Association of the Deaf:](#)

Action Alert: Support Ind. School for the Deaf, Oppose HB 1367

The National Association of the Deaf asks everyone to support the Indiana School for the Deaf by calling/emailing Indiana legislators and asking them to oppose Indiana State House Bill 1367. The bill would remove the outreach center currently housed at the Indiana School for the Deaf, terminate all staff working in that center, and recreate a new outreach center separate from the school. HEAR Indiana is the major proponent of this bill.

The outreach center already provides comprehensive and impartial information to all deaf and hard of hearing children and their parents in Indiana. There is no need to dismantle this outreach center and begin all over again with a new center. Doing so also is fiscally irresponsible and unnecessary in these difficult economic times.

The National Association of the Deaf sent a [letter](#) to Indiana legislators, and asks all members and supporters to call or send their own emails and letters to these Indiana legislators. For more information about the bill and how to write a letter, a flyer from the Deaf community in Indiana is provided below.

[Indiana Deaf Education Coalition Flyer \(PDF\)](#)

[Indiana Deaf Education Coalition Flyer \(Word\)](#)

Rep. Markey & Sen. Pryor Support Strong IP Captioning Requirements

Representative Markey and Senator Pryor, authors of the 21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010, sent a letter to the Federal Communications Commission on January 10, 2012 urging all three Commissioners to adopt language in the Report & Order for Internet Protocol Captioning that includes video programming shown on television, even if it is shown in segments or where some, but not all segments are posted online.

Rep. Markey and Senator Pryor support the position of the NAD and Consumer Groups that Congress did not intend to exclude videos such as three minute segments of websites such as CNN.com and ESPN.com. The NAD along with other consumer organizations have advocated this point with the FCC during the NPRM process which began in December 2011. Click here to read Rep. Markey and Senator Pryor's letter to the FCC: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/view?id=7021753144> The FCC is set to issue its final R&O soon. The NAD will review the R&O and communicate the final rules with the deaf and hard of hearing community.

FCC Releases Internet Protocol Captioning Rules

On Friday, January 13, 2012 the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released rules governing the closed captioning requirements for video programming delivered using

Internet protocol (IP). This Report & Order also includes rules on the closed captioning capabilities of certain apparatus on which consumers view video programming. These rules were issued pursuant to the 21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 (CVAA) and explain how the FCC will apply the CVAA sections related to IP captioning.

“We are thrilled with this tremendous step forward in making online programming accessible for millions of deaf and hard of hearing people. Access to online videos is very important to our community. Our efforts to make the Internet more accessible are far from finished. We will continue to advocate for full access to the online world,” said NAD President Bobbie Beth Scoggins.

The new rules will make sure that all new content shown on TV and then on the Internet is captioned, including live content. There is a schedule of deadlines for when coverage of new content will begin. The CVAA mandates the following deadlines following publication in the Federal Register:

- 6 months: Prerecorded programming that is not edited for Internet distribution.
- 12 months: Live and near live programming that was recorded within 24 hours of broadcast on television.
- 18 months: Prerecorded programming that is edited for Internet distribution.
- 24 months: Archival programming

The rules require that programs re-aired on TV, such as *Gone with the Wind*, must be captioned when shown online. This means that if a website has a old program that is not captioned, which is re-aired on TV, then the website will have to add captions to the program.

The rules are the culmination of years of hard work by the NAD and other consumer organizations to gain access to **online content. The NAD was a key organization that worked to pass the CVAA in Congress. The law was signed by President Obama in October 2010.** The IP captioning rules are just one part of the CVAA; however, a very important part for deaf and hard of hearing people who want to enjoy programming online just like other Americans.

Following the passage of the CVAA, the Video Programming Access Advisory Committee (VPAAC) brought together both

consumers and members of the industry to craft recommendations to the FCC on making video programming more accessible. The NAD advocated for broad IP captioning rules which would cover the most amount of online content and in the shortest possible time. We continue to be very involved with the VPAAC in proposing rules on the closed caption button for devices and software.

The NAD co-led the Consumer Groups comments and reply comments last fall in response to the proposed FCC rules. Following the comment period, we met with different groups at the FCC including the FCC Commissioners offices. The NAD and other consumer groups pushed for coverage of all online content that has been shown on television and later on the Internet. We are pleased with the rules; however, there are some gaps in coverage.

The NAD is most concerned about the coverage of segments of programs taken from TV and shown online. The Senate report for the CVAA explains that the CVAA applied only to full-length programs and not video clips and outtakes. We believe that this language intended to exempt video clips that are shown on TV and are not required to be captioned on TV – such as advertisements. Representative Markey and Senator Pryor, the authors of the CVAA, sent a letter to the FCC supporting our arguments, explaining that the law intended to cover segments of programs.

The FCC disagreed with us and decided that the exemption for video clips applied to segments taken from television. Under this exemption, a five minute news report from CNN and placed at <http://www.cnn.com> would not be covered under the CVAA. The FCC however did clarify that if “substantially all” of the program is placed online, though broken up into pieces, then they are covered. We are disappointed in this huge gap in coverage and will reach out to media companies asking them to voluntarily caption video segments placed online.

The rules also require that all physical devices designed to receive and play back video programming, including smartphones, tablets, personal computers, and television set-top boxes must support captions. This will solve long standing concerns from members of the community that some set-top boxes such as Blu-ray players do not support captions. The FCC also requires that the quality of captions shown online must be at least the same quality as the captions shown on TV.

To see the full FCC report, visit:

http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2012/db0113/FCC-12-9A1.pdf

Hamilton Relay Seeks Nominations for 2012 Better Hearing and Speech Month Recognition Award Nominations due March 12th, 2012

Hamilton Relay enjoys the opportunity to give back to the communities we serve each year during Better Hearing and Speech Month in May by recognizing leaders within each of the states where we are the contracted relay and/or captioned telephone service provider. This includes Arizona, California, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Montana, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Utah, and Virginia.

We are looking for individuals who are hard of hearing, late deafened or have difficulty speaking, and who have been a strong influence within their state, demonstrating a commitment to enhancing the lives of those around them. Award recipients will be honored during the month of May and will be featured on the Hamilton Relay corporate website and under the Awards tab of the Hamilton Relay Facebook page.

To nominate someone in your state, download and complete our brief questionnaire so that we can learn more about their accomplishments. Nominations are due by March 12, 2012 and may be submitted to your State's Outreach Coordinator or directly to Hamilton Relay's corporate office by e-mail to info@hamiltonrelay.com, by fax to (402) 694-5110, or by mail to: Hamilton Relay, 1006 12th Street, Aurora, NE 68818.

Hamilton Relay Offers \$500 Scholarships: Application deadline is March 30th, 2012

Creating opportunities for higher education is a priority for Hamilton Relay. The goal of the Hamilton Relay Scholarship is to support students who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind or have difficulty speaking in their post-secondary education.

The Hamilton Relay Scholarship is extended to a qualifying

high school student living within one of the states where Hamilton Relay is the contracted telecommunications relay and/or captioned telephone service provider. This includes Arizona, California, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Montana, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Utah, and Virginia.

In each of these States, a \$500 scholarship will be awarded to one eligible applicant. All applicants must meet eli-

gibility requirements and submit required application materials prior to the March 30, 2012 deadline.

Contact Lori Sporrer | Relay Iowa Outreach Project Manager | Hamilton Relay (O: 712.653.2440 | C: 712-254-0700 | lori.sporrer@hamiltonrelay.com | www.hamiltonrelay.com) for more information and/or applications.



67th Annual Men
25th Annual Women

William N. Fraser Memorial

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

MARCH 1 to 3, 2012
SIoux CITY, IOWA

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 1

- 11:00 am – Player Registration
- 1:00 pm – Executive Board Meeting
- 7:00 pm – Player Council Meeting*

Friday, March 2

- 8:00 am – Player Registration
- 9:00 am – Delegates Meeting
- 3:00 pm – Player Registration & Fan Admission*
- 4:00 pm – First Round Games*

Saturday, March 3

- 8:00 am – Fan Admission*
- 9:00 am – Second Round Games*
- 12:30 pm – Final Round Games*
- Awards following Championship Games*
- 7:00 pm – Deaf Night Out - @ Bev's on the River

FAN ADMISSION AT DOOR

Friday Games: \$10
Saturday Games: \$15
Weekend Combo: \$20

Age 12 - 18: \$5/day
Under 12: Free

LOCATIONS

Hotel Headquarters:

Hilton Garden Inn
1132 Larson Park Road
Sioux City, IA 51103
712-255-4200

Group Code: **MAAD** (\$89 per night)
www.siouxcityriverfront.hgi.com

*Gymnasium:

Briar Cliff University
3303 Rebecca St.
Sioux City, IA 55104

FRIDAY, FEB 10
3:00 TO EVENING
SATURDAY, FEB 11
9:00 TO 5:00 PM

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
100 PHILLIPS HALL,
16 N. CLINTON ST.
IOWA CITY, IA

*This program will
be presented in
American Sign
Language and
interpreted into
spoken English.
All sign levels
welcome!*



**Admission:
FREE!**



**THE CEDAR RAPIDS ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA ASL PROGRAM PRESENT:**

CELEBRATING DEAF IOWA: UNIVERSITY & COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVES



FRIDAY, February 10 - 3:00 PM to Evening

- Opening of Conference
- 3:00-3:20 History of ASL Program - Douglas Baynton
- 3:20-4:20 Alumni Panel
- 4:30-5:30 ITP at Iowa: Starting the Conversation Concerning what the community would want from ITP - AmyRuth McGraw
- 5:30-Evening: Dinner & social TBA

SATURDAY, February 11 - 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

- 9:00 Drinks & refreshments
- 10:00-10:40 "The Fluidity of Eugenics: Deaf Marriages & Fertility"
- William Ennis
- 10:50-11:30 "Deaf-gain" - Joe Murray
- 11:40-12:30 CRAD & Deaf Iowans Panel - Tim Sheets
- 12:30 Lunch Break (eat on your own, places TBA)
- 2:00-2:40 "The Controversy at St. Ann's Church for the Deaf"
- Janelle Legg
- 2:50-3:30 "American Sign Language and the Desire to Buy:
A Study of ASL in TV Advertisements" - Becca Furland
- 3:45-4:25 "Discourse and the Future of Deaf Studies"
- Bryan Eldredge
- Closing Remarks

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Please look for updates on:
[Iowa Association of the Deaf](#)
Facebook group

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Deaf Capitol Day



Iowa Association of the Deaf
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Deaf Services Commission of Iowa
www.deafservices.iowa.gov

Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2012

Time: 9:30 am to 2:30 pm





Where: Iowa Capitol

East 9th St. and Grand Ave

Des Moines, IA

(Public Entrance on Southeast side of building)

PLEASE COME! WE NEED YOU THERE!

-  This is a day for Deaf & Hard of Hearing People from all over Iowa to come to the Capitol to RAISE AWARENESS and TO ADVOCATE FOR OUR FUTURE!
-  Get together with Deaf, Hard of Hearing, ISD, and mainstream students
-  Meet your State Legislature
-  This is to show Legislatures that there are many Deaf & Hard of Hearing people out there!

For more information:
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IAD E-NEWS

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Council Bluffs Silent Club

The Place where Deaf Iowans Cherish



IAD Board of Director's Meeting

Saturday, February 4, 2012

(If bad weather, Saturday, February 25, 2012)

Door opens at 8 am

Meeting starts at 9 am to ??

536 Bluff Street
Council Bluffs, IA

Breakfast: light (bagel, doughnuts, OJ, milk, coffee) cost varies

Lunch: Sandwiches, side dish, and dessert - \$5.00

Hosted by Julie Homer

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Iowa Association of the Deaf
and/or
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