

Happy 123rd Birthday to NSDAA!



History of How NSDAA Established an Organization

Summer of 1897- NSD alumni wanted to form an organization and officially became one in 1901.

Nebraska Alumni Association of the Deaf. (NAAD)

The first reunion- was held at the NSD campus on Sept. 4, 5, and 6, 1901 at 2:00 pm. (Wednesday-Friday)

There were about 50 members.

Members created and developed a new constitution and bylaws for NAAD (Nebraska Alumni Association of the Deaf) Explain the duties of each officer.

First officers- President Miss Estella Forbes; 1895
Vice President Mr. Christian Jenson; 1897
Secretary Miss Ota Crawford; 1891
Treasurer Miss Ella Cornish Hurt; 1891

Membership fee= 50 cents for a gentleman and 25 cents for a lady

The members submitted the possible next NAAD (NSDAA) meeting in Beatrice by the Blue River.

Later that evening, Sept. 6 (Friday)- sad news- the assassination of President McKinley was announced. They were ready to go to Lake Manawa.

The very first NAAD minutes were 17 pages in handwriting.

Years and years later, NAAD changed to NSDAA in 1944. It was the 6th NSDAA at the same time, the 75th-year NSD campus celebration.