

# TIDBITS

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The NeAD Biennial Conference June 4-7, 2015-  
The new by-laws were passed and now we have an  
8 member board with four officers, an NeAD  
delegate, and three at-large members.

**Congratulations to all of the newly elected people.**

President	Jonathan Scherling (re-elected)
Vice President	Heath Focken
Secretary	Pete Seiler (re-elected)
Treasurer	Jessica Smolen
NAD Delegate	Vickie Hoyer
At Large	Tyler Kerger
	<b>Amy Willman (NSD 1987)</b>
	Debie Seiler

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Marlene Turk and **Lawrence Schultz (NSD 1961)**  
were crowned as Queen and King of Nebraska  
Association of the Deaf. Also, **Gordon Baynes (NSD  
1948)** was crowned as Prince while Marlene  
Kautzsky as Princess.

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## SAVE THE DATE



Nebraska School for the Deaf Alumni Association  
Conference/Reunion in Omaha

July 21-23, 2016

Details and information are forthcoming, please check  
[www.nsd1901.org](http://www.nsd1901.org)

## 100 Years Ago...

It was one year after the First World War had begun and the United States has maintained its isolationist policy.

Frank W. Booth has taken over the reins as the superintendent of NSD and was coming into his fourth year.



Frank W. Booth

Nebraska Legislature passed the sterilization law targeting “institutions for the feeble-minded, hospitals for the insane, the penitentiary, reformatory, industrial schools, the industrial home, and other such State institutions” but no reports were found that deaf students underwent sterilization nor was there an overt attempt to do so.

The community was still reeling over the fact that the Nebraska Legislature has banned ASL from NSD classrooms four years before and 1915 was the year that both Nebraska and National Associations of the Deaf has made an attempt for the final time to remove the Oral Law from the books led by a lobbyist, Lyman Hunt, a NSD graduate. But it was in vain and there were a national outrage and every Little Paper Family churned out articles in protest of that law but eventually were silenced by the erroneously resilient Nebraska Legislature.

## 100 Years Ago...

William Jennings Bryan, Nebraskan, three-time US presidential candidate and a good friend of Nebraska Deaf community has quit as the US Secretary of State.



William Jennings Bryan

James W. Sowell, the outspoken editor of The Nebraska Journal, and Charles O. Comp, the first president of the NeAD, continued to live in the houses across from each other on Bedford street, a half block northwest from the NSD campus.

NSD celebrated its 46<sup>th</sup> years in existence serving over 900 students since 1869.



NSD campus- 1940's