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Brian W. Fruits Appointed to USA Deaf Basketball Executive Board

February 20, 2009 -- The USA Deaf Basketball (USADB) Executive Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Brian W. Fruits to the position of Interim Treasurer until April 2009. Fruits, of McFarland, WI is a 1994 graduate of Gallaudet University with a BS in accounting. He was Business Manager and Administrative Officer at CNCSD from 1995-2000 and has been employed as the Bureau Director for the State of Wisconsin and then Financial Manager for a non-profit, and is currently Supervisor of the Mail, Print and Fleet Services for State of Wisconsin. He holds certification as a Certified Public Manager since May 2005, and is currently working on his Master's degree in "Public Management in Administration/Policy.

He previously served as a the primary "clean-up" auditor for Wisconsin Association of the Deaf (WAD) in 2002 – 2003; Treasurer for WisASLTA, and is currently Treasurer for 2009 Wisconsin Association of the Deaf Conference.

Fruits is also a long time softball player in National Softball Association of the Deaf.

The 2009 USADB National Basketball Tournament will take place April 15-18, 2009 at Anaheim, CA. Information regarding combo tickets and gym locations will be posted on the website, www.usadb.us, within the next few days. Questions may be directed to Shirley Platt (secretary@usadb.us) or Tom Morrison (tourney@usadb.us).

The American Athletic Association of the Deaf (AAAD) was established in 1945 in Akron, OH to promote basketball opportunities for deaf athletes. In 1995, restructure of the AAAD led to the formation of USA Deaf Sports Federation (USADSF) with USA Deaf Basketball (USADB) becoming the new basketball governing body. USADB sponsors and promotes regional and national basketball tournaments for deaf adults each year.

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