

# AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PRIVATE PRACTICE IN SPEECH PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

**Spring Board Meeting; Miami, Florida  
Thursday, May 12, 2005**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Mindy Newhouse at 6:00 p.m.

**Present:**

- Board Members: Mindy Newhouse, Janet Krebs, Lorraine Priceman, Rebecca Laskin, Sue McLean, Patricia Gill, Denise Middleton, Renee Matlock
- Past Presidents: Barbara Samuels, Sally Stram,
- Committee Chairs: Laurie Botstein, Sharon Ratiner, Ken Anderson, Claudia Goswitz
- Members: Lois Cook, Doris Morgenstern, Denise Dougherty

**Review of Proxies:** Janet Krebs stated that she has Beverly Gough's proxy.

**Quorum:** A quorum was present.

**Review of Minutes from November 2004 Board meeting:** Janet Krebs moved and Pat Gill seconded that we accept the minutes as published. The motion carried unanimously.

**President's Report:** Mindy Newhouse reported that this has been a trying, but good year. We've had lots of growth, new energy, and new involvement. Mindy thanked everyone for their efforts throughout the year.

**Vice President's Report:**

Janet Krebs thanked all those who had participated in the planning of Spring Conference.

**Secretary's Report:**

Rebecca Laskin reported that in January, 2005, the following members were elected by the general membership to the board:

- Pat Gill, 2<sup>nd</sup> term
- Rebecca Laskin, 2<sup>nd</sup> term
- Anita Werner, 2<sup>nd</sup> term
- Rose Godfrey, 1st term

**Treasurer's Report:**

Lorraine Priceman reported that the Academy's Total Income for 2004 was 24,837.78. Total Expenses were \$32,313.23. However, she noted that some of the expenses were unpaid debt from previous years. Our current checking account balance is \$41,856.23. (Report attached). Janet Krebs moved, Rebecca Laskin seconded that we accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**Committee Reports:**

- Booth (Ken Anderson) – We have made some changes to the exhibit to better reflect what our organization does. (Copies of changes attached.)
- Budget (Lorraine Priceman) – Rebecca Laskin moved and Janet Krebs seconded that we accept the Budget as presented. The motion carried unanimously. (Budget Attached).
- CEU's (Fran Smith) – we passed our CEU audit with ASHA. Pat Gill will co-chair this committee with Fran.
- Exhibit Staffing (Denise Middleton) – Denise will continue to organize workers for the booth in San Diego
- Fundraising/Marketing/Give-aways (Pat Gill) – We had a great response from Vendors and will have a number of give-aways fro the conference.

- **Honors** (Barbara Samuels) - There may or may not be honors of the Academy. (Report attached.)
- **Membership** (Renee Matlock) – Our current membership is 132 fully paid members. We have had 40 new members since this time last year. The highest number of new members came from an internet search and the second highest number came from the booth at ASHA. We now have a record number of members. (Report attached.)
- **Publicity** (Janet Krebs) - Janet reported that she has done less than before because advertising in Advance and the ASHA Leader didn't help. Janet stated that she would not continue to be the Publicity Chair. Anita Werner volunteered to chair that committee.
- **Time and Place 2006** (Sue McLean) – Sue stated that we are currently planning on doing the conference in Las Vegas either the first weekend in April or the first weekend in May. We are considering the Marriott Renaissance (\$149 per sleeping room, they will give us the meeting room free, they've quoted a \$2000 per day food minimum, it's brand new and lovely) and Embassy Suites (\$129 per sleeping room, free breakfast, free cocktail hour, no food minimum, meeting room charge of \$100 per day). Renee Matlock will check on the possibility of a friends and family rate at the Renaissance). We want to get the time, place, and program in place prior to ASHA.
- **Website** (Sharon Ratiner) – Sharon reported that we get quite a few bounced emails – because we're a list serve and not a message board, it poses a problem. Some people actually get unsubscribed from so many bounces. Several requests to opt out of the listserv have been received due to the volume of messages. Several alternatives were discussed; this will be followed up on. We will ask Nadine to investigate what our options might be. (Report attached.)

#### Old Business:

- **Spring Conference 2005** – Janet Krebs discussed problems, solutions and ideas relating to the conference. (Report attached.)
- **Bylaws** (Barbara Samuels) – Barbara reported that she has made some minor modifications/corrections. She also recommended that we modify the bylaws To remove the requirement that the immediate past president is the chair of the nominating committee. This does not always work well. Lorraine Priceman moved, Renee Matlock seconded, that we delete Article 3, Section 11, part (a) which says: “A nomination committee appointed by the President and chaired by the past President shall present a slate of nominations to the Board of Directors at its fall meeting.” This will mean that the sitting President will appoint the chair of the nominating committee. The motion carried unanimously. This will need to go on the agenda for the Saturday luncheon meeting, but will be voted on by email (for those that have it) and snail mail for those that don't have email.
- **Corporate Registration/Tax Status etc** (Lorraine Priceman, Mindy Newhouse) – We're still working on this. Ben Burk does not have a record of tax filings. We will need a lawyer and tax accountant to sort this out. The IRS is sorting out the record of previous filings. We are attempting to get the correct forms at the present time.
- **Program Chair 2006** – Claudia Goswitz and Denise Dougherty volunteered to co-chair this position.
- **Local Arrangements 2006:** Sue McLean and Laurie Botstein will co-chair this position.
- **Invitations to our functions:** We need to be sure to issue formal invitations to appropriate ASHA officers and personnel for our Open House in November and our Spring Conference 2006. Anita Werner will take care of this as publicity chair.
- **ASHA Collaboration** – Barbara Samuels and Mindy Newhouse discussed the Guide to Private Practice in Speech/Language Pathologist Publication.

#### New Business:

- **ASHA Collaboration for ASHA's Health Care Education Committee** (Denise Dougherty) – Denise reported on what went on at the meeting. It had to do with CPT and ICD-9 codes.

- **Legislative councilors** – two of our members, Suzanne Harris and Deb Swain, are potential advocates for AAPPSPA at ASHA
- **Phone Hotline** (Lois Cook) – Lois suggested that we consider having a Hotline for members or potential members.
- **Website Advertising** (Renee Matlock) stated that we have had some requests for advertising on our website. However, the consensus of the group was that doing this would be putting the Academy at risk because we don't know the quality of the product being advertised.
- **Netiquette** - Discussion regarding the infractions we have been having on the list serve. We considered suspending the posting privilege of the offending party. Mindy Newhouse proposed that the website chairperson put out a periodical Netiquette email stating the expectations and the consequence (1<sup>st</sup> offense, you're talked to, 2<sup>nd</sup> offense, posting privileges are removed.)
- **Scientific Learning Buying Consortium** – Mindy stated that she has talked to individuals at Scientific Learning regarding setting up a buying consortium to allow our members a discount based on the usage of the entire Academy.
- **November Open House** – Janet Krebs and Lorraine Priceman volunteered to be responsible for arrangements.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Rebecca D. Laskin, Secretary  
American Academy of Private Practice in Speech Pathology and Audiology

**AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PRIVATE PRACTICE IN  
SPEECH PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY  
Annual Meeting of the Membership**

**Miami, Florida – 5-14-05**

- The 5-14-05 meeting of the American Academy of Private Practice in Speech Pathology and Audiology was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by President Mindy Newhouse.
- Board Members and Committee Chairs were introduced in addition new members.
- President Newhouse stated that the board has recommended a change in the Academy By-laws. Previously the By-laws specified that the immediate past president is to be the chair of the Nominating Committee. The proposal is for the Nominating Committee Chair to be appointed by the president. This ballot will come out via email (and mail to those without email.)
- Vice President Janet Krebs thanked everyone who assisted in the planning and working the Conference and Institute. Vice President Krebs presented AAPPSPA pins and/or Certificates to those members who were presenters at the conference.
- Barbara Samuels announced that the recipient of the Honors of the Academy were to be awarded to Mindy Newhouse.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca D. Laskin, Secretary.  
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