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Spring Board Meeting- Baltimore, Maryland
Thursday, May 3, 2007

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by president Janet Krebs.

Present:

- Board Members: Charlene Westman, Janet Krebs, Pat Gill, Laurie Botstein, Renee Matlock, Anita Werner, Sue McLean, Rebecca Laskin, Denise Dougherty, Claudia Goswitz,
- Past Presidents: Barbara Samuels, Mindy Newhouse, Sally Stram
- Members: Deb Swain, Alison Weinstein, Lorraine Priceman, Brendan Webster, Terry Rossman, Landria Seals, Diane Sarnes, Doris Morgenstern, Lois Cook
- Guests: Rich Swain, Paul Morgenstern

Review of Proxies: No proxies

Review of Minutes of November, 2006: Rebecca Laskin moves that the minutes be accepted as read. Laurie Botstein seconds. Motion passes.

President's Report- Janet Krebs:

- Changes to Website
- Tremendous Growth in the Academy- 100% increase in past 3 years.
- Thanks to Mindy and Denise for all their support.

Vice-President's Report- Beverly Ray- No Report

Secretary's Report- Charlene Westman:

- The AAPPSPA archives were sent to Janet Krebs in January, 2007.
- Paperwork needed to change the signers on the AAPPSPA bank account was sent to Janet Krebs in January of 2007.
- The Updated 2007 Spring Conference brochures were printed and distributed the week of March 19, 2007.

Treasurer's Report- Pat Gill:

AAPPSPA

4/30/2007

Fiscal Year to Date

**1-May-06
to April 30, 2007**

Income

New member Applications	77 / 9,220
Member Dues	130/13,300
Checking Interest	298.38
Spring Conference 06	
Spring Conference 07	17,870
Sponsorship Spring Conf 07	
Total	40,688.38

Expenses

Administrative Support	1,018.75
ASHA Exhibit 06	576.33
ASHA Exhibit 07	1,025.00
ASHA Open House 06	3,724.63
ASHA Membership Mtg 06	2,068.48
ASHA media expense	26.75
Corporate Filing Fees	100.00
Corp Reinstatement Consult	282.57
CEU FEE	400
Credit Card Processing	1,296.44
Spring Conference 06	8,361
Spring Conference 07	1,217.80
Web Domain	896.02
Webmaster	8,066.70
Total	29,060.09
Net Income	11,628.29
Current Checking Balance	53,373.71

See submitted Treasurer's report for more information.

ASHA Liaison's Report- Denise Dougherty:

ASHA's Health Care Economics Committee met at ASHA February 16-18, 2007 and discussed Physician's Quality Reporting and participation in this initiative by speech language pathologists. Denise Dougherty was contacted by ASHA to serve as the speech representative on the expert work group for Quality Insights of Pennsylvania which is working on quality measure recommendations for CMS.

On Feb 16, 2007 we were notified the AMA would conduct work surveys on several speech related CPT codes and asked to distribute the message to our members. This message was sent out on the list serve and numerous members volunteered to participate. There is

consideration being given to a timed evaluation and timed therapy code, group dysphagia therapy code and proposals for changes to the ICD-9 codes. The committee also discussed the use of NOMS as an assessment tool.

On Feb 22, 2007 we received a request to participate in surveys to collect data on work value. The data would be submitted to a multi-specialty committee of the AMA known as the Relative Value Update Committee (RUC). This committee provides recommendations to CMS on a suggested professional work value for new and revised CPT procedures. We were invited to participate in a telephone seminar or review a short training PowerPoint prior to receiving surveys.

On March 13, ASHA HCEC sent out another e-mail discussing the increased complexity of this task and that only selected audiology codes and a SLP code on standardized cognitive performance testing would be completed at this time. Additional codes for speech may be presented after the April RUC meeting.

As of this date, we have not received any further communication from the HCEC on this matter.

Program Chair 2007 Report- Denise Dougherty:

The 2007 AAPPSPA Conference and Clinical Institute in Baltimore, Maryland. As of 4-28-2007, 38 people registered for the conference and institute, 14 registered for conference only and 7 registered for clinical institute only. This is a total of 59 registrations. It is my understanding this is the largest AAPPSPA conference to date. ASHA has approved the Clinical Institute for .7 CEU's and the Conference for 1.4 CEU's.

At the conclusion of the conference, members will be asked to suggest topics for next year's conference and clinical institute as well as possible speakers. Next year's conference will be held in San Antonio, with larger conference facilities available.

Next year's conference will be April 10-13th, 2008 at the Marriott in San Antonio, Texas near the Riverwalk. The Room Rate is \$174/room.

ASHA ISSUES

Janet talked about ASHA issues-

Legislative Council- Deb Swain is a legislative council representative for California. Denise Dougherty and Janet Krebs are running for the legislative council in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, respectively.

AAPPSPA is making progress towards working more with ASHA.

STARS- (State Taskforce Advocacy for Reimbursement) Focuses on reimbursement issues- Each state has 1 representative and should be communicating reimbursement issues to the ASHA members in their state.

By-Laws Committee Report- Barbara Samuels:

At the last board meeting we voted to do away with affiliate membership. The ramifications of this decision may have opened us up to legal issues, so we decided to change the privileges of Affiliate Membership.

The members of the Bylaws Committee worked long and hard to achieve a consensus as to how to amend the Bylaws to specify that members only were eligible to use the list serve.

The final recommendation is to add to Article VIII,

Section 6, "Such members are eligible to hold office and participate in the list serve and to vote by electronic means as well as in person." That should solve the problem in a positive way and hopefully upset fewer people.

Rebecca Laskin moves to add to Article VIII the aforementioned section. Anita Werner seconds the motion. The motion carries.

There was some discussion as to the possibility of adding a category of membership that might include Speech/language Pathologists or Audiologists who are not yet in private practice.

Continuing Education Committee Report- Janet Krebs for Fran Smith:

We applied for CEU's from ASHA for Spring 2007 Conference and were approved.

Booth/Exhibit Committee Report- Janet for Ken Anderson:

Ken Anderson applied to ASHA for a Booth for the ASHA 2007 Conference. Ken is doing a fantastic job handling this committee.

Exhibit Staffing Report- Denise Middleton:

No Report

Fundraising/Marketing/Vendors- Pat Gill:

The cocktail party on Friday night will have a vendor's fair going on simultaneously.

Super Duper, Inc.,
TheraSimplicity,
The Practice Resource
Ela Britchkow (member)
Thomson Delmar Learning

Other companies and individuals contributing items for give-aways at the conference.

Honors Committee- Barbara Samuels: No report at this time.

Nominations Committee- Mindy Newhouse:

An incomplete slate was offered at the Fall Board Meeting, due to an unexpected resignation (Beverly Ray) and a limited number of candidates/nominees to fill vacancies. In January 2007, a revised slate was introduced via email and then voted on and accepted during a special teleconference board meeting.

The Current Board of Directors in office as of this meeting are the following, including date of three-year term ending: (note: board members serve a three year term, not to exceed two consecutive terms)

Laurie Botstein	(2008 – 1 st term)	
Denise Dougherty	(2008 - 1 st term)	
Pat Gill	(2008 - 2 nd term)	
Rose Godfrey	(2008 - 1 st term)	
Claudia Goswitz	(2010 – 2 nd term)	[renewed for 2 nd term]
Rebecca Laskin	(2008 - 2 nd term)	
Renee Matlock	(2009 – 1 st term)	[finishing term of B.Ray who resigned after one year. R. Matlock returns to the board following a year absence]
Sue McLean	(2010 – 2 nd term)	[renewed for 2 nd term]
Charlene Westman	(2009 1 st term)	
Anita Werner	(2008 - 2 nd term)	
Deb Swain	(2010 – 1 st term)	[newly elected]
Allyson Weinstein	(2010 – 1 st term)	[newly elected]

The following Executive Board serves Spring 2007 – Spring 2008.

President:	Janet Krebs
Vice President:	Denise Dougherty
Secretary:	Charlene Westman
Treasurer:	Pat Gill

In January 2007, it came to the attention of Mindy Newhouse that the status of the AAPPSPA corporation had been considered dissolved by the state of Michigan effective 2005. Mindy has re-filed with the State of Michigan for corporate filing as a non-profit organization. For more information, please refer to the filed report entitled "Incorporation Reinstatement Committee Chair Report."

Rebecca Laskin moves to hire Joseph Tuchinsky of Community Consulting Associates to help us research our status as a non-profit and to file the necessary paperwork to become reinstated as an official non-profit corporation. Pat Gill Seconds. The motion passes.

Rebecca Laskin moves to purchase Director's insurance for all board members. Claudia Goswitz seconds. The motion carries.

Sally Stram recommends that we have an officer take responsibility on an annual basis to keep up with our corporate and tax paperwork, so that this problem does not happen again in the future.

Mindy Newhouse moves that the Secretary be responsible for filing the annual Corporate Report and that the Treasurer be responsible for filing IRS taxes. Claudia Goswitz seconds the motion. Motion passes.

Renee Matlock suggests that we include the above mentioned decision (filing of the annual Corporate Report and the Tax Return) into the By-Laws as an added precaution. It was decided that this issue be tabled until the AAPPSPA Fall 2007 Board Meeting.

Membership Committee- Renee Matlock:

1. Current membership: 203

- Life: 31
- Full: 164
- Affiliate: 5
- Unknown: 3

2. New members:

- 5/1/04 to 12/31/04: 20
- 1/1/05 to 12/31/05: 45
- 1/1/06 to 12/31/06: 34
- 1/1/07 to present: 33

Parliamentarian- Barbara Samuels: Available to help as needed. No report as needed.

Program Logistics 2007 Laurie Botstein:

Laurie Botstein has made arrangements for the food for the 2007 conference, and has done a wonderful job.

Publicity Committee- Anita Werner:

A press release was sent to each of the state associations in regards to the Spring AAPPSPA Conference in Baltimore Maryland. A banner was purchased for the AAPPSPA Spring Conference. Anita will be responsible for keeping track of the banner's whereabouts (Janet Krebs will take it home and bring to ASHA in Boston)

Time and Place 2008- Janet Krebs: Claudia Goswitz has offered to take care of local arrangements for- San Antonio, TX, April 10-13, 2008

Website- Janet Krebs for Sharon Ratiner- Things have been going smoothly. Switching to Yahoo Groups has been a positive move. The website has been much easier to navigate. Nadine Lord has been very effective and professional in serving as our webmaster. Sharon expressed gratitude to our webmaster, Nadine Lord and said that she has been exceptional in all aspects of the website and the Yahoo groups listserve, and is a wonderful asset to our organization.

Old/New Business: All business was covered in committee and officer reports

Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlene A. Westman, Secretary