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Minutes of Fall Board Meeting - ASHA

November 16, 2007

Boston, MA

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. at the Westin Waterfront Hotel. Present were voting board members: Janet Krebs, Denise Dougherty, Pat Gill, Claudia Goswitz; Past president: Barbara Samuels, Members Brendan O. Webster, Ken Anderson, Doris Morgenstern. Janet held 5 proxies and Denise held one.

The Minutes from the Spring Board meeting were accepted as corrected; motion by Denise Dougherty (DD), seconded by Claudia Goswitz.(CG)

All the following reports were presented and are attached:

Re: **Membership Report**- It was suggested that Renee Matlock and Nadine Lord discuss reviewing the listed Life Members to see if they are indeed alive and practicing and set up a renewal process for them on a yearly basis. Barbara Samuels has agreed to help sort out the status of the listed Life Members.

Program Logistics- CG and DD will confer and follow up on the change of rooms to be assured there will be two rooms available for the presentations.

Old Business-

- ASHA bigwigs were invited to AAPPSPA open house and will be invited to Spring Conference by Janet.
- All board members are to be reminded they need to chair a committee and their willingness to do so will determine their consideration for the board.
- Discussion about how to handle vendors for the spring conference raised the possibility of having one or two vendors send a collection of their products as samples for sale and other vendors can be solicited for donations for raffles. Following the presentation of these products there will be a Friday night party at the spring conference. Pat Gill (PG) will discuss this further with CG.
- There was brief discussion about the information received from Ally Weinstein regarding Directors' insurance at a premium of \$962. a year to cover potential liability. There was agreement that this is a necessary expense and as soon as the details are reviewed by the board, this should be purchased.

New Business

- As per suggestion by Deb Swain, there should be consideration given to adopting a Vision for AAPPSPA that can be contained in a Mission statement. This will be gathered by polling membership and these ideas will be put together by a committee consisting of 3 members representing different eras of membership. Barbara Samuels and Claudia Goswitz both volunteered to be on this committee and were planning to ask Ally Weinstein to join them.
- Jan Ozga's proposal was briefly discussed and it was decided that the Vision needed to be completed before any such proposal could be entertained. However, contact with Jan was suggested to see if he would share some of his ideas on how to increase AAPPSPA membership. Janet reported that she would contact Jan as a follow up.
- Next year's exhibit will have space available for members who have created products to display their products/accomplishments. There may be a fee to these members to cover the cost of additional table space.
- Janet will follow up with Sharon Ratiner and Nadine to discuss a links page for members who have products to share.
- Ken Anderson has given notice that he will handle the exhibit through the next ASHA convention in Chicago and then will need someone to take over the responsibility of storing, shipping, setting up, breaking down the exhibit
- Suggestions were made by Barbara and Claudia to add some catchy verbiage to the exhibit. They will present some ideas to the board
- CORSPAN has suggested that we jointly share the location and expense of next year's open house. Although this can be discussed further, we need to consider if this will benefit us as much as it will benefit CORSPAN.
- Consideration will be given to having the ASHA Open House on Thurs evening next year if it will mean more participation by members.
- AAPPSPA at Sea will hopefully be successful. It will require we book 16 cabins and DD will send an email to membership placing a deadline on registration as being asap

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet M. Krebs