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AAPPSPA Annual Meeting
Minutes
05/05/2007
Baltimore, Maryland

- President Janet Krebs called the meeting to order at 1:05pm.
- Janet presented a brief history of AAPPSPA as well as her memory of joining the organization. The membership has grown 100% in recent years. Though we are a small percentage of ASHA membership, we are a committed group of leaders within the field of Speech/Language Pathology and Audiology and are an integral part of our profession. We value the increasing opportunity for collaboration with ASHA to increase opportunities for those in private practice.
- All attendees introduced themselves, spoke about their individual practices, and how they became familiar with AAPPSPA.
- Janet thanked all those who helped with the conference including Denise Dougherty, Laurie Botstein, Janet Krebs, Barbara Taylor, Kim Bell, Mindy Newhouse and staff, and Charlene Westman.
- Member Presenters were also acknowledged including Barbara Erskine, Claudia Goswitz, Joan Green, Mindy Newhouse, Barbara Samuels, Landria Seals, Deborah Swain, Brendan Webster, and Charlene Westman
- Non-member presenters were acknowledged including Steven Bourne, Joe Eral, Kelly Hoetzer, Art Misita, James Naas, Ann Osterling, and Tracy Schooling
- AAPPSPA Committee Chairs were acknowledged including Ken Anderson, Pat Gill, Renee Matlock, Denise Middleton, Sharon Ratiner, Barbara Samuels, Fran Smith, Anita Werner, Denise Dougherty and Mindy Newhouse
- Janet announced the new executive board members:
 - Ongoing Board Members: Laurie Botstein, Pat Gill, Rose Godfrey, Claudia Goswitz, Rebecca Laskin, Sue McLean, Charlene Westman, Denise Dougherty, and Anita Werner
 - Incoming Board Members: Deborah Ross-Swain, Allyson Weinstein, Renee Matlock
 - Ongoing Officers: President Janet Krebs, Secretary Charlene Westman, Treasurer Pat Gill
 - Incoming Officer: Vice-President Denise Dougherty

New Business:

- Janet presented an issue to the membership regarding membership categories. Barbara Samuels presented the following change to the AAPPSPA Bylaws.

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.

The membership voted to adopt the new language into the AAPPSPA Bylaws.

- Janet asked all participants to provide feedback about the 2007 AAPPSPA Spring Conference.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlene Westman