

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. CST
2. **PRESIDENT'S WELCOME.** President K. Youse welcomed the attendees. She offered congratulations to an ANCDs Member, Ilias Papatheanasiou, for receiving an ASHA Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Contributions in International Achievement. She introduced the members of the Executive Board and Committee Chairs.
3. **TREASURER'S REPORT.** Treasurer Y. Rogalski reported financial numbers from January 1, 2020 through 10/31/2020. She pointed out that although our net income is lower, we also had fewer expenses due to the virtual format for the ANCDs Annual Meeting, and no VA residency meeting this year.
4. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT.** President K. Youse reported on several efforts from the past year.
 - 4.1 COVID-19: Owing to COVID-19, ANCDs shifted to virtual efforts to connect with members. This included establishing a Virtual Happy Hour, and arranging for a Virtual Scientific Meeting, currently in progress with a virtual sponsorship package. The Student Fellowship Program, ANCDs Business Meeting and Honors of the Academy were also conducted virtually.
 - 4.2 Bylaws changes approved by membership vote in March 2020:
 - Additional members were added to the membership committee
 - Life membership qualifications were updated to require ten (10) consecutive years of membership OR five (5) consecutive years of membership with a minimum of two (2) years of active service to the organization (e.g., Committee or Board membership)
 - Student membership was changed to permit full- and part-time students
 - General membership was modified to permit professionals outside the U.S. holding the entry-level degree for their country/profession to be eligible for ANCDs Membership
 - 4.3 Bylaws modifications to be sent to the membership for a vote
 - Life Membership applications will be voted on at the regular monthly Executive Board meeting
 - Minor editing needed in order to bring the Bylaws up to date with operating procedures
 - 4.4 Board Certification Dues for Retired Members
 - 50% reduction in recertification fees starting in January 2021
 - Retired BC Members will still need to meet CE requirement for recertification
 - 4.5 Development of an Ad Hoc Committee focused on Diversity and Inclusion
 - Initial mission of the committee is under development
 - Foster diversity within the membership and activities of ANCDs
 - Empower us to become advocates for our members and the people with neurologic communication disorders whom we serve
 - The Executive Board will be seeking nominations for a Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair in the next few weeks
 - Once the committee is formed and has further developed their mission and goals, the Executive Board will request a membership vote to modify the Bylaws and to make this a permanent standing committee of ANCDs
5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS.**
 - 5.1. **Certification Board.** Ramani Voleti (Chair) reported the following committee accomplishments
 - Two case examples provided on website
 - A group mentoring program with interested candidates began in May
 - The common application form for certification has been updated on the website for both

- national and international applicants
- ASHA poster series to raise awareness for BC; will resubmit next year
- State level presentation (NY state) on the BC process
- FAQ section on website for both the BC process and the recertification process
- Four candidates in process; 1 candidate has successfully defended this year – Congratulations to Kimberly Eichhorn, newly Board Certified!

5.2. Communications Committee. M. Savage reported the following committee accomplishments:

- Three newsletters published this year.
- Identified a new web platform to better meet the needs of ANCDs
- Website reorganization – Transfer of information to new platform is underway

5.3. Education and Standards Committee. M. De Riesthal reported the following committee accomplishments:

2020 Scientific Meeting Program

- Planned and organized the meeting, invited speakers, worked with other committees to advertise, completed CE process
- Modified the meeting for the virtual format

Webinars

- 2019 Scientific Meeting On-Demand
- Supporting Reading Comprehension for People with Aphasia; Sarah E. Wallace
- Practical Verb Network Strengthening Treatment (VNeST) Guidelines for Aphasia; Lisa Edmonds
- Natalie Covington - Memory Intervention after Traumatic Brain Injury: Results of a Systematic Review

Podcasts

- The Clinical Fellowship Experience; Nayiri Adessian, Zack DeWall, Hillary X. Enclave
- A conversation with Brendan Constantine about poetry and aphasia; Brendan Constantine, Poet

5.4. Evidence-Based Clinical Research Committee. K Youse reported progress with writing groups for J Silkes:

Writing Groups:

- Aphasia (Chair: Jamie Mayer): Working on a systematic review of exercise effects post-stroke finished by the end of 2020 for formal submission/dissemination; a scoping review of treatment for auditory comprehension deficit is in the data analysis stage
- AOS (Chair: Edwin Maas): Paper published in AJSLP on differential diagnosis measures for AOS vs. other pediatric speech disorders
- Dysarthria (Chair: Deanna Britton): Two projects: The first is focused on behavioral interventions for respiratory/phonatory impairments in dysarthria due to neurodegenerative disease; The second paper is on intervention for VPI due to dysarthria
- Progressive Neurological Disorders (Chair: Angela Roberts): Working on a systematic review of speech-language interventions for PPA/PPAOS; this project was accepted at CAC which was unfortunately cancelled. Planning a study of SLP and Physician perception of the SLP's role in dementia management. The progressive neurologic disorders group has also been working on a project to create training materials for evaluating treatment studies specific to PPA/AOS
- RHD (Chair: Peggy Blake): Paper under review in Brain and Cognition on localization. Three more papers on RH damage and prosodic impairment are in the final stage.
- TBI (Chair: Peter Meulenbroek): One paper accepted in AJSLP on social communication theory as applied to TBI; a second paper focused on returning to work after a TBI is currently under review in AJSLP. Next project will focus on resilience and counseling in TBI.

EBCR Podcasts

- Podcast interview with Peter Muelenbroek has been recorded and is in the final editing stages
- Anticipate an interview with Peggy Blake

Pediatric Motor Speech Initiative

- Ray Kent and colleagues have asked ANCDs to collaborate on a new initiative
- The EBCR is in the initial stages of formulating a new committee focusing on pediatric motor speech impairments
 - To develop a consensus on a minimal set of measures for a clinical assessment
 - To develop an infrastructure for sharing research data
 - To achieve agreement on classification of different speech motor impairments in children
 - More details will be announced in 2021

5.5. Finance Committee. S. Schellinger reported the following:

- Revised the Sponsorship Packet to reflect the change to a virtual format
- Identified possible meeting sponsors, helped in creating sponsorship packets, and contacted potential sponsors
- Our scientific meeting sponsor: **Intelligent Video Solutions**

5.6. Honors Committee. M. Kennedy reported the following:

- Committee solicited nominations for Honors of the Academy in Summer 2020
- Nominations were reviewed in October 2020
- Award recipient will be named after today's business meeting!

5.7. Membership Committee. M. Carroll-Alfano reported the following:

- Total Members = 338 (as of September)
 - Life Members = 19 (18 in 2019)
 - Full Members = 259 (279 in 2019)
 - Student Members = 60 (68 in 2019)
 - BC-ANCDs Members = 55 (52 in 2019)
- Membership is down slightly from this time last year
- Covid-19 Pandemic likely caused dip in membership, although we have seen an increase in members over the last several months
 - Members renewing before the Annual Scientific Meeting
- 14 Student Fellowship Awardees and Mentors were announced.
 - Made alternative plans for the Student Fellowship to fit into the Virtual Scientific Meeting format
 - Mentor/Mentee Virtual Meet and Greet this morning
 - Virtual Happy Hour for the Student Fellows this afternoon
 - Care package sent to the Student Fellows
- Updated membership application information
- Worked with Communications Committee and provided suggestions for possible changes for the new website

5.8. Nominations Committee. L. Shuster reported the following:

- President-Elect: Carole Roth-Abramson
- Treasurer: Yvonne Rogalski
- Members at Large:
 - Jessica Brown
 - Meghan Savage

5.9. Professional Affairs Committee. H. Clark reported the following:

- Created a process for ensuring we have the correct contact person for RPOs
- Actively sought venues for publishing/presenting with RPOs
- Established publication priorities for 2021

SIG 2 Perspectives will publish a case study presented for Board Certification
Pennsylvania State Association Newsletter

5.10. Ad hoc committee on VA SLP Residency Program. L. Shuster reported:

- The application, standards, and letter of intent to apply for accreditation through ANCDs have

- been drafted
- These will be submitted to the Executive Board for approval, and then will be shared with the VA Office of Academic Affiliations for approval

6. PRESIDENT-ELECT REPORT. J. Patterson reported:

Thank you to Kathleen for leading us in an unpredictable year and, with the committees, achieving notable results

Two words come to mind in thinking about 2021 ANCDs goals and activities

Balance – coming to terms with our new world order and how we continue to provide high quality service as we broach new frontiers

Diversity – respecting the value of all individuals and examine how we can improve both our member services and our research and clinical activities to demonstrate inclusion and diversity

7. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS. K. Youse thanked the Board and Committee members, all donors to the student fellowship program, Sheryle Hazard and ADS.

8. STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS. M. Carroll-Alfano introduced this years' ANCDs Student Fellows.

9. HONORS. M. Kennedy introduced this years ANCDs Honors recipient, Roberta Elman.

10. ADJOURNMENT. A motion to adjourn was made by M. Kennedy It was seconded by J. Patterson and the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. CST

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Britton
ANCDs Secretary