

President R. Peach called the Business meeting to order at 8:09 am. He asked for approval of the minutes of the 2016 Annual Business Meeting. **A motion was made by J. Stark to approve the minutes of the 2016 Annual Business Meeting. The motion was seconded by C. Coelho, and approved.** R. Peach announced that ANCDS member Marjorie Nicholas is receiving the 2017 ASHA Fellow award. He acknowledged the work of the Executive Board members and Committee Chairs and asked that anyone who is interested in volunteering with ANCDS contact him or President-Elect J. Wambaugh.

Treasurer's Report: R. Peach provided the Treasurer's report for K. Ross. Total income for the year was \$33,817, coming mainly from membership dues. Total expenses were \$23,290. He presented a graph illustrating membership numbers over the years and asked people to renew or join and to recruit new members.

President's Report: R. Peach noted that the committee structure has been revised and that the archivist has been re-instated. All of the archives are now in electronic format. The election procedures were updated in accordance with the by-laws revision, the web pages have been re-organized and updated, and committee rosters and terms of appointment were updated. Other achievements include tracking use of A.D.S. hours monthly and quarterly, submission of an R13 Conference Grant proposal to the NIH to support the annual meeting, the launching of a bi-annual webinar series, and the establishment of a restricted fund to support student fellowships for the annual meeting. R. Peach also reported that there had been a dues increase.

Certification Board: M. Biel, Board Chair, reported that a "Benefits of Board Certification" webpage was being created, including video testimonials, regarding the importance and utility of Board Certification. The Board received approval from the Executive Board to open up certification to SLPs from Canada, NZ, Ireland, the UK, and Australia. There are currently 5 people in the process of certification, 3 new submitted applications, and an additional 2 applications in process.

Communications Committee: R. Peach provided the report for committee chair, R. Fabus. Committee activities included cleaning up the website, setting up Hootsuite to post social media information, and establishing criteria for posting on social media.

Education and Standards Committee: D. Petroi, committee chair, noted that three subcommittees were created this year: scientific meetings, CE, and CE webinars. They developed a list of annual meeting speakers for five years, including the 2017 meeting.

Evidence-Based Clinical Research: J. Patterson reported for L. Murray. Topics for the writing committees are aphasia, AOS, progressive neurogenic disorders, dysarthria, TBI, and RHD. She noted that ANCDS has published 37 guidelines and systematic review papers. Information was presented regarding each committee's activities.

Finance: J. Laures-Gore noted that the committee was newly formed. They have generated a variety of ideas for non-dues revenue, and several initial ideas have been implemented.

Honors Committee: M. Boyle, committee chair, presented the report. The committee considered nominations for the Honors Award and the presentation of the awardee will take place today at the luncheon.

Membership Committee: C. Off, committee chair, presented the report. Currently, there are 350 ANCDs members. The committee reviewed 43 applications for the Conference Fellowship Award, 22 from Master's level students and 21 from doctoral level students. Ten students were selected, 5 doctoral students and 5 Master's students. The 2017 Fellows were introduced.

Nominations Committee: K. Yorkston, committee chair, presented the election results. President elect is Linda Shuster, Secretary is JoAnn Silkes, and new members at large are Tepanta Fossett and Katy O'Brien.

Professional Affairs Committee: L. Shuster reported for H. Clark, committee chair. The committee's charge was re-defined to be consistent with the by-laws revisions. They are developing a list of consumer and professional groups to contact and developing talking point materials to use for those contacts. The goal is to ensure that those organizations think first of ANCDs when they need expertise in neurogenic communication disorders and sciences.

R. Peach introduced ANCDs Executive Director Sheryle Hazard and displayed a slide showing the structure of her organization, A.D.S.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 am Pacific.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Shuster
ANCDs Secretary