

ACADEMY OF NEUROLOGIC COMMUNICATION DISORDERS AND SCIENCES

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 12, 2003

Chicago Hilton

1. Call to order and welcome

President Helm-Estabrooks called the meeting to order at 8:32. President Helm-Estabrooks welcomed members and potential members (who we hope will become members). The number in attendance is 110. Last year's number of 95 was the largest in the history of the organization, so ANCDS has again have made history. The President stated that this attendance reflects the excellence of the organization and program, the productivity of the members, and the location.

2. Announcements and acknowledgements

President Helm-Estabrooks congratulated ASHA Awardees of 2003:

- 2 ANCDS Members are Fellows: Sharon Moss, Edythe Strand
- 2 Nonmembers who contribute to our field are Fellows: Aura Kagan, Pat Doyle
- The ASHA Service Award was given to Dr. Kenneth Heilman
- The ANCDS Honors Committee supported nominations of individuals who have made a contribution to the field.

President Helm-Estabrooks acknowledged the work of the members who put this meeting together:

- Katy Ross (Education and Standards Chair), who created an excellent program, including a grand rounds format to demonstrate the case presentation element of the certification process, posters from INS, participation by individuals who use our services, and scientific presentations.
- Michele Page Sinotte (Meetings Chair), for taking care of local arrangements, including meeting rooms, food, audiovisual and poster needs, and countless other details.
- Janet Patterson (Membership Chair), for coordinating CEUs and registration details related to membership.
- Frances Laven (EAS), for her part in coordinating the meeting and other activities within the association.
- Newsletter Committee: Colleen Karow, Ted Masiongale, Elizabeth Connors, Mary Boyle, and Rich Katz.

President Helm-Estabrooks thanked Richard Katz for his advice and assistance during her term as President.

3. Minutes from last meeting

Anita Halper moved to accept the minutes as included in the first newsletter issue of 2003. Motion carried.

4. Treasurer's report

Caroline Royal-Evans presented the Treasurer's Report, with a projected year-ending balance of \$47,908. The annual meeting is projected to break even, for the first time. The practice guidelines project had a year-ending balance of \$5469, which is expected to increase next year. Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Judith Bernier.

5. Election results

Rich Katz (Chair, Nominating Committee; Past-President) announced the new Executive Board: Nan Mussen (Secretary), Don Freed (Treasurer), Gail Ramsberger (Member-at-Large), Julie Wambaugh (Member-at-Large), replacing Lyn Turkstra (Secretary), Caroline Royal-Evans (Interim Treasurer), and Carol Stach (Member-at-Large). Dr. Katz thanked members for voting.

6. Membership Committee

Janet Patterson (Chair) thanked membership committee members Don Freed, Gail Pashek, Fran Tucker, Barry Slansky, and Glorea Jean Wallace (Ad-hoc member). She reported that there were 31 new members, 11 full members and 20 associate members, for a total of 252 members. Dr. Patterson reported that a new brochure was in progress, and presented two recruitment tools created by the committee that were approved by the Executive Board: a Powerpoint slide, and a revised application form. These forms highlight the fact that it is not necessary to be board certified to be a member. Janet Patterson acknowledged Peggy Blake for doing the CEUs for this meeting, and gave instructions for completing CEU forms.

7. Practice Guidelines Committee

Carol Frattali (Chair, PGG Coordinating Committee) reported that there are six writing committees with a seventh to be added on Childhood Apraxia of Speech, chaired by Don Robin. Dr. Frattali acknowledged the chairs of the writing committees: Pelagie Beeson (Aphasia), Dementia (Kathryn Bayles), Cognitive-Communication Disorders (Mary Kennedy), Acquired Apraxia of Speech (Julie Wambaugh), and Dysarthria Committee (Kathryn Yorkston). The committees have been busy with publications this year, with 5 published articles in the Journal of Medical Speech Language Pathology, the release of two new guidelines for respiratory/phonatory intervention for dysarthria and attention training. Dr. Frattali mentioned the four presentations at ASHA on the practice guidelines. An article from JMSLP was included in the conference materials, summarizing the development of the practice guidelines. ASHA will be reformatting the guidelines and making them available to its 100,000+ members of ASHA, and the details of producing these synthesized guidelines are being worked out. A committee on communication disorders after right hemisphere brain damage is tabled at this time, as the practice guidelines committee feels there is insufficient evidence to generate guidelines.

8. Publication Committee

Chick LaPointe (Chair) reported that the purpose of the committee is to be a liaison with the practice guidelines committee and disseminate the practice guidelines. Dr. LaPointe reported that it had been a very busy year, and summarized the publications to date. Dr. LaPointe stated that he appreciated the cooperation of the editor of JMSLP.

9. Ethics Ad-Hoc Committee
Jennifer Horner (Chair) reported that the Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct were peer-reviewed by the general members and the executive board. The Board has submitted several articles for the newsletter, and other short articles will be forthcoming. Dr. Horner requested that members send ethics questions to the board for inclusion in the newsletter. Scott Rubin will be taking over as Chair, and Dr. Horner invited members to submit ideas for projects to the committee.
10. Certification Board
Michael Kimbarow (Chair) reported that the committee includes Jane Pimental (Incoming Chair, 2004), Leora Cherney (Associate Chair), Roberta Elman, Jenny Clark, Elaine Frank (Outgoing), Elaine Ledwon-Robinson. Jack Thomas (Outgoing), and Jacquie Hinckley. The Certification Board will be developing a mentoring program to facilitate the application process for applicants. Dr. Kimbarow reported that he has volunteered his services to the Membership Committee to seek opportunities to promote board certification within and external to the organization. Dr. Kimbarow reported that the board has been discussing the public value of the “BC-NDS” designation, and will be making a formal proposal to the Academy that we refer to ourselves as “Board Certified”, as this has clear meaning to the public and will promote the Academy and improve our visibility in the marketplace. Dr. Kimbarow welcomed new board members, Mary Purdy and Joan Jaeger. He introduced to the group our two new members, Wendy Ellmo and Deanna Britton.
11. Report of the Executive Board Meeting
Richard Katz presented a proposal for an independent meeting in 2004. He summarized the reasons for having a meeting associated with ASHA (free room for the meeting, saves costs to attend two meetings in one trip), and the reasons for considering an independent meeting (costs of food and other aspects of meeting, members unable to attend because of concurrent ASHA sessions and business meetings, adds two days to ASHA, limited time for the program and restrictions on what we can present). Dr. Katz proposed a two-day meeting in October 2004, with invited speakers and submitted papers and posters, designed to appeal to members and non-members. His projected cost for such a meeting would be \$195 for registration and food, and \$139/night for hotel, at the Chaparral Suites in Scottsdale, Arizona. Dr. Katz invited comments from the members, and stated that ANCDS would send an electronic survey to all members to elicit comments.
12. Discussion – Questions and Comments from Members
There was a suggestion from the floor to consider combining neurogenic groups into a single conference, i.e., Motor Speech Disorders, Academy of Aphasia, ANCDS. Katy Ross reviewed the schedule for the day. Michele Sinotte reviewed the process for CEU signup. Roberta Elman announced that CAC will be May 25-29 in Park City, Utah, see the website of www.clinicalaphasiology.org. Pelagie Beeson announced that May 21-22 there will be a workshop in honor of Audrey Holland’s retirement, with a banquet on the 21st and an “Aphasia Ball” on the 22nd. Leslie Gonzalez-Rothi and colleagues from the University of Florida will be presenting on the first day, and the second day will be patient-oriented.

President Helm-Estabrooks adjourned the meeting at 9:31.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyn Turkstra, Ph.D., BC-NCD, Secretary

Approval pending