

## ACADEMY OF NEUROLOGIC COMMUNICATION DISORDERS AND SCIENCES

General Membership Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, November 19, 1997  
Room 313, Hynes Convention Center, Boston, MA

### Items of Business

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Penny Myers at 9:08 a.m.
2. Announcements:
  - 2.1. President Myers announced that there were 80 registered participants this year, as compared to 43 last year. She also announced that the anticipated cost for the meeting was \$4,600, and that the collection of a registration fee (\$25.00 for members and \$35.00 for nonmembers) was essential. Therefore, there will continue to be a charge to cover the expenses of future meetings.
  - 2.2. Participants were reminded that Continuing Education Units were available for the scientific meeting and that they must complete the appropriate forms for credit. They were also asked to complete a directory information form. These will be used to update a membership directory that will be mailed to members by January 15, 1998. The directory will list members alphabetically as well as by State.
  - 2.3. President Myers announced that there was a change in the address for ANCDS. The change occurred because Morgan Downey, Executive Director, needed to step down from that position because of other business obligations. President Myers thanked Morgan Downey for his service, particularly for his legal expertise that was needed initially when ANCDS was formed. At this time, an Executive Director is no longer required; rather a management company is needed to assist with the daily running of ANCDS. Since there had been no time to interview and select a management company, ANCDS was temporarily being housed at her home. She is hopeful that a management company would be hired in the Spring of 1998, when the Academy would have more cash on hand following the collection of annual dues.
3. Approval of the Minutes of the 1996 General Membership Business Meeting: The minutes were distributed at registration. Joan Arvedson moved to waive the reading of the minutes and approve them as distributed. This was seconded and the motion was unanimously passed.
4. Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Allen Boysen, Treasurer, President Myers announced that at the present time, cash on hand was \$4,077. Upcoming expenses included the honorarium and audio-visual costs for the Scientific Meeting. A more

complete financial statement will be available when the treasurer takes on a greater role in monitoring the financial activities of the association. In the past, this had been done by the Executive Director. Rick Bollinger moved to approve the Treasurer's report. This was seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

5. Membership Report: President Myers announced that ANCDs currently has 127 members. This past year, there were 3 new applications for full membership and one application for associate member. All were approved.
6. Committee Reports: President Myers reviewed the list of committees and their purpose, and announced the chairperson of each committee. These are as follows: Elections – Terry Wertz; Certification Board – Joe Duffy & Audrey Holland; Meetings – Carl Coehlo; Membership – Anita Halper; Publications – Leonard La Pointe; Professional Affairs – Nancy Helm-Estabrooks; Education and Standards – Kevin Kearns; Scientific Affairs – Kathryn Bayles; Honors – Robert Marshall; Archivist – Jennifer Horner. In addition, an ad hoc committee, chaired by Kathy Yorkston, has been charged with the development of Best Practice Guidelines in each of the areas of clinical practice in neurologic communication disorders. Kathy Yorkston reviewed the mission of this ad hoc committee that had been formed as an outcome of the two-day joint meeting of the Special Interest Division Steering Committee and the ANCDs Executive Board in February 1997. The committee will begin, early in 1998, developing clinical practice guidelines for motor speech disorders. The structure of this first document will serve as a prototype for guidelines in other areas of practice.

7. Election Results: In the absence of Terry Wertz, Chair of the Elections Committee, Rick Bollinger reported the following election results:

Secretary:	Leora Cherney
Treasurer:	Allen Boysen
Member-at-Large:	Pagie Beeson Christy Ludlow

These board members were elected by mail ballot to the general membership and will serve a two-year term of office, beginning in January 1998. Two retiring board members, Michael Crary and Gail Ramsburger, were thanked for their service.

The Executive Board elected several new members of the Certification Board. Effective January 1 1998, the members of the Certification Board will be as follows: Joe Duffy, Audrey Holland, Carl Coehlo, Mary Boyle, Jack Thomas, and Judy Rau who represent adult neurologic communication disorders; and Tom Campbell, Joan Arvedson, and Edythe Strand who represent pediatric neurologic communication disorders. Special recognition for his years of service and thanks were extended to Craig Linebaugh, who is retiring from the Certification Board.

## 8. Certification Board Report:

- 8.1. Recertification: Joe Duffy, co-chair of the Certification Board, announced that all applications for recertification had been reviewed and processed. A total of 86 members had been recertified (79 members in adults, two members in pediatrics, and five members with dual certification). In recognition of their achievement, he read out the names of the 86 members who had received recertification.
- 8.2. Newly certified member: Joe Duffy announced that ANCDS has now had one member go through the certification process i.e. pass a written examination, submit a case report, and then meet with members of the Certification Board in a face-to-face session discussing the case presentation. He extended congratulations to Caroline Royal Evans, who, that morning had satisfactorily completed the case discussion. The membership applauded Caroline for her accomplishment.
- 8.3. Certification Process: Joe Duffy reviewed the revised recertification guidelines which provide clarification to many issues that had arisen during the recent recertification of members. These revised guidelines will be sent to members, together with their recertification certificate. The major change in the requirements for recertification is that 6 continuing education credits (CEC's) must be earned in a 3 year period but up to 1.5 CEC's may be in a related non-neurologic area of practice e.g. dysphagia, craniofacial anomalies, outcome measures, health care administration). For dual certification, one area e.g. adults, must meet the above requirement; an additional 3 CEC's must be earned and these must be directly related to the other area e.g. pediatric neurologic communication disorders.

A question was raised from the membership about CEC credit for teaching. Joe responded that teaching was considered under the category of "Presentations". Teaching a course in neurogenic communication disorders was counted as one CEC; the same course could not be credited more than once in a three-year period.

- 8.4. Specialty Recognition: Joe Duffy reviewed the process of Specialty Recognition. ANCDS had submitted a letter of intent to the Clinical Specialty Board of ASHA in April. Public notification of ANCDS's intent to pursue specialty recognition in neurologic communication disorders was given in the ASHA leader and on ASHA's home page. Responses to public comment were made in a cover letter that was resubmitted in September. ANCDS has now received approval of this first stage of the specialty recognition process. ANCDS has 18 months to complete Stage 2. During this time, the specific procedures for specialty recognition must be detailed. The Certification Board is planning to submit a draft to the Executive Board

for their feedback in 4-5 months, and perhaps to solicit input from the membership at large. Members with suggestions about the procedures for specialty recognition were urged to contact any member of the Certification Board.

Discussion from the floor focused on the distinction between specialty recognition and certification. This distinction had been a concern of the CSB, and there is a need to distinguish them both for the professional and for the consumer. Joe responded that the Certification Board will be looking at the possibility of two different mechanisms for dealing with certification and specialty recognition, and that board certification will require a higher level of achievement. Penny Myers reminded the membership that last year they had approved pursuing a two tiered process of recognition and certification. Craig Linebaugh noted that there are different options – certification could remain as it is with specialty recognition being less rigorous; or the present requirements for certification could become those for specialty recognition while increasing the requirements for certification.

Craig Linebaugh provided a historical perspective on why ANCDS had developed board certification: first it was a term that was recognized in the medical community; second, ASHA's plan to recognize a diplomat status of specialization had not passed the legislative council because it was considered too rigorous. Therefore ANCDS went ahead with their own plan for certification.

Questions from the floor were also raised regarding other groups that were seeking Specialty Recognition. It was thought that the SID for Fluency had been approved through Stage 2. The SID for dysphagia and child language had been approved at the Stage 1 level. ANCDS and a group concerned with an aspect of hearing were the only groups outside of ASHA that had been approved at the Stage 1 level.

Joe Duffy recognized and thanked SID 2 for their efforts in supporting ANCDS in the process of specialty recognition.

9. Dues and Fees: President Myers highlighted the mission of ANCDS as an organization committed to maintaining high standards of clinical excellence. Until now, much of the focus of ANCDS has been on Board Certification and the preliminary steps of Specialty Recognition. President Myers acknowledged that future activities, such as the implementation of Specialty Recognition and the development of Clinical Practice Guidelines, would require financial resources. In this regard, she emphasized the importance of collecting dues and fees on a timely basis. She announced the Executive Board decision that dues notices will be sent out January 15<sup>th</sup>, and that the 1998 dues deadline will be March 1. The collection of dues early in the year will permit the Academy to contract with a management company in the Spring.

10. Other Business: Lynn Turkstra asked if ANCDS would consider having a web site. President Myers will contact Richard Katz for information about this. She will also investigate the possibility of broadcast email to the membership. This would allow for more frequent and less costly dissemination of information to the membership.
11. There being no further business, President Myers thanked the Executive Board for their help during this time of transition. The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m. The morning session of the scientific meeting was a panel presentation by Kathryn Bayles, Pelagie Beeson, and Malcolm McNeil on the Implications of Research for Clinical Practice. This was followed by a membership luncheon and an address by Nancy Helm-Estabrooks titled "Six Degrees of Wernicke". Robert Marshall then presented the Honors of ANCDS to Joe Duffy. The afternoon session of the scientific meeting was presented by Bruce Murdoch and focused on Motor Speech Disorders in Traumatic Brain Injury.

Respectfully submitted,

Leora Cherney, Ph.D., BC-NCD,  
Secretary.