

ACADEMY OF NEUROLOGIC COMMUNICATION DISORDERS AND SCIENCES

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 15, 2000

Renaissance Hotel, Washington, D.C.

Items of Business

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order by President Golper at 8: 15 a.m.
2. Announcements
 - 2.1 President Golper welcomed the membership. She recognized several ANCDS members who are receiving ASHA awards, recognitions and honors this year, including Nina Simons-Mackie, Kathryn Bayles, Cheryl Tomoeda, Jay Rosenbek and Nancy Helm-Estabrooks. President Golper also thanked all of the students who are helping with conference registration, and expressed her appreciation to Janet Patterson for coordinating CE credit for the meeting and to Carol Fratalli, Roberta Elman, and Kate Enchelmayer for their work in the meeting arrangements, and she introduced and thanked the Executive Board members and committee chairs with whom she has served for the past two years. President Golper then introduced Frances Laven, of Executive Administrative Services, Inc. (EAS), to the general membership.
 - 2.2 Announcements. Kathryn Yorkston announced that Medicare would lift the ban on purchasing Augmentative and Alternative Communication equipment January 1, 2001. The Medicare policies are available for viewing at <http://www.aac-rrerc.com>. Dr. Yorkston stated that the Medicare policies were currently in review, and asked members to inform her if they had been asked to serve as a reviewer.
3. Approval of the Minutes of the 1999 General Membership Meeting. The minutes of the 1999 meeting were distributed at registration. It was noted that Suketa Kamath and Carol Frattali had received certification by the time of the 1999 meeting, and that the minutes should be amended to reflect this. Lisa Breakey moved to waive the reading of the minutes and accept them as amended. This was seconded by Judy Rau and the motion was unanimously passed.
4. Treasurer's Report. Mary Kennedy reviewed the report of the financial status of ANCDS.
 - 4.1 The year-to-date income for 2000 was \$23,080.29. This included the following: income carried over from 1999 - \$21,561.16; income from registration for the annual meeting - \$4,550.00; 2000 membership dues and certification fees - \$18,405.00; and interest income - \$125.29. Expenses for 2000 were \$25,416.58, including a portion of the costs of the 1999 annual meeting, which were paid out of the 2000 budget. The current balance was \$19,290.06.

- 4.2 The Proposed Budget for the year 2001 also was reviewed. Projected income for 2001 is \$39,325, including \$20,000 in dues and fees; \$6,000 in revenue from the annual meeting; and \$13,325 carried over from 2000. Projected expenses were \$30,750, including \$7,200 for management services, \$10,000 for administrative expenses; \$6,000 for the 2001 annual meeting; and \$7,500 for travel related to the development of practice guidelines. The projected year-end balance for 2001 is \$8,575.

President Golper noted the issue of lost revenues at the annual meeting. Efforts are made to keep costs as low as possible to members, but costs have always run far ahead of fees and that may need to be reconsidered in the future. President Golper also pointed out that we are exploring options to offset some of the travel costs for the development of practice guidelines over the course of the next three years. We will report on that as plans solidify.

5. Executive Board elections. Penny Myers, Chair of the Election Committee, announced the following election results:

Roberta Elman – Member at Large

Cheryl Tomoeda – Member at Large

Nancy Helm-Estabrooks – President-elect

The two-year terms of office will be effective January 1, 2000.

6. Executive Board Summary

6.1 President Golper stated that the Executive Board approved the following items at the November 15, 2000 meeting: renewal of the EAS contract; continuation of the partnership with the Journal of Medical Speech-Language-Pathology (JMSLP); sale of the membership mailing list to parties such as publishers, subject to approval of any sale by the President; and appointment of Nancy Alarcon to the position of Co-Chair of the Certification Board. President Golper summarized the Executive Board's discussion regarding the website, including whether Mikael Kimmelman would be able to continue providing web assistance.

7. Publication Committee Report

7.1 Leonard LaPointe stated that a Bulletin page would be provided in JMSLP for announcements by ANCDS. He reiterated that the relationship between JMSLP and ANCDS would continue.

8. Membership Committee Report

8.1 Mary Kennedy summarized the status of membership. She stated that there were now 200 members of ANCDS, an increase from 153 in 1999, with several new applications under review now. Dr. Kennedy welcomed new members.

9. Professional Affairs Committee

- 9.1 Lisa Breakey announced that there would be a rally on the steps of Capitol Hill after the ANCDS meeting. She stated that the Prospective Payment System (PPS) had caused dramatic reductions in the number of speech-language pathologists in Northern California, and that many were leaving the profession because of limited supervision and limited availability of rehabilitation services.
- 9.2 Dr. Breakey recommended marketing ANCDS certification to clinicians as a tool in practice marketing. She recommended nurturing Master Clinicians in the profession.

10. Practice Guidelines

- 10.1 Kathryn Yorkston report that the first of five technical reports on Dysarthria is nearing completion. A plan for dissemination is being developed.
- 10.2 Pelagie Beeson reported that the Aphasia committee met in January. The committee has developed a structure for the aphasia guidelines and writing assignments were delegated.
- 10.3 Kathryn Bayles reported that the Dementia committee has been formed. The committee will meet after December, 2000.
- 10.4 The following committees will be convened in the near future: Mary Kennedy will coordinate the Traumatic Brain Injury committee; Julie Waumbaugh will coordinate the Apraxia of Speech committee; and there will be a committee on Right Hemisphere Communication Disorders in the future.
- 10.5 The Practice Guidelines Coordinating Committee, chaired by Penny Myers, has the role of coordinating and overseeing the committees' activities. Penny Myers thanked Kathryn Yorkston and her committee for their prototype for the products of the committee. The projected products of the committees include technical reports, with tables, methods, and references; clinical publications in a journal article format, with questions and answers; and clinical pamphlets, to educate individuals such as physicians, consumers, and case managers.
- 10.6 Dr. Myers stated that the method of dissemination of materials was still being discussed. ANCDS will collaborate with ASHA, SID2 and the Veterans Administration (VA) hospitals on the development of the guidelines, but ANCDS will retain control of the guidelines for future development, revisions, and distribution. Dr. Myers stated that financial support for committee activities will be obtained from the collaborating organizations, and that these organizations will assist with distribution. The VA will fund one or two individuals to attend committee meetings, and ASHA will provide a one-time grant to support costs

associated with the meetings. All three partner organizations will assist with video- or telephone-conferencing and other administrative support. Dr. Wertz inquired about collaboration with the Academy of Neurology, and Dr. Myers stated that they had not been contacted.

11. Certification Board Report

11.1 Tom Campbell, Co-Chair of the Certification Board, reported that Carol Fratalli and Suketa Kamath received certification in 1999. Karin Grabau has passed her examination and interview/case report stage of certification. Diane Sheimo has been certified in child neurology. Maxine ? is the fifth person to be certified. Dr. Campbell reported that ten (10) individuals have taken the written examination and up to ten (10) more may take the examination by next year. Carol Coelho and Nancy Alarcon will be Co-Chairs of the Certification Board next term.

11.2 Dr. Campbell stated that there will be a need to discuss the Certification Board operation as we go through the certification process next year, to address any modifications that may need to be made.

11.3 Dr. Campbell noted that 70 re-certification applications have been processed to date, and an additional eight individuals need to complete their paperwork by December 31, 2000 to receive re-certification. He stated that members will receive their new certificates by mail, with an annual, smaller card for future updates.

11.4 Dr. Campbell stated that the Board will review the examination this year, as questions may need to be revised. He said that the Board would like to offer Continuing Education credit to individuals who write examination questions, and is working out the logistics of doing this. President Golper noted that most applicants have been M.A.-level clinicians.

12. Discussion, Questions and Additional Announcements. Questions from members included requests for specific information regarding transportation to the Capitol Hill rally, and whether the general membership would be asked for permission to release the mailing list. To the latter, President Golper answered that the arrangement would be similar to that of ASHA, which does not ask permission from members for specific requests for the mailing list. Michael Kimbarow requested suggestions from the general membership for ASHA 2001 Convention programs on Adult Language. He also requested a contact name for the American Gerontological Association (AGA), which meets in the same city as ASHA each year. He proposed that we aim to develop joint activities with the AGA during our respective annual meetings. The morning scientific session was presented by Leslie Golzales-Rothi, Ph.D., Program Director of the RR&D Brain Rehabilitation Research Center, and was titled the "Neurophysiologic basis of rehabilitation." The afternoon scientific session was presented by Mark Hallett, M.D., Chief of the Human Motor Control Section, NINDS, and was titled "Brain plasticity and recovery from hemiplegic stroke."

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President Golper officially turned over the gavel to Dr. Richard Katz, President Elect, who will assume the office of President on January 1, 2001. The meeting was adjourned.

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Respectfully submitted,



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

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