

**ACADEMY OF NEUROLOGIC COMMUNICATION
DISORDERS AND SCIENCES**

**Minutes of the 1994 General Membership
Business Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by the ANCDs President, Kathryn Bayles, at 1:45 p.m., November 17, 1994, at the New Orleans Hilton, New Orleans, Louisiana. The Business Meeting followed the ANCDs Membership Luncheon, at which Dr. Arnold Aronson was presented with Academy's "Clinical Achievement Award". Dr. Penelope Myers accepted this plaque on behalf of Dr. Aronson and read to the group Dr. Aronson's acceptance comments.

1. **Minutes of the 1993 Business Meeting.** The minutes of the 1993 Business meeting were distributed to those present in the meeting registration packets. Corrections or additions were solicited from the membership; hearing none, the minutes were approved as distributed.
2. **Membership Committee.** Judy Rau presented a summary of the current status of ANCDs membership, with 134 full members and 17 associate members, for a total of 163 members.
3. **Budget Report.** Kathryn Bayles reviewed the current and proposed budget for ANCDs with anticipated expenses for this year to be \$12,600, anticipated income to be \$27,035 and predicted cash on hand by 12/31/94 to be \$24,836.
4. **Elections.** Judy Rau and Mike Kimbarow were elected as incoming Members-at-Large, and Penny Myers was elected to the office of President-Elect for 1995.
5. **Announcements of Board Certified Members.** Members present who had met the criteria for grandfathering into Board Certification in Neurologic Communication Disorders in Adults/Children, were presented with their certificates by President Bayles.
6. **Review of Executive Board Actions and Recommendations.**

6.1. Bayles summarized the consensus of the Board relative to the ASHA's Ad hoc Committee on Specialty Recognition. She began by providing a historical perspective on Specialty Recognition/Certification and ANCDs' role in that. She then discussed the basic elements of the Ad hoc committee's proposed plan. She noted the problems identified by the ANCDs Executive Board at their meeting yesterday to include: 1) the plan's emphasis on "recognition" vs "certification", 2) the oversight role of the Clinical Specialty Board (CSB), 3) the potential problem with a loss of autonomy, and the potential problem with

policy development, 4) conflict resolution being referred to the Executive Board of ASHA, who historically have not been particularly warm to the notion of special interests, 5) the current model works well with other professional groups, and 6) there are many unknowns and at this time the plan has not been adopted by the LC.

Bayles reported that these concerns led to the unanimous consensus opinion of the ANCDs Board that ANCDs would not apply to ASHA as a specialty recognition petitioner, should the plan be approved by the LC.

There was considerable discussion about the wisdom of the ANCDs's board to make such a statement on the eve of the LC's vote and there was some objection to the ANCDs's board making this "resolution" without polling the general membership. Bayles clarified that this was not a formal resolution of the Board, but a preferred direction taken by the Board, upon long consideration of the advantages and disadvantages of the Ad hoc committee's proposal. Board members present in the audience pointed out that ANCDs has an obligation to its members and to the currently constituted Certification Board, who have invested money, time, and energy into the current certification effort. Board members generally felt that to suggest or anticipate that we would be a petitioning group would undermine that momentum. Bayles pointed out that the Board felt that we should and will proceed with our certification processes regardless of what ASHA decides to do.

6.2. Bayles described plans to initiate By-Laws changes to conform to current policies. The Board plans to simplify the application processes for membership and to change the access to membership, now that the Certification procedures have been established. The incoming President-Elect will formulate the needed By-Laws changes.

6.3. Leslie Gonzalez-Rothi requested a point of clarification regarding the Board's action, as described in 6.1. above. Gonzalez-Rothi stated that there may be legal ramifications that we have not examined sufficiently. Morgan Downey was asked to address that question. Additional discussion of the Board's decision to not be a petitioning group emerged, and Gonzalez-Rothi moved that a committee be formed to look at the assets and liabilities of the ASHA plan should it pass the LC tomorrow and to report back to the membership in 1995. This motion was seconded and Bayles agreed to form a committee to continue to study the ASHA plan and to report back to the ANCDs membership in 1995.

7. Certification Board. Audrey Holland reported on the Certification Boards activities and plans. The Certification Board's major current task is the development of a test. The plans for that were described and a solicitation was made for test

