

*Academy of Neurologic Communication Disorders and Sciences*

General Membership Meeting Minutes

December 6, 1995

Clarion Hotel, Orlando, Florida

*Items of Business*

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President, Terry Wertz at 8:40 am.
2. President Wertz announced changes in the order of the agenda items.
3. Dr. Richard Peach, Chair of the ad hoc Committee on ASHA Specialty Recognition reviewed the data-gathering, findings, and recommendations of the committee that were presented to the Executive Committee the previous evening. Dr. Peach's committee felt some questions were cleared up with their queries, but some issues needed further study and monitoring. The questions left from last year's meeting prompting the formation of the Committee were: Would "ASHA recognition" encompass the concept of "Board Certification?" What would be the oversight process of ASHA and the Board of Division Coordinators? Would there be any loss of autonomy? How would conflicts be resolved?

The Committee found that there were different points of view about the equivalency of "recognition" versus "certification," but the term "certification" is preserved by ASHA as the entry level of competency. The Committee felt that the oversight role of ASHA was minimal, through the Clinical Specialty Board (CSB), and mainly limited to ensuring conformity to the standards among petitioning groups. Thus, ANCDS or any petitioner would maintain its autonomy. The policies for dealing with conflicts are being established by the CSB. The ASHA Executive Board would have a role in conflict resolution only in extraordinary situations such as when certifications were denied. There would be a \$200 fee to become a petitioning group and a small administrative fee charged for ongoing oversight. ANCDS could maintain its organization and name and conduct its activities without interference. There would be some potential advantages to involvement with the ASHA recognition plan, with increased visibility and decreased competition, and the costs are minimal. At this time, however, the CSB's policies are just being written, and there is no real competition out there for neurogenic specialty recognition. The Committee recommends we keep looking into the matter, and the Executive Board has agreed with that recommendation. There was some discussion from the floor regarding the issues that remain to be clarified, including questions about CSB policies. Leslie Gonzalez-Rothi reported that the CSB would meet later that day (December 6, 1995) to finalize the petitioning format.

4. President Wertz thanked Rick Bollinger, Janet Whitney, Kate Whittington, and Edy Strand for their hard work with the local arrangements for this meeting.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the 1994 General Membership Business Meeting. The 1994 General Membership Business Meeting minutes were distributed in a membership mailing this spring. Edy Strand moved to waive the reading of the minutes and approve them as distributed; this was seconded and the motion was unanimously passed.

6. Treasurer's Report. Morgan Downey reported for Carl Coelho, Treasurer (not present) with a summary of the expenses and revenues for the past year. Expenses have exceeded revenues by \$10,487. Some of these costs were attached to last year's expenses, but paid in 1995. The current cash on account (11/29/95) is \$11,035.17. Vicki Hammen moved to accept the Treasurer's report. This was seconded and the Treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

7. Director's Report. Morgan Downey reported we had 725 responses to mailings about certifications. ANCDS currently has 147 full members and 20 associate members. We have 124 certified members. Morgan reviewed a summary of the activities of his office through the past year and answered questions regarding those activities.

8. Certification Board Report. Joe Duffy, Co-Chair of the Certification Board with Audrey Holland, reported on the committee's activities. He reviewed the time table for the examination processes and appealed for volunteers to take the pilot examination. He reviewed the steps in the application process: 1) Application submitted with the application fee, 2) Submission of a portfolio within one year, 3) portfolio reviewed by the Certification Board, 4) Test sent to the applicant and taken in a "proctored" environment, and 5) Test is returned to the Certification Board for scoring. Joe answered questions about confidentiality and security of the test items.

9. Elections Committee Report. Kathryn Bayles reported that due to a problem with the mail receipt at the National Office, we will need to repeat the election of open offices. This will be done at the earliest possible time after ASHA and the results will be reported to the membership as soon as possible. The slate of officers includes:

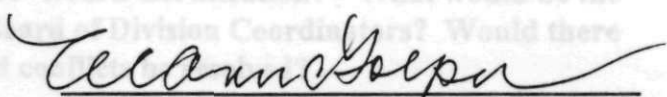
Secretary:	Mary Boyle and Leora Cherney
Treasurer:	Allen Boysen and Kevin Kearns
Member-at-large:	Mike Crary, Gail Ramsberger, Barbara Sonies, and Diana VanLanker

10. Publicizing Committee. Penny Myers reviewed the recommendations for publicizing the "Board Certified" designation. She reported that the Executive Board's preferred usage was: "BC-NCD." Ideas for exposure of the title were discussed, including: Using this title in announcements, CVs, packets of information, hospital communications, letters, letterheads, business cards, etc.

11. There was no additional business.

12. President Wertz thanked Allen Boysen for the VA's assistance with ASHA CEU co-sponsorship of the Scientific presentations. The Business Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 and followed by a presentation by Dr. Thomas Campbell on "Functional Outcomes for Young Children with Neurologic Communication Disorders." This presentation was followed by a membership luncheon during which Dr. Audrey Holland was presented with the Honors of ANCDS and Dr. Leonard LaPointe presented his sabbatical highlights. The luncheon was followed by the ANCDS 1995 Scientific Session entitled "What Bilingual Aphasia Tell Us About the Brain," presented by Dr. Michel Paradis.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Lee Ann C. Golper, Ph.D., Secretary

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