

The ANCDS Annual Business Meeting was held at the OMNI Hotel on Wednesday, November 14th, 2012 immediately preceding the ANCDS Scientific and Educational Meeting.

Treasurer's report : Michael Kimbarow reporting for Maria Munoz (Treasurer). ANCDS remains fiscally sound.

Nominations Committee: Edy Strand (Chair) announced the following winners of the 2012 elections: Margaret Blake as President Elect; Mary Purdy, Gail Pashek, and Jackie Hinckley as Members at Large.

Meeting Committee and Local Arrangements: no report.

Professional Affairs and Practice Guidelines Committee: Stacie Raymer (Chair) reported on the progress and status of the practice guidelines writing committees. The dementia committee has a new practice guidelines paper completed to be published in AJSLP on memory training strategies. The aphasia committee is creating a dynamic review of evidence that is on-line. Stacie Raymer announced that new chairs are needed for the aphasia and dementia writing committee. Janet Patterson will be the new chair of the Professional Affairs and Practice Guidelines Committee.

Publications Committee: No report

Scientific Affairs Committee: Nelia Donovan (Chair) reported that the committee spent the first year of their efforts establishing goals to coordinate with the strategic plan. A number of recommendations were made to the Executive Board. The committee is moving forward with establishing an on-line clearinghouse of research funding opportunities and matching clinical researchers with research sites interested in collaborating. Nelia Donovan announced that ANCDS will be offering a new research funding opportunity for collaborative clinical research. Awards are \$5K.

Website Committee: Miriam Krause (Chair) announced several changes to the website including to the underlying structure and research components of the site, a map of ANCDS members to assist in locating members in various geographical regions, and the addition of information for students.

Newsletter Committee: Melissa Duff (Co-Chair) reported that she and Pradeep Ramanathan (Co-Chair) continue to expand and diversify the content of the newsletter and to increase student involvement.

Membership Committee: Gloriajean Wallace (Chair) announced that the membership continues to expand. The Student Conference Awards initiated last year have been a great success in providing support for students to attend the meeting and increase our student membership. Gloriajean Wallace acknowledged the student awardees, their mentors, and the international members who traveled to attend the meeting.

Certification Board: Kathleen Youse (Chair) reported that there are three members moving through the certification process. The committee is revising the certification process and an ad hoc committee has been established to examine how certified and non-certified members view the certification process. The committee is considering revising or eliminating the certification exam and focusing more on the case study and demonstration of clinical skills. Kathleen announced that the Certification Board Committee will be working with ASHA as it moves forward with specialty certification in neurogenic communication disorders.

Education and Standards Committee: Janet Patterson (chair) announced plans for the day including presentations on the evolution of language by Dr. James Rilling and the cost of treating aphasia Dr. Charles Ellis. Janet Patterson thanked the GSLHA for sponsoring the continuing education for the meeting.

Old Business

- **Strategic Plan:**

Michael Kimbarow noted that the Executive Board continues to review the strategic plan that was adopted in 2009 and a report card will be published on the website to indicate where progress has been made and in which areas the organization continues to work to achieve its goals.

- **Membership:**

The Executive Board has met via conference calls and face-to-face meetings to continue discussion of changes to the membership structure. The Executive Board is recommending the following: 1) change Life Member to Emeritus Member and extending the age requirement from 65 to 68; 2) collapse the previous membership levels of Full and Associate to a single level of Full Member; and 3) add a new Student Membership level. To meet the demands of the increasing costs of maintaining the organization, for the first time the Executive Board is also recommending an increase to the annual dues of \$15 to \$85 for the next year with dues increasing to \$100 by 2015. The Executive Board is also working to increase continuing education opportunities for members including on-line training videos and podcasts.

New Business

Announcements:

- Michael Kimbarow was pleased to announce that ANCDs member Connie Tompkins, Monica Hough, and Nance Helm Estabrooks were awarded Honors of the Association, Fellow of ASHA, and the Frank R. Kleffner Lifetime Clinical Career Award, respectively.
- Michael Kimbarow acknowledged the remarkable career and contributions to the field and organization of Martha Sarno who is retiring.

*Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Duff, ANCDs Secretary*