

President K. Yorkston called the Business meeting to order at 8:00 am. She opened the meeting by announcing that an ANCDS member, Joan Arvedson, is receiving the ASHA Honors. She acknowledged the Executive Board members, including those who are rotating off of the Board, N. Donovan and K. Youse. She also reviewed the current committee structure and thanked the committee chairs for their work.

**Treasurer's Report:** N. Donovan provided the Treasurer's report. Total income for the year was \$35,360, coming mainly from membership dues. Total expenses were \$30,336, thus the organization finished the year in the black. Current assets are \$55,104, including \$30,000 in restricted reserve funds.

**Scientific Affairs** – N. Donovan presented the report for K. Haley, committee chair. Their main goal for this year was information dissemination. To that end, they participated in social media posts and updated the research funding resources on the ANCDS website.

**Meetings Committee and Local Arrangements:** K. Yorkston provided the report for F. Kohen, who was local arrangements chair. She thanked Ms. Kohen for her efforts, along with ASHA for hosting the Tuesday Executive Board retreat and the members of the Education and Standards Committee and staff at A.D.S. who worked to make ANCDS an ASHA CEU provider.

**Education and Standards Committee:** D. Petroi, committee chair, noted that a subcommittee of the Education and Standards committee had successfully applied for ANCDS to become an ASHA CEU provider. She also asked members to suggest speakers for the next six Annual Scientific Meetings when they complete their evaluations of the meeting today.

**Nominations Committee:** S. Raymer, committee chair, presented the election results. President elect is Julie Wambaugh, Treasurer is Katie Ross, and new members at large are Gail Ramsberger and Janet Patterson.

**Membership Committee:** C. Off, committee chair, presented the report. Currently, there are 350 ANCDS members. The committee reviewed 43 applications for the Conference Fellowship Award, 22 from Master's level students and 21 from doctoral level students. Ten students were selected, 5 doctoral students and 5 Master's students, and they were introduced.

**Communications Committee:** A. Rodriguez provided the report for committee chair, R. Fabus. Committee activities included launching monthly podcasts, contributing to the newsletter, creating social media posting guidelines, and created a policy and procedure for placing information on the website.

**Professional Affairs Committee:** R. Peach reported for L. Murray, committee chair. The AOS guidelines group is working on their systematic review. Other active writing groups include aphasia, dysarthria, progressive neurogenic disorders, right hemisphere impairment and TBI. The aphasia group presented a poster at the Clinical Aphasiology Conference, which is under review for publication in AJSLP. The dysarthria committee is working on a systematic review, providing updates on VPI intervention, respiratory, and phonatory interventions. There are three sub-projects: neurodegenerative diseases, acquired brain injury, and SCI.

**Honors Committee:** M. Boyle, committee chair, presented the report. The committee considered nominations for the Honors Award and the presentation of the awardee will take place today at the luncheon.

**Certification Board:** M Biel reported for K. Atkinson, the committee chair. There are currently 5 candidates in process for board certification. One person passed the oral examination this morning. M. Biel will replace K. Atkinson as Chair and 4-5 new members will be needed due to current members' terms ending. The main goal for this year is to increase the certification application pool.

**Old Business:**

- Association Development Services (A.D.S.) continues to serve as our management company.
- The new mission statement is now in place: "Enhancing the communicative lives of people affected by neurologic disorders."
- The website has been revamped.

**New Business**

- ANCDS is now an ASHA CEU provider.
- Recruitment/Marketing: Members are needed to help staff the booth in the ASHA Exhibit Hall. "Like" us on Facebook. Wear your ANCDS ribbon during the ASHA conference.
- The committee structure has been revised, which requires a by-laws revision. Look for a ballot coming to your email soon.
- The major strategic goal for 2017 is to increase membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 am Eastern.

Respectfully submitted,

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ANCDS Secretary