

**SDSLHA Executive Council Meeting Minutes
November 9th, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER: President Shelly Grinde called the meeting to order at 8:03 pm CT.

Members in attendance included: **Shelly Grinde**, President; **Kris Kelley**, Past-President; **Becky Cermak**, President-Elect and SMAC & STARS Rep.; **Carrie Quamen**, Secretary; **Kathleen Mays**, Treasurer; **Amanda Heibult**, VP of SLP; **Marni Johnson**, VP of Audiology; **Jennifer Schultz**, Advisory Councilor; and **Cristy Schaffan**, Membership Chair.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was emailed by Shelly prior to the meeting. Three topics were added; the teleconference by the Michigan Speech Language and Hearing Association, the 2010 convention and the MTI SLP-A program.

APPROVAL OF MINTUES FROM LAST MONTH: Minutes from the October 1st Association Business Meeting will be available on the website for member review and comments. These minutes will be approved at the 2010 Business Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/OLD BUSINESS:

1. Treasurer's Report: (Kathy)

Kathy emailed the current expense report and an overview of convention expenditures to the Council prior to the meeting. If any SDSLHA member would like to inquire about these reports, please email one of the Executive Council members. Shelly motioned to approve the treasurer's report as sent/Becky 2nd.

2. Continuing Education Report: (Shelly) ASHA CEU's have all been approved with one correction made to the national office.

One course currently registered: 2009 Focus on Multiple Sclerosis and Parkinson Disease, November 6-7, 2009, at Sanford.

3. Membership Report: (Cristy) We are looking at starting to compose renewal letters for 2010. The Executive Council agreed to draw for a \$25 gift card from those who renew by the deadline.

4. STARS/SMAC Report: (Becky) Nothing new to report. There will be a meeting next week at the ASHA convention. The new 2010 fee schedule is out and there are new audiology CPT codes. An email outlining these changes will be sent out after the ASHA convention.

5. SEALS Report: (Jamie) No report.

6. Student Representative: (Jennie) No report.

- 7. Advisory Council Report: (Jennifer)** Matthew Rumsey's appointment to the ASHA Audiology Advisory Council has been approved by the ASHA BOD. He will serve a 1-year term from January 1, 2010 to December 21, 2010.

SLP AC members are providing input for the SLP AC Chair to take to the ASHA BOD regarding what issues we see as being "critical" for the BOD to address at this time. Input will be taken until November 13, 2009.

The ASHA BOD met in October. As we deal with the new SLPA program at MTI and the future lapse in school certification for Bachelor's level SLPs in 2020, one item of particular importance to SLPs in SD is the development of a Professional SLP Continuum. The minutes of the meeting pertaining to this item are as follows:

“6. Professional SLP Continuum Report

At the August meeting, the Board of Directors asked ASHA staff to develop model state legislation and regulations that clearly establish a clinical service continuum for the professions of speech-language pathology and audiology specifying the training, clinical roles, responsibilities, and required supervision for individuals at the bachelor's and associate's educational levels.

An internal staff team including members from State Advocacy, SLP Health Care Services, SLP Schools Services, and Multicultural Affairs, reviewed current ASHA policies, as well as state laws and regulations, and provided a report focusing on the preliminary steps to establish a clinical service continuum. The report recommended establishing an ad hoc committee to develop a plan to provide guidance regarding the appropriate use of individuals with bachelor's degrees and non-certified individuals with master's degrees in ways that best protect and serve patients with communication disorders. The Board agreed that this is a good and necessary direction for the Association and that an ad hoc committee should be formed.”

- 8. Editor's Report: (Brittany)** Post convention newsletter was done on Friday - 11/6.
- 9. Strategic Plan:** Updates to the strategic plan are completed.

NEW/CONTINUING BUSINESS:

- 1. Convention Update:** The Executive Council discussed highlights and problem areas regarding the 2009 convention. The venue was well received, as were the gift bags. Participants liked receiving the flash drives ahead of time. This did save SDSLHA money; however, more copies than expected had to be made due to speaker cancellations and the need for participants to attend a different session. There were several negative comments on the evaluations regarding lack of food choices and speaker cancellations with subsequent room changes. Shelly did meet with Convention Center planners to devise a plan should this happen in the future. Another downfall was the large expense of equipment use at the Convention Center. One suggestion for

2010 was to schedule speakers who are selling products on Friday so that participants would have more time to review and purchase the products.

- 2. Results of the Elections:** Twenty ballots for 2009 officer elections were received with the new officers as follows: President Elect: Julie Carl; Vice President of Audiology: Teresa Fendrich; Treasurer: Liz DeVelder; Membership Chair: Cristy Schaffan. Congratulations.

The membership was given 30 days to review the proposed revision of the bylaws and a ballot to either accept or reject the proposed revision was sent out to Active members this past week.

- 3. Teleconference on Licensure:** The Michigan Speech Language and Hearing Association has offered interested members of the SDSLHA Executive Council to listen to a replay of their teleconference regarding their recent success with obtaining licensure. The teleconference will be free of charge unless one wishes to obtain CEUs. It was decided that any interested individuals will listen to the teleconference at their convenience.
- 4. 2010 Convention:** Becky announced that ASHA's President-Elect, Tommie Robinson, will be coming to the 2010 SDSLHA Convention free of charge to SDSLHA. Becky will ask him to consider giving the keynote address.
- 5. MTI SLP-A Program:** Jennifer indicated that several members of SDSLHA were wondering why the MTI SLP-A program was not discussed at Convention and were questioning SDSLHA's approval letter to the program. It was decided that another e-blast will be sent to the membership outlining the information that SDSLHA has regarding the program. At this time, neither the Board of Education nor MTI has consulted with any SDSLHA Executive Council Member regarding the planning and implementation of this program. SDSLHA would like to work with the DOE and MTI in ensuring the quality of the program and its graduates. The Executive Council decided that the SEALs representative (Kathy) will serve as chair of the School Affairs Committee, which will monitor the websites and activities of other agencies as they relate to speech language pathology or audiology. Members can learn more about the SLP-A program, to be implemented in the fall of 2010, on the MTI website.
- 6. NEXT MTG:** There will be no December meeting. Becky will send out a survey for times in January, 2010.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Shelly thanked all of the outgoing Executive Council members for their dedication.

ADJOURNMENT: Kris motioned to adjourn at 8:51 pm CT/Becky 2nd.