

**SDSLHA Executive Council Meeting Minutes
February 15th, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER: President Becky Cermak called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm MT/8:05 pm CT.

Members in attendance included: **Becky Cermak**, President; **Shelly Grinde**, Past-President; **Carrie Quamen**, Secretary; **Liz DeVelder**, Treasurer; **Amanda Heibult**, VP of SLP; **Teresa Fendrich**, VP of Audiology; **Matthew Rumsey**, Advisory Councilor; **Cristy Schaffan**, Membership Chair; and **Jennie Bellis**, Student Representative.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was emailed by Becky prior to the meeting and approved without additions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MONTH: Minutes from the January, 2009 meeting were emailed to the council by Carrie Quamen. Changes were suggested during the month and a revised version was emailed prior to this meeting. Liz motioned to approve the minutes with changes / Amanda 2nd.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/OLD BUSINESS:

1. Treasurer's Report: (Liz)

Liz emailed the current expense report and proposed 2010 budget to the board prior to the meeting. If any SDSLHA member would like to inquire about these reports, please email one of the board members. The proposed versus actual expenses for 2009 were discussed further prior to approval. Teresa motioned to approve the proposed 2010 budget and treasurer's report / Becky 2nd.

2. Continuing Education Report: (Shelly) Nothing new to report.

3. Membership Report: (Cristy) There have been 64 renewals as of today. Cristy will have Brittany send out an e-blast reminder of the March 1st deadline this week.

4. STARS/SMAC Report: (Becky) Nothing new to report. There is a meeting tomorrow night.

5. SEALS Report: (Kathy) Kathy sent in a recent request for priority topics for conference calls this year along with topics for Schools Conference in Las Vegas. The top 3 I turned in for both were:

1. State licensure
2. SLPA Programs
3. Telehealth

Our first phone conference call is not until March 2nd and our main agenda item is Telehealth Overview – by Janice Brannon, Director, State Special Initiatives.

I am interested in connecting with MTI regarding SLPA program – I just need a name/contact person and possibly an introduction. Maybe a committee?

6. **Student Representative: (Jennie)** Jennie is discussing ideas with NSSLHA officers regarding having a student track or other ways to increase student involvement at convention. One possibility is a “game show” themed activity.
7. **Advisory Council Report: (Jennifer, Matthew)** Nothing new to report for SLP or Aud. Advisory Councils.
8. **Editor’s Report: (Brittany)** Brittany is trying to get the next newsletter out by the last week of February. Please email her with ideas.

NEW/CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. **Convention Update:** Planning is going well. The Call for Papers will go out shortly. Becky asked that the Board forward the request to colleagues in /out of SD. We are doing well with securing speakers for speech, both for education and medical clinicians. Tommie Robinson will be here. Becky is thinking about having a social hour to meet him on Thursday night during convention. Tommie will probably be the keynote speaker on Friday. Becky and Teresa will visit more about securing audiology speakers, possibly looking at an ENT to do a medical update. The Board also discussed the benefit of continuing with the round tables or discontinuing them. In the past they have helped to reach the 15 awarded hours of CE activity; however, they were not well attended last year. The Board also initiated discussion regarding having one EC/Association combined meeting at convention or two distinct meetings.
2. **Electronic Registration (Convention/Dues):** Tiffny looked into several different companies to provide electronic registration for SDSLHA. The Board discussed costs/benefits to using an on-line payment service in addition to mail in registration. Tiffny will continue to explore some options and discuss the details with Becky.
3. **AC-Audiology Nomination:** Matt’s term is up at end of 2010. We need to submit a nomination for the 2011-2012 session. Matt agreed to be nominated for this term as well. Brittany will also open up nominations in the newsletter and the person w/the most nominations will serve on the Advisory Council for Audiology.
4. **Capitol Visit Update:** Becky and Amanda set up a SDSLHA booth for Children’s Day at the Capitol. It went well. Janet had sent earplugs and literature from ASHA. An article and pictures will be in the upcoming newsletter. There was a lot of positive feedback from legislators and supporters, with many people surprised that SLPs do not have licensure in SD. Becky will go to a cracker barrel meeting on Saturday to continue to get more information out there.

5. **Licensure Update:** Now that the member survey is complete, the next step is do a Q/A section on the website. Becky talked to Janet about a query box for people to post questions. Board members would answer the questions and post the response back on website. After this, the next step is to hold “town hall” meetings. Becky mentioned possibly applying for an ASHA grant to have meetings across the state. The most important thing that members can do at this time is visit with legislators during the off season so that when we submit a bill next year, they have an idea already of where we are at.
6. **Logo Update:** Shelly met Friday with SE Tech. students. They presented her with 30-35 designs. Shelly picked out 10 that she liked the best and will email Tony Conrad so he can send them to her in a format that can be forward to the Board. Each Board member will pick their top 5, and then members will vote from the top 3 Board picks.
7. **SLPA / MTI Update:** No update. Shelly has called Vicki Weiss from MTI and her calls have not been returned. Shelly will try again this week.
8. **NEXT MTG:** There will be no March meeting at this time. Becky will send out a doodle poll for April in mid March.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Matt motioned to adjourn at 7:48 pm MT/ 8:48 CT and Shelly 2nd.