

SDSLHA Executive Council Meeting Minutes January 15th, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: President Shelly Grinde called the meeting to order at 8:02 pm CT. Members in attendance included: Shelly Grinde, Kris Kelley, Becky Cermak, Jennifer Schultz, Carrie Quamen, Brittney Schmidt, Amanda Heibult, Cristy Schaffan, and Kathy Mays.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was emailed by Shelly prior to the meeting and approved as written.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINTUES FROM LAST MONTH: Minutes from the December 9th, 2008 meeting were emailed to the committee by Terri Kussart. Corrections were made. Becky motioned to approve the minutes with the corrections made/ Kris 2nd.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Treasurer's Report: (Kathy)** The final expense report for 2008, along with a proposed budget for 2009 were emailed to the council prior to the meeting. The Bank Balance as of 01/14/2009 was \$27,027.03, consisting of Savings (\$16,971.89) and Money Market (\$10,055.14). Kathy is looking other account options that may yield a higher interest rate. Shelly motioned to approve the 2008 expense report/Becky 2nd.
2. **Continuing Education Report: (Shelly)** Nothing new to report at this time.
3. **Membership Report: (Cristy)** The renewal cover letter is almost finished. The Council decided that that the deadline to qualify for the drawing will be March 1st, 2009. The drawing prize will be a \$25 Visa gift card.
4. **STARS/MICS Report: (Becky)** Medicare RAC's (Recovery Audit Contractor's) will possibly visit South Dakota. They are a third party hired by Medicare to perform chart audits. They are contractors, and their pay is directly related to the amount of dollars they found incorrect for Medicare billing. The more errors they find, the more money is potentially returned to Medicare, the more money the RAC's make. It is Becky's understanding that the RAC's can access charts as far back as October 2007. Please contact Becky with any questions.
5. **SEALS Report: (Jamie)** No report.
6. **Advisory Council Report: (Jennifer)** The previously named "Legislative Council" is now the "Advisory Council," with 2 separate councils - one for Speech Pathology and one for Audiology." The spring Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for March 20 - 22, 2009 at the Central Office. ASHA will pay all expenses for this meeting. She is waiting to hear from ASHA regarding travel arrangements. An additional half day meeting could be scheduled during the ASHA convention if needed. ASHA will not cover expenses for this meeting.
7. **Editor's Report: (Brittany)** The next SDSLHA "The Voice" newsletter will be disseminated in February. Any letters or information from board members, articles etc. should be sent to the editor on or before February 5th.

NEW/CONTINUING BUSINESS:

- 1. SDEA and Counselors Group:** The council had continued discussion regarding working with the counselor's group to obtain a stipend for school-based SLPs. Shelly has followed up with the SDEA, and they have indicated that they will support legislation and SDSLHA with their lobbyists. The President of the School Counselor's Association is also supportive of SDSLHA working with them to reach their goal.
- 2. GO to Meetings.com as Host for Conf. Calls:** Shelly discovered that this meeting system did not include toll free access and members may have to use their personal long distance to dial in. It was decided that the council will remain with the current host for the time being, but continue to explore other options.
- 3. Contract with Hearing Aid Dealers:** The Hearing Aid Dealers do not wish to contract with SDSLHA at the 2009 convention due to the convention move to the fall. They were concerned that they would not be able to get their CEUs in time.
- 4. Letter to SD Medicaid:** Amanda volunteered to draft a letter to Medicaid regarding reimbursement and the Birth to Three Program. Shelly will email Amanda a letter that the PT Association has sent out.
- 5. Facebook:** The council discussed using Face Book and possibly My Space as avenues to reach members and gather opinions regarding issues facing SLPs and Audiologists in SD. Cristy will add a question to the renewal letter regarding members' current use/interest in using these sites.
- 6. Presentation of 1ST Budget for 2009:** The council reviewed the presented 2009 budget and made revisions. There was a vote to leave dues at the current rate of \$45, increase e-blast fees to \$50, and increase web ad fees to \$25/month. Additional changes were made to various line items. The revised 2009 budget was emailed to the council during the meeting. Shelly motioned to approve the budget/Kris 2nd.
- 7. SLP-A Program:** MTI is considering starting an SLP-A program and has asked superintendents for support. Jennifer indicated that the SLP shortage committee will have a meeting on January 23rd to discuss this. Jamie will be in on this meeting. Shelly emailed Janet Deppe at ASHA regarding the issue and has not heard back from her yet. Shelly and Brittany will set up a meeting with Rebecca Cain (DOE) in February.
- 8. Convention:** Shelly is waiting to receive contracts back from several speakers and for a final commitment from Mike McKinnley (Key note speaker). She will be sending out the "call for papers" and is looking for members to present.

NEXT MTG: Thursday, February 19th at 8:00 pm CT

ANNOUNCEMENTS: none

ADJOURNMENT: Motioned at 9:09 pm CT by Shelly/ Becky 2nd.