

**SDSLHA Executive Council Meeting Minutes**  
**June 22nd, 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; and **Cristy Schaffan**, Membership Chair.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The agenda was emailed by Shelly prior to the meeting and approved with one addition.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINTUES FROM LAST MONTH:** Minutes from the May 27th, 2009 meeting were emailed to the committee by Carrie Quamen and changes were discussed. Shelly motioned to approve the minutes with changes noted/Kathy 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS/OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Treasurer's Report: (Kathy)**

Kathy emailed the current expense report to the board prior to the meeting. If any SDSLHA member would like to inquire about this report, please email one of the board members. Becky motioned to approve the treasurer's report as sent/Shelly 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**2. Continuing Education Report: (Shelly)**

The SDSLHA has been contacted by Sanford Rehabilitation Department to provide CE's for an event this fall. Further details to come once the final information is received.

**3. Membership Report: (Cristy)** We are now up to 125 renewed members. I sent out personal e-mails to all members from last year who have not yet renewed. I will wait a few days and then send out another one. ASHA members who are not members of SDSLHA were contacted with a convention registration brochure. The committee established a renewal deadline of July 1<sup>st</sup> for 2009 and March 1<sup>st</sup> for future years.

**4. STARS/SMAC Report: (Becky)**

STARS: Medicare is now accepting Speech-Language Pathology applications for reimbursement for Private Practice. At the May STAR meeting the Federal Healthcare Reform was discussed, and it was shared that ASHA has several people involved in the health care reform process, giving all Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists a voice on Capitol Hill. It was also reported that the New Jersey state legislature is working on mandated coverage for children who have autism. The June STAR meeting was planned to have Mark Kander discuss billing and reimbursement in regards to Vital-Stim with dysphagia therapy. I was unable to

attend this phone conference, but will provide a report when the minutes are available.

SMAC: Mark Kander recently sent out information regarding a scam alert for Medicare providers and suppliers. Mark stated that CMS recently released an alert about people posing as Medicare contractors to get information from Medicare providers. Private practice audiologists and speech-language pathologists should be vigilant. The alert states, "The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has become aware of a scam where perpetrators are sending faxes to physician offices posing as the Medicare carrier or Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC). The fax instructs physician staff to respond to a questionnaire to provide account information update within 48 hours in order to prevent a gap in Medicare payments. The fax may have the CMS logo and/or the contractor logo to enhance the appearance of authenticity. Medicare FFS providers, including physicians, non-physician practitioners, should be wary of this type of request. If you receive a request for information in the manner described above, please check with your contractor before submitting any information. Medicare providers should only send information to a Medicare contractor using the address found in the download section of the CMS.gov website found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNGenInfo/> or <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/>" All Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists should be aware of the potential scam.

**5. SEALS Report: (Jamie)** Nothing new to report.

**6. Advisory Council Report: (Jennifer)**

Amanda Heibult's name has been submitted to ASHA to receive free registration for the 2009 ASHA Convention in November. Members of the Advisory Council were asked to submit the name of an individual who has not attended the ASHA Convention previously. We are still waiting for a decision from ASHA regarding Matthew Rumsey's appointment to the unfilled Audiology AC seat. ASHA will notify us about this sometime after the current elections are completed.

**7. Editor's Report: (Brittany)** With the 2009 renewal deadline established as July 1<sup>st</sup>, the Council asked Brittany to remove unrenewed members from the e-blast list on July 31<sup>st</sup>. A membership renewal deadline of March 1<sup>st</sup> was established for future years, with removal of unrenewed members by April 1<sup>st</sup>. New members will be allowed to join SDSLHA throughout the year.

Because USD has changed their policy on granting credits to require that the 15 contact hours be over 3 days, the Council has decided to return to using USF for credit.

**8. Strategic Plan: Not Addressed.**

## **NEW/CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

- 1. Convention Update:** (A)The committee has been unable to find an audiology speaker for 2<sup>nd</sup> day of convention. (B)Tiffny and Shelly are meeting Monday 29th to go over menu. (C)Tiffny is starting to receive presentations from presenters to upload to jump drives. (D) Will do a book drive for Children's Miracle Network. (E) The committee is working on requesting items for a silent auction, prizes, a 50/50 drawing, and looking for break sponsorships. (F) CCHS will provide laptops again this year.
- 2. Licensure Update:** Becky emailed Janet Deppe regarding a survey to members regarding licensure. The survey used my Michigan does not fit our current needs. Shelly will email the Colorado State Association to see if they will share their survey.
- 3. Review of Bylaws:** Article III, Section 3; Article 5 and Article 6 were discussed with changes suggested. Plan on reviewing Articles VII and VIII at the next meeting.
- 4. Cutoff Date for Members:** As indicated above, the 2009 membership renewal deadline was set as July 1<sup>st</sup>, and March 1<sup>st</sup> was established as the renewal deadline for future years.
- 5. Update on Scott Munsterman:** Shelly met with him in Brookings and gave him information on SDSLHA. He is fully supportive of licensure and was instrumental in getting licensure and insurance reimbursement established for his current profession (chiropractics). He is also very concerned about the issues surrounding birth to three services.
- 6. NEXT MTG:** Shelly will set up a doodle survey for the July meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Shelly motioned to adjourn at 9:12 pm CT/Becky 2<sup>nd</sup> .