

SDSLHA Executive Council Meeting Minutes
June 10th, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: President Becky Cermak called the meeting to order at 8:00pm CT.

Members in attendance included: **Becky Cermak**, President and SMAC & STARS Rep. ; **Shelly Grinde**, Past-President; **Julie Carl**, President-Elect; **Carrie Quamen**, Secretary; **Liz DeVelder**, Treasurer; **Amanda Heibult**, VP of SLP; **Cristy Schaffan**, Membership Chair; **Kathleen Mays**, State Advocacy Education Leader and **Angela Schuster**, Student Representative.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was emailed by Becky prior to the meeting and approved following the removal the topic, "CD vs. Savings Account" and the addition of "CEs for Independent Study."

APPROVAL OF MINTUES FROM LAST MONTH: Minutes from the February, 2010 meeting were emailed to the council by Carrie Quamen. Julie motioned to approve the minutes/Liz 2nd.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/OLD BUSINESS:

1. Treasurer's Report: (Liz)

Liz emailed the current expense report to the board prior to the meeting. If any SDSLHA member would like to inquire about this report or receive a copy, please email one of the board members. Julie motioned to approve the treasurer's report as sent/Shelly 2nd.

2. Continuing Education Report: (Shelly) SDSLHA received approval from the ASHA CE board to continue as an ASHA provider until December 31, 2014.

3. Membership Report: (Cristy) Tiffany is going to update the website to reflect the \$30 late fee for 2010 memberships.

4. STARS/SMAC Report: (Becky) Nothing new at this time.

5. SEALS Report: (Kathy) Kathy Mays, Liz DeVelder and Becky Cermak attended the Mitchell Technical Institute Speech-Language Pathology Assistant Program Advisory Committee Meeting on May 26, 2010. The following summarizes discussions regarding the SLP-A program:

1. They are STRICTLY following ASHA's guidelines regarding their SLP-A program, requirements, suggestions, etc.
2. They are NOT going to offer medical SLP-A training. It will solely be a child-based program, geared towards SLP-A's working in the school system.

3. They agreed that the suggested salary range on their initial proposal was too high, and it was felt, as a group, that an SLP-A starting out would be between \$20K & \$24K a year, or perhaps earn an hourly wage like other paraprofessionals.
4. They were unaware of the “can of worms” regarding previous licensure/certification/political issues revolving around SLP’s in the state. There was a lot of conversation about licensure versus registering, speaking with the DOE about their thoughts regarding teacher certification versus registration, etc. They were VERY receptive and thought it would be great to have verbiage in our licensure law to include SLP-A’s.
5. They were also very excited to perhaps have an SLP-A membership level with the SDSLHA, and perhaps offer introductory courses at the convention for both graduate students, SLP-A’s as well as any other convention attendee that would like to attend said course(s).
6. They were very receptive to questions and comments. When I explained that several members had voiced their concerns to me about their fears of the SLP-A program, their question was “how do we fix that, how do we calm fears and educate the members of the SDSLHA”. We’ve got some ideas which include an e-blast to members, a session at the convention, word of mouth, etc., etc.
7. There was also a positive discussion centered on the curriculum, with changes, additions, and suggestions to what was originally planned.

The Schools conference in Las Vegas this July will have a SEAL’s meeting on Thursday, July 15th. Kathy is checking in to conference call abilities. They are also encouraging sending a sub to represent our state. Agenda items include:

1. Roles and Responsibilities of School SLP’s
2. Federal Activities Update and Highlights of ASHA’s Strategic Pathway to Excellence
3. Nevada’s Coalition Outreach Program
4. Roundtables – SLPA’s and Telepractice

Two new ASHA documents on the *Roles and Responsibilities of Speech-Language Pathologists in Schools* are available for ASHA members. The Position Statement and Professional Issues Statement documents replace the *Guidelines on the Roles and Responsibilities of the School-Based Speech-Language Pathologist* approved in 2000. These documents describe the critical roles and responsibilities that should provide the basis for speech-language services in schools to promote efficient and effective outcomes for students. The roles and responsibilities outlined in the documents reflect educational reform, evolving professional practices, and legal mandates. These policy documents will be important reference documents for school-based SLPs. The following members of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Roles and Responsibilities of the School-Based SLP developed the documents: Barbara Ehren (ASHA chair), Frances Block,

Catherine Crowley, Ellen Estomin, Sue Ann Goldman, and Susan Karr (ASHA ex officio). Vice President for Professional Practices in Speech-Language Pathology Brian Shulman (2006-2008) and Vice President for Speech-Language Pathology Practice Julie Noel (2009-2011) served as the ASHA monitoring vice presidents with contributions from ASHA staff member Deborah Adamczyk. Please go to the ASHA Web site at: <http://www.asha.org/docs/html/PI2010-00317.html>, <http://www.asha.org/docs/html/PS2010-00318.html> to access the documents.

6. **Student Representative: (Angela)** Angela introduced herself as the incoming USD NSSLHA president, replacing Jennifer Bellis as the Student Representative to SDSLHA. The board welcomed Angela.
7. **Advisory Council Report: (Jennifer, Matthew)** The AC did meet in March to discuss various issues facing the organization, including budget items, accreditation concerns, education and supervisory challenges. Matt and Jennifer met with the SD senators and representative Herseth-Sandlin to advocate for our patients and our professions. You can find informative briefs at the following website: <http://asha.org/advocacy/briefs-agenda/>. Articles and photos regarding the 2010 AC meetings and Capital Hill visits appeared in the Yankton P&D, the Hutchinson Herald and the Scotland Journal this spring. The 2011 AC meeting will be held March 24 - 27. The *HES Graduate Guide Survey 2008–09 Academic Year State-by-State Data on Graduate Education in Communication Sciences and Disorders* is available on the ASHA Website at <http://www.asha.org/academic/HES/HESDataReports.htm>. The report includes data on application, admissions, enrollment, graduation and first employment in graduate CSD education. This information may be of interest to the association as we pursue licensure and as the MTI SLPA program begins. Roles and Responsibilities of Speech Language Pathologists in Schools documents are now available for peer review on the ASHA website at <http://www.asha.org/docs/html/PI2010-00317.html>, <http://www.asha.org/docs/html/PS2010-00318.html>
8. **Editor's Report: (Brittany)** No report.

NEW/CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. **Convention Update:** *The Board discussed convention fees for the 2010 convention. The majority of members voted for "Option 2, with the addition of a change to also make member vs. nonmember registration fees increase by the same dollar amount if not registering by the early registration date. (This would increase the nonmember, non-early registration fee to \$300.) Becky motioned to approve the change, Julie 2nd. Becky also said that there will be a tract for school-based clinicians, a tract for medical-based clinicians, an audiology tract, and smaller "other/miscellaneous" tract in order to give members greater variety. *There are still a few open times for additional

presenters. *There will be no flash drives for handouts this year. Instead, the information will be posted on a members-only section on the SDSLHA website. *The board discussed setting up a membership table at convention for participants to pay their 2011 SDSLHA dues, find volunteer opportunities. Becky is looking into using “give-aways” as an incentive for participants to renew their dues during convention.

2. **Electronic Registration (Convention and Dues):** Tiffny and Becky are looking into using an online registration service for convention. This would possibly be open to participants in August and September. The Association may have to charge a small surcharge for registering on-line to cover the additional cost to Association. Because of this, the Council also discussed combining SDSLHA due payment with registration. Becky and Tiffny are also looking into online registration companies that will keep track of memberships, registrations, and provide website services.
3. **CEs for Independent Study:** There is a course in Rapid City that will be offered by the state DOE. Shelly is looking into offering CEUs for this, as one person would like to get independent CEUs. There is currently no fee provision for this. Becky moved that we approve \$50 as the fee, Liz 2nd.
4. **Convention Committee** Becky, Shelly, and Julie have been discussing the establishment of a committee to do the planning of the convention. With the change to a Fall convention, the timing of this responsibility has shifted from planning stages occurring during the President-Elect term to much of the planning being completed during the President term. In order to alter the Officer in charge of the Convention Committee, the current By-laws would need to be modified. Becky motioned to table the discussion, Carrie 2nd.
5. **Licensure Update:** There was a teleconference with Janet Deppe regarding the steps towards licensure on June 9th. The committee has hosted Town Hall meetings in Rapid city and Sioux Falls. A Town Hall meeting is scheduled in Pierre for June 27th at 2pm at the SDHS Activities Association conference room. An e-blast and ASHA Action Alert will be sent out to inform members of the Pierre meeting. After the meeting, the next step is to have five members from the licensure committee review licensure language from other states. Janet will send this information. Following their review, a proposed bill would be sent out to rest of committee, followed by the SDSLHA membership. There will be another ASHA Action Alert with the information/licensure language posted on the website for the public to review. The Licensure Committee has secured a Lobby Day on Monday, January 24, 2011 from 7:30 AM to 10:30 AM. SDSLHA will try to come up with something with our logo for their desk, using grant funds for these.
6. **Strategic Plan:** The plan was reviewed and updated, with several strategies met.
7. **SLPA/ MTI Update:** Please refer to the SEALS report.

8. Grant Funds: SDSLHA was awarded an ASHA personnel grant in the amount of \$8000 this year. SDSLHA will use some funds to work towards licensure by handing out tokens at Lobby Day and possibly purchasing a professional PSA and a SDSLHA banner. A portion of funds may be used for lobbying. Becky will consult with a lawyer regarding this first.

9. NEXT MTG: Becky will send out a doodle survey for a late July meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Becky thanked the Council for their support and dedication.

ADJOURNMENT: Becky motioned to adjourn at 9:13pm CT/ Carrie 2nd.