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*Hearing Loss Association of North Carolina
Board of Trustee's Meeting
Saturday – August 12, 2006
Heritage Greens – Greensboro, NC*

Voting Trustees (12) present:

Joan Black (At Large), Co-President
Steve Barber (HLA-Wake), Co-President
Janet McGettrick (HLA-Wake), Vice President
Beverly Elwell (HLA-Charlotte, Secretary
Dianna Attaway (HLA-Hendersonville), State Coordinator
John Black (At Large)
Cynthia Harmon (At-Large)
Lorene Roberson (At Large)
Ruth Miller (HLA-Chapel Hill)
Bill Crowley (HLA-Triad)
Bill Shugart (HLA-Triad)
Richard Wilson (HLA-Triad)

Non-voting Members/Guests present:

Vicki Pinson, CAN-CSDHH
Andria Jones, CAN-CSDHH
Julie Bishop, HLA-Wake
Jeff Mobley, HOH Program Coordinator-DSDHH
Susan Wilson, HHSS-Charlotte RC
Kay Satterwhite, HHTS-Raleigh RC
Karen Caputo, HHSS-Wilson RC
Judith Pittillo, HHSS-Asheville RC
Kim Calabretta, Sprint CapTel Account Manager-Relay NC

Voting Members (4) Regrets:

By message:

Wayne Giese (HLA-Morganton), Past President
Myra White (HLA-Charlotte)
Pamela Jackson (HLA-Lake Norman), Treasurer

No message:

Sandy Burnette (Parent of HI Child)
Hal Van Pelt (HLA-Lake Norman)
Rachael Ragin (HLA-Chapel Hill)
Dare Carden (HLA-Durham)

Other regrets:

Pam Piretti, HHSS-Wilmington RC

PRINTED MATERIAL DISTRIBUTED:

1. Powerpoint Notes for August 12, 2006 meeting
2. Draft of Minutes of May 6, 2006 meeting

Call to Order of Board of Trustees Meeting /Meeting Protocol: **Joan Black**

The Annual Meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Co-President Joan Black; she asked that members and guests take advantage of the ALDs, and look at the **Agenda** on the Powerpoint Presentation to see the gameplan. Special thanks were given to Jeff Mobley for bringing the ALDs, and to Vicki Pinson & Jean Deese, with the Communication Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, for providing Computer Assisted Notetaking. Co-President Joan Black asked that we go around the table and tell who we are and which chapter/area we represent.

Joan then began the meeting with *A Tribute to Mimi Clifford:*

Joan had just spoken with Mimi the previous Monday, telling her what's going on with HLA-NC and about the upcoming 2007 Conference. She indicated that she might not be able to participate; she died on Wednesday. Mimi was a founding trustee of NC SHHH in 1987; co-chair of the 1995 Conference, and Trustee Emeritus. She helped found the Durham Chapter, was a several-term member of the NC Council for the D/HH as a hard of hearing consumer, served on the advisory board for the NC MH Council for the D/HH, founded and ran the Beyond-Hearing Listserve which had nationwide attention; founded and ran the Service Dogs Listserve, and in 1990 was inducted into the Disability Hall of Fame, a nationwide honor. Jeff Mobley suggested that a written tribute on Mimi be sent to the National Office.

Minutes of May 6, 2006

Beverly Elwell

Secretary Beverly Elwell presented the **Minutes of the May 6, 2006 meeting**. Only a few copies of the minutes were available to read; they were not posted on the webpage prior to the meeting. Beverly mentioned 1 correction for sure – on the first page, under Regrets, Pam's last name is Piretti; she is the HHSS in the Wilmington RC. Beverly asked that this section of the meeting be kept open so that the trustees could indicate corrections. A corrected draft will be placed on the webpage.

Resolution regarding State Employees

Joan Black/Steve Barber

“State government employees in jobs related to hearing loss may be selected by normal HLA-NC procedures to serve as Trustees of HLA-NC, if their management does not disapprove. To preclude any conflict of interest:

- They may not serve in the executive positions of President or Vice-President
- They will abstain from any vote that might present a conflict of interest
- They are responsible for assuring that any action as a Trustee does not present a problem in their place of work”

After discussion, a vote on this resolution was tabled as it was felt that it might not be inclusive enough. Jeff Mobley stated that DSDHH would work with the executive board to help build on the intent of the resolution.

2007 Officer Discussion

Joan Black/Steve Barber

There was a discussion on the succession of officers for 2007, which is very important because of the upcoming 2007 Conference. Steve and Joan agreed to serve as co-presidents again. Pamela and Beverly agreed to serve as Treasurer and Assistant. Beverly asked not to serve as Secretary. Janet indicated that she did not feel a VP was really needed since we have Co-Presidents and would not be willing to serve again until role is clearly identified. Someone to serve as Secretary will need to step forward. Officers will be elected at the General Meeting, to be held in November 2006.

Conference Planning

Regarding the DSDHH involvement with the conference, Jeff Mobley reported:

- That he will be the liaison from DSDHH
- The 7 HHSS with DSDHH will be the point people for the 2007 Conference. Other staff with DSDHH will also be involved; looking at about 5 hours a week per staff.
- The division will not be able to offer as much *financial support* for this conference as they did in 1995, but can offer creativity, manpower, and other things. The different programs in the division will be providing support through setting up booths, such as DSDHH/TANC, Relay NC, and CapTel. The division can help with promotional items to be given out, and can help out with using statewide newsletters to advertise the event.
- Director Jan Withers feels that we can seek support from any agency under the Department of Health and Human Services, such as DOA, VR, OES, DSB, MH, and also DPI.
- DSDHH would like to sponsor the keynote speaker.
- DSDHH/TANC would like to provide the conference bags.

Joan asked if the DSDHH could provide interpreting services and CAN as that is a high cost item and the division already has access to that area of expertise. Jeff will ask. Also, what about ALDs?

Lorene stated that one of the biggest money making project for the last conference was the silent auction.

Kim stated that we need to solicit companies for sponsorship monies.

Jeff stated that Pam Lloyd, the TANC Coordinator has asked that an exhibit packet be developed for the exhibitors, i.e. 2 free registrations along with the cost of exhibiting.

Where We are Regarding the Conference

- Sprint offered up to \$7,000 to be used to put on a conference in 2007
- HLA-NC Board of Trustees gave unanimous support at the May 6th meeting
- DSDHH offered their support in putting on a conference
- UNC Speech and Hearing Clinic volunteered to 'sponsor' the conference in reserving the Friday Center and offering volunteers to help at the registration site
- Tentatively set for 2-days in September

Lunch Break:

Broke for lunch at 12:10 pm.

Came back from lunch at 1:15 pm

Choosing a Conference Name

- Beyond Hearing Loss, Making the Connection
- Beyond Hearing, Making the Connection
- Beyond Hearing Loss, New Directions
- Successful Hearing Loss, Connecting to the Future
- Making Connections, New Connections & New Directions
- Making Connections, A Conference for ...
- New Directions, A Conference for ...
- Beyond Hearing 2007, Making Connections; New Directions

Who We Want to Target

- People with hearing loss
 - HLAA members
 - General public
- Parents of children with hearing loss
 - AG Bell Assn
 - BEGINNINGS
 - OES
 - DPI
- Professionals involved with Hearing Loss
 - Audiologists
 - Speech-Language Pathologists
 - Hearing Aid Dealers/Distributors
 - Educators
 - Social Workers
 - Medical Professionals (including emergency)
 - Law Enforcement
 - 911
- Students
 - Educators
 - Audiologists
 - SLPs
- State Legislators
- State/Agency Employees
 - NC Office on Disability and Health
 - VR
 - MH
 - Statewide Independent Living Centers
 - GACPD
 - NC DOA
 - NC-DAN
 - AARP



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- DPH
- OES
- DPI
- Federal Government
 - USPO
 - SS Administration
- Churches
- Retirement Centers

Resources Needed

- Trustees of HLA-NC
- Chapter members
- DSDHH and RCs
- State Agencies
- Other Volunteers
- Corporate and Individual Sponsors

First Take on Scheduling

- May 2006 – Commitment made to have a conference
- Aug 2006 – Kickoff on conference planning; setting up committees
- Nov 2006 – Continued conference planning
- Dec 2006 – Programs/Speakers identified
- Jan 2007 – Publicity materials made available
 - Webpage
 - Vendor invitations
 - Registration invitations
- May 2007 – Hospitality material made available
- Jul 2007 – Programs printed
- Aug 2007 – Accessibility ready
- Sep 14-15, 2007 – Conference (Friday and Saturday)

Committees Needed

- Conference Planning Team
 - Joan, Steve, Kim, Jeff, Jack Roush with UNC
- Financial
 - Beverly, Pamela, and possibly HLA-Charlotte
- Publicity
 - Steve, Dianna, Judith
- Programs/Speakers
 - Steve, Joan, Jeff, Kim, Cynthia, Susan
- Vendors/Exhibitors
 - Julie, Lorene, Karen, Susan
- Accessibility
 - John, RCs
- Hospitality
 - Kay, Janet, Ruth, and local HLA chapters

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- Silent Auction
 - Lorene, Karen

Other Stuff

- Need to set up CEUs
- Next meeting will be November 4th.

Adjournment of Meeting:

Steve and Joan adjourned the Board of Trustees' meeting at 2:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Elwell
December 29, 2006