

*Hearing Loss Association of North Carolina
Board of Trustee's Meeting
Saturday – November 4, 2006
Self Help Center – Greensboro, NC*

Voting Trustees (10) present:

Joan Black (At Large), Co-President
Steve Barber (HLA-Wake), Co-President
Beverly Elwell (HLA-Charlotte, Secretary
Pamela Jackson (HLA-Lake Norman), Treasurer
John Black (At Large)
Cynthia Harmon (At-Large)
Ruth Miller (HLA-Chapel Hill)
Dianna Attaway, State Coordinator
Bill Crowley (HLA-Triad)
Lorene Roberson (At Large)

Non-voting Members/Guests present:

Vicki Pinson, CAN-CSDHH
Jean Deese, CAN-CSDHH
Julie Bishop, HLA-Wake
Dawn Diaz, HLA-Wake
Jeff Mobley, HOH Program Coordinator-DSDHH
Kay Satterwhite, HHSS-Raleigh RC
Susan Wilson, HHSS-Greensboro RC

Voting Members (4) Regrets:

By message:

Wayne Giese (HLA-Morganton), Past President
Bill Shugart (HLA-Triad)
Janet McGettrick (HLA-Wake), Vice President
Richard Wilson (HLA-Triad)

No message:

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

Other regrets:

Judith Pittillo, HHSS-Asheville RC
Karen Caputo, HHSS-Wilson RC

Pam Piretti, HHSS-Wilmington RC
Kim Calabretta, Sprint CapTel Account Manager-Relay NC

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1. Treasurer's Report as of November 4, 2006
2. Report of Potential Exhibitors/Vendors & Exhibitors Committee

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

The Board of Trustees Meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m. by Co-President Joan Black; she asked that members and guests take advantage of the ALDs, and view the PowerPoint Presentation as the Agenda. 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.

Minutes of August 12, 2006 Meeting **Beverly Elwell**

Secretary Beverly Elwell verbally presented a review of the Minutes of the August 12, 2006 meeting, as there were no copies and they had not been placed on the webpage for members to read prior to the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: **Pamela Jackson**

First, Treasurer Pamela Jackson presented, as information, the **Treasurer's Report as of August 1, 2006**, reporting a balance of \$4,439.75 because she was unable to be at that meeting at the last minute and the report did not get out to the membership early enough. Since the May 6th meeting, there was a \$200 check written as a donation to the HLAA, which has not yet cleared. There was a \$100 donation from the Durham Chapter for the 2007 Conference. There was a deposit of \$100 for a 1-year banner ad from Stratford Hearing Aid Center. Then, Pamela presented the **Treasurer's Report as of November 4, 2006**, reporting a balance of \$4,584.75, which represents a \$45 donation in honor of Mimi Clifford, and a deposit of \$100 for a 1-year banner ad for Hearing Impaired.Net. The only outstanding check is still the \$200 donation to HLAA. Both reports were accepted as presented.

General Conference Planning **Joan Black/Steve Barber**

- Online discussion with trustees agreed to go with 2007 Conference on September 14-15, 2007 at the Friday Center in Chapel Hill
- Flyers have been created and are on our webpage
- Jeff Mobley:
 - DSDHH printed up 500 flyers that were placed in bags for the NC Conference on Aging
 - DSDHH sponsored interpreter services for this conference with the understanding that the Division on Aging would help towards sponsorship of the 2007 Conference.
 - Had a planning meeting on October 11th to plan programs. DSDHH has invited Sam Trychin to be the keynote speaker. They are also asking his wife, who is an audiologist, if she will do a session or two. Michael Harvey (\$2000 + expenses),

Carol Flexer (\$900 + expenses), and Terry Portis (travel and hotel expenses) have also been invited to be speakers.

- He is now the DSDHH's rep to the EHDI Advisory Board and will be sure that the folks there know about the 2007 Conference.
- DSDHH has committed to making sure ALDs will be available. DSDHH is not committed to providing CAN operators in every room; finance committee needs to find sponsorships for that.
- Director Jan Withers of DSDHH will send out letter requesting support from the other division directors of DHHS. She will also ask support from other state agencies.
- Feels that Rachael Ragin with DPI might sponsor Carol Flexer as a speaker.
- Karen Caputo:
 - Allied Health Consortium will do the CEUs; have to have all our speakers and their credentials and how long the presentations will be and then we can apply. There will be a \$250 administration fee, and then a flat fee of \$75 for certificates and \$10 per person.
 - There is a \$40 application fee for the NC Hearing Aid dealers and Fitters Board. If we handle it ourselves, then there are no other fees.
- ✓ Motion was made, seconded, and carried to commit to speakers that have been already contacted, those being Sam Trychin, Michael Harvey, Carol Flexer and Terry Portis.
- ✓ Motion was made, seconded, and carried to commit to no more than \$300 to pay for the administration fees for CEU setup.
 - Pamela will give Joan 2 signed, blank checks to take care of these items.
- Joan Black:
 - Carolyn Brown with CCCDP agreed to present. Jack Roush with the Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences said he could bring speakers in. Melanie Harrison of UNC-CH said that she would be happy to present.
- Susan Wilson:
 - Suggested that Dr. Tucker at UNCG, who is working with tinnitus, be contacted to speak.

Specific Conference Planning

- Jeff Mobley:
 - We need to determine the tracks of the conference so that we can fit speakers into those tracks. The Program Committee could work on this.
 - There will be a Program Committee meeting at the DSDHH office in December
 - Also need to determine the timing of the sessions and how many rooms we will need.
 - It would be good to have a reception on Friday evening and Terry Portis could be the speaker.

Lunch Break:

Broke for lunch at 12:30 pm.

Came back from lunch at 1:30 pm

12:30-1:30 p.m.

Vendors/Exhibitors Committee Report

Julie Bishop

- Committee has met twice so far and will meet again this month near the Friday Center to check out the layout of the conference and exhibit areas.
- Handed out a **List of Potential Exhibitors**, which pretty much came from the National HLAA Conference and also from last year's SERID Conference. We need contact information for these entries; also need to know of other suggestions
- Need to nail down the costs for profit and nonprofit entries. Also need to ask the Friday Center about rules and regulations relating to what's permissible, for example, poster presentations? We already know that sells cannot occur.

More on Specific Conference Planning

- Joan Black:
 - Need to find out about Liability Insurance; perhaps can piggyback onto National's policy.
 - Asking for call for papers during January so that we can notify people in February. Need to decide if speakers will have to pay registration fee.
 - Maybe could issue an 'exhibit hall pass' only for those that don't want to attend the conference but do want to attend the exhibits.

Conference Name

- Steve Barber:
 - Focus on Hearing
Technology, Strategies, Partnerships
 - Need to figure out how to distribute brochure

Silent Auction

- Lorene Roberson:
 - Committee has met; waiting to see how the conference will pan out. Have a 'format' in place.

Final Announcements:

Joan Black

Because we did not send out a letter to the general membership to announce the Annual Meeting, we will have to table the Annual Meeting until next time. Secretary Beverly Elwell will write a letter to the general membership and we will schedule the Annual Meeting for sometime in February 2007. We also need to come up with a list of nominations for officers for 2007. Also, Beverly will submit paperwork to the Secretary of the State and to National for our name change.

Adjournment of BOT Meeting:

Steve and Joan adjourned the Board of Trustees' meeting at 3:00 pm.

Online Meeting Discussion since Adjournment of BOT Meeting:

Steve Barber recommended that Julie Bishop from the HLA-Wake Chapter be appointed as a Trustee to HLA-NC. The discussion ran for a week, and a majority of the Trustees accepted Julie's appointment, effectively immediately.



Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Elwell
January 26, 2007

HLA-NC is a non-profit organization of volunteers representing people with hearing loss in North Carolina.

HLA-NC is a State Association of the Hearing Loss Association of America.