



Association of College Educators – Deaf & Hard of Hearing

Fall 2005 Newsletter

Conference Information

A Note from our Program Chair, John Luckner:

Start Planning

Time to start thinking about what you want to present at the 2006 ACE D/HH conference.

Hotel Information

We have reserved a block of 80 rooms at the Denver Marriott City Center for the conference. The hotel has recently completed a 6 million dollar total renovation. The rate for rooms is \$109.00. The hotel is located adjacent to the 16th Street pedestrian mall, in the heart of Denver. You will enjoy leisure time with a variety of restaurants, microbrewery pubs, theaters, and other downtown activities all within walking distance of the hotel. In addition, outstanding skiing and snowshoeing is available an hour and one-half away. You can fly into Denver International Airport and take one of the numerous shuttle services right to the hotel. The current rate of the shuttle is \$15.00 - \$18.00 each way and they run every 15 minutes. You can gather more information about the hotel by going to: <http://marriott.com/property/propertypage/DENDT>

Conference Logo:



Treasurer's Report

Hello Everyone!

Our Current Balance is \$38,440.26. The only real expenditure that we have had this summer is the fees for Susan Lenihan and Nancy Benham to attend the IACET workshop in Washington, D.C. so we could pursue the idea of giving Continuing Education Credits for our programs. We have also incurred expenses in pursuing our non-profit status and incorporation of nearly \$200.00. I am awaiting the accountant's bill as well.

Currently we are incorporated in the state of Florida under document N05000006794 and we are awaiting our non-profit status. I anticipate we will receive that in the very near future (perhaps, next month).

Margaret

Highlights from the **COUNCIL ON EDUCATION OF THE DEAF BOARD MEETING February 22, 2005 Banff, Canada**

Members in attendance: Dr. Karen Dilka (ACE-DHH); Dr. Thomas Jones (CED Program Evaluation Director), Dr. Jay Innes (NAD); Joe Finnegan (CEASD); Dr. Kevin Miller (CEC/DCDD); Dr. Todd Houston (AGB); Dr. Kathy Obenhaus (CAID); Cathy Rhoten (President); Dr. Roz Rosen (CED Executive Director); Roger Williams (ASDC); Sherry Williams (ASDC); Dr. Lynn Woolsey (ACE-DHH) and Dr. Carme Yarger (CEC/DCDD).

- 1) Cathy Rhoten is the new CED President.
- 2) Progress was made on the Strategic Plan. Major topics included:
 - a. The need for visibility at meetings. Advisory Board members need to go to conferences representing CED. Roz Rosen presented on CED at this ACE-DHH conference.
 - b. Key questions for the Strategic Plan:
 - i. Who is CED?
 - ii. Should CED change? Why? Are certificates still needed?
 - iii. CED currently certifies professionals and endorses teacher-training programs. Should CED do more?
 - iv. CED has been approached by ASLTA to certify ASL teachers.
 - v. What part will CED play in the ACE-DHH project grant Join Together?
 - c. The following topics came up for discussion:

Providing CEUs for workshops and we need a model

Developing a National Teacher of the Deaf Conference

The effects of No Child Left Behind on teachers without secondary specialties

Distance learning and online resources

Failure to attract diversity in teachers of the deaf

Advertising for new certificates and those with whom we have lost touch.

Presentations on CED certification at NASDSE, CEC and other regional, state and local conferences

- 3) Five College/University program reviews were approved:
 - a. Canisius College
 - b. Converse College:
 - c. Southwest Missouri
 - d. University of Arizona
 - e. University of Tulsa

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Dilka

ACE-DHH General Business Meeting 1
Friday, February 24, 2005

Tony called the meeting to order at 8:15AM

Kate Reynolds & Maryann Bibby made some housekeeping announcements.

Karen Stein called for approval of the minutes from the 2004 conference. The reading of them was dispensed with, and the membership voted to approve the minutes without discussion.

Margaret Finnegan gave the Treasurer's report.

We currently have approximately \$37,000 in the treasury and have already paid out \$20,000 for the conference. We

are in good financial shape. We need to ask people to please pay their late fees (for late registration). Maryann Bibby has raised approximately \$15,000 in donations toward the conference as well. This will help us keep the cushion we have right now. (All Canadian universities and the Canadian Association of the Deaf contributed.)

One issue of concern is the need to look at our formal status as an organization. Right now there seems to be some thought that we don't really have one. We need to look into how to set ourselves up as an official nonprofit organization. We may need to pay a tax accountant to advise us on this. Allan Marvelli asked if we were legally incorporated. Deb Haydon reported that we never were. Allan commented that getting 5013C nonprofit status is relatively easy to do and to maintain; we simply have to keep books and do what the state requires in terms of filing income tax forms. So, deciding on what state to do it in is an issue because each state has different requirements. It was recommended that we have someone look into it and get it done now because it will have an impact on other things we want to do.

It was moved and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. The membership voted to do so.

The Legislative Committee report was given by Kate Reynolds. The committee has been very active this year; there have been lots of changes in IDEA in the states. The information regarding this will be made available on the website.

Ed Marlatt reported on the activities of the Awards Committee. This year the membership voted on 2 awards. The

Lifetime Achievement Award was voted on for the second year, and the Sister Mary Delaney Award will be presented again for the eighth time. Both awards will be presented to the winners tomorrow night at the banquet.

Karen Dilka reported on the activities of CED, as the ACE-DHH representative to that organization. She reported that the new CED president is Kathy Rhoten. She said that at the Tuesday Board meeting 5 programs were approved. CED discussed offering CEUs. They established a committee to look at doing this with representatives from many different organizations. Karen noted that there has always been good communication between CED and ACE-DHH. She reported that they have done some strategic planning for developing the role of their organization, and had discussed the benefit to having more regular communication in between Board meetings.

Deb Haydon reported on the Membership Committee. We currently have 110 on the membership list. We need to vote on the following positions: President-Elect, Treasurer, Membership committee chair and Awards committee chair. Deb asked for nominations from the floor as we only have 1 person running for each position. They are:
Deb Haydon for President-Elect
Karen Dilka for Treasurer
Kathleen Whitesell for Membership
Ed Marlatt for Awards

Ed stated that Deb Stryker and Ann Powers want to be on the awards committee.

Margaret Finnegan was nominated to run for Treasurer, and her name was added to the ballot. Nominations were

closed and the ballots were distributed. The question of whether or not we had a quorum was raised. It was stated that to have a quorum, we had to have half of the members registered for the conference present (45 out of 90), but that the president could rule that we did indeed have a quorum, and the membership could then challenge that ruling should they choose to. Tony Martin then ruled that a quorum was present for this vote. (No other votes would be asked for at this time.)

There were no challenges. New names were added to the ballot (Margaret Finnegan for Treasurer, and Deb Stryker and Ann Powers for Awards Committee members.) The vote was taken, and the ballots were collected.

Pam Luft reported on the research she had been doing regarding the organization by-laws and the non-profit status issue. She has researched past minutes and newsletters that address these topics. She reported that the consensus was that the by-laws were created so we could join CED, and were approved in Oregon, but we do not have non-profit status right now. There seems to be general agreement that we need to have some government recognized status (nonprofit.) There was discussion on the potential ramifications of applying for non-profit status. It may mean that we are then required to file taxes. Do we want to have nonprofit status or remain as a self-governing organization? The decisions about by-laws will depend on what is decided regarding our organizational status. Tom Jones commented that having non-profit status would then enable us to better solicit donations, since donors would be able to claim them as a tax deduction. It was also remarked that it would be important

to have non-profit status in dealing with our increasing revenue stream. There was some confusion as to whether we had ever had non-profit status in the past, and if we would be applying for it, or renewing it. Tony said that we would vote on this issue at the Saturday business meeting. Allan Marvelli said we could get into trouble if we don't apply for non-profit status and we keep getting in money. He also recommended investigating if we should be incorporating. Allan moved that we go ahead and spend some money to investigate the legal issues of becoming a government-recognized organization. Bill Brelje said that he would ask his son (a lawyer) to advise us on this matter. Shelly Popson shared her experience concerning this issue with another organization. She said the IRS advised them to organize as a new organization; the cost is minimal and getting a 5013C is simpler if you do it as a new organization, rather than coming in with some history. She said they did use a legal advisor and found it to be very helpful. Karen Dilka agreed, based on her experience with the same kind of situation. She suggested that we may also want to do an annual or biannual audit. Pam Luft said that we are required to do a 2-year by-law review so that might fit with the idea of conducting a 2-year audit. Allan's motion was seconded and passed with no further discussion, so a vote on this issue will not be needed on Saturday.

Nancy Benham, Susan Lenihan and Harold Johnson then presented information on the proposal for ACE-DHH to conduct a 2-year pilot project investigating the possibility of offering continuing education units. The purpose for the project would be to investigate if

we can offer CEUs online and face-to-face, since so many professionals are required to have continuing education in order to keep their certification, but there aren't very many available that are relevant. This organization has the expertise to do it. The project will explore a variety of formats for offering the CEUs, including virtual video conferencing, our annual conference, virtual study research projects, virtual study groups, product development, and others. In addition, other agencies would be able to offer ACE-DHH CEUs for attendance at their conferences. This would be a good time to do this since we have great benefits from the grant. The proposal states that for the 2-year pilot study, the group will volunteer as the first committee and at the end of the 2 years they will be asked to make it a formal committee with elected members. They will be going through IACET (International Association of Continuing Education and Training) a continuing education approval agency used by different organizations in many states. They have rigorous requirements, which, if they are met, would enable us to get a 5 year renewable approval.

Karen Dilka reported that CED is also looking at doing this and suggested collaborating with them in this process. Susan Lenihan expressed concern that it takes a long time for things to move forward in CED, and ACE-DHH is set up to be able to do the pilot study now. We can work with them collaboratively and then consider backing off and giving it to them if it looks like that would be better later, but we can get started right now. We should take advantage of the opportunities we have with the grant so we might be able to begin offering CEUs in the coming fall. Pam asked how

many states would accept this. Susan stated that IACET may be a better accepted organization; a lot of school districts do accept it. The group will be doing further investigation and they will do some marketing to get it better accepted. Deb Haydon said that CED should be the accrediting agency for our group. She encouraged collaboration with CED since it may carry more weight with the states. She also noted that doing this would generate more revenue and that would be messy until we get the organization's status worked out.

She suggested that the ACE-DHH group could do the work, but they should do it through CED. Susan said collaborating with CED would be fine, but we don't want to postpone moving ahead on this. She questioned whether CED is really that well recognized. John Luckner said that most states do not recognize CED. Pam Luft said she felt it was important that we do link up with a nationally recognized agency. Susan reiterated her concern that if we wait for them to take action, it won't happen. Tom Jones said that CED is better organized now and it should be able to move faster. Harold said that our organization has the most expertise and we will be the ones doing the work and paying for it. It is a pilot, if it does not work, then we don't have to continue it

Discussion continued on this topic. Allan stressed the need to move forward, adding that we can then see if CED wants to accept what we have done. Susan stated that there will be a charge for the CEUs during the pilot project, so it is important to get the organizational status issue settled. John Luckner said reiterated the benefits to doing this now:

- We have professionals who can do the work
- The grant can help pay for some of the cost
- The infrastructure is in place through the grant
- There is a great need for relevant professional development opportunities

Harold presented financial plans for the project:

- ACE-DHH will be asked to pay \$4,000-5,000 up-front
- Individuals will be charged \$35 per CEU
- 1 CEU credit=10 face-to-face hours
- CEUs will be offered at 3 different levels-
 - Levels 1 & 2 will be face-to-face. The presenters will be paid, and ACE-DHH will get a % back.
 - Level 3 will be offered on-line with a minimum of 30 participants required. Presenters will be paid \$1000, plus a possible additional \$500 if the presentation is related to the grant.
- ACE-DHH could get some nice income from the project.
- At the end of the first year, the group (headed by Nancy Benham) will share information on what it costs ACE-DHH.

Shelly Popson commented that now is a good time to move on this since districts seem to be willing to hire outside experts to do professional development. She added that, in her experience with on-line offerings, she thought 30 students were way too many to be able to handle.

Harold said that number could be changed, and also, that we could use university students as assistants. Nancy asked that everyone read the material distributed in the registration packets regarding this project since we will be voting on it at the Saturday business meeting. Roz Rosen congratulated the committee on taking the lead in this effort and said that CED is ready to work with them on it. She proposed a friendly amendment that 1-2 representatives from CED be included on the committee, Karen Dilka and another member.

Deb Haydon announced the results of the election:

Deb Haydon-President-Elect
Margaret Finnegan-Treasurer
Kathleen Whitesell-Membership
Committee Chair
Ed Marlatt, Chair and Ann
Powers & Deb Stryker,
members-Awards Committee

John Luckner announced that next year's conference would be held at the Marriott in downtown Denver. He will give a short presentation about it at the banquet. The dates are set for February 16-19.

Tony asked for any proposals for the 2007 conference.

- Dee Klein wants to bring it to Pittsburgh, but not in February. She suggested changing it to later in April or May when there are wonderful outdoor things to do. Ed expressed concern that it would be too close to finals and graduation.
- Karen Dilka and Deb Haydon proposed returning to Lexington, Kentucky

- Ed Marlatt, speaking for Barb Strausman and Carol Goodman suggested having the conference in New York City.

No other proposals were made. The membership will be asked to vote on this at the Saturday business meeting.

Tony called to close the meeting. (9:52)

General Business Meeting **February 2005**

Tony opened the meeting.

He announced the officers for next year.

Items for Vote:

Allen's motion that we check into our organizational status passed. Now we need to move to allow the Executive Committee to put a committee together to look into that. It was so moved and passed without discussion. A decision on the committee will be made at the Executive Committee meeting tomorrow morning.

Proposal for ACE-DHH to offer CEUs:

There was discussion concerning Roz's proposed amendment to have CED representatives on the committee for this pilot project. (Karen Dilka and Carme Yarger were suggested.) It was suggested that this does not have to be part of the motion because anyone can be on the committee as long as they are members of ACE-DHH. Pam Luft stated that Roz was hoping that CED could be involved with it. Ed said that should not be a problem. Harold read from the project proposal regarding finances. He estimated the cost to ACE-DHH will be around \$5000, and reiterated that the Join Together Grant will cover much of the cost. If it is

successful, we should get a significant amount of money back. He stated that the grant cannot pay for the site visitors or for some other costs; it can only pay for what is listed within the scope. Karen Dilka stressed that first ACE-DHH needs to clear up their status before getting into activities that will generate income. Harold agreed, adding that it shouldn't take long to get that settled. We cannot collect funds until we reestablish nonprofit status. Pam Luft said we can't be sure how long that will take.

Margaret said that the organization is in good financial shape. We have money in the bank and a good membership base. We need to talk about formalization and find out what the best way is for us to formally become an organization. That needs to be done first, before we can consider offering CEUs, and we don't know how long that will take or what we will have to do to get it done. Harold commented that we don't want to wait; we need to move ahead so everything is in place once we do get the organization issue settled. Mark Rust again brought up the idea of collaboration with CED. Harold said that the primary purpose of the project is to improve the quality of teacher preparation and that is our job. He added that not very many of the posted job listings seem to require CED certification, and cautioned that perhaps we don't want to tie ourselves to one organization. Mary Compton said she feels we can't afford to wait until the next time we can vote. The motion to go forward with the pilot project was put on the ballot.

The group was then asked to consider the location for the 2007 conference. Ed

withdrew his proposal for New York and asked to postpone it until the 2008 conference. Presentations were heard from Dee Klein (for Pittsburgh) and Karen Dilka (for Lexington). Both sites would be for a February date. The choices were added to the ballot. Tony asked that the members vote, and turn their ballots in to Kate.

He then asked for any new business.

Mark Rust noted the interest in the topic of bilingualism, and suggested the creation of a conference strand on that topic. Harold expressed concern that doing so may be divisive and could counter-act the coming together of groups that has occurred recently. He brought up the point that if we set up a strand for one special interest group, we would have to do it for all groups. Barbara Gerner De Garcia thought it might just be a scheduling issue; her concern was that some sessions on the same topic were scheduled at the same time so she could not attend them both. She suggested trying to schedule sessions so that those kinds of conflicts are avoided. John Covell agreed that careful scheduling would be the best approach.

Ed suggested printing abstracts in the program for each presentation would be helpful, so members would have a better idea of what each presenter was going to cover.

Mark Rust asked if the abstracts and perhaps also the powerpoints could be put up on the web-site. Kate said she would do this for any presentations that were sent to her at her conference email address.

Kate announced the results of the voting:
The CEU proposal passed.
The conference location for 2007 will be Pittsburgh (in February)

Tony called to close the meeting.

**Opening session of ACE-DHH
Conference
North for the Future
February 2005**

Tony Martin-President: Welcome

Kate Reynolds-President-Elect and Program Coordinator- Announcements:
The second business meeting has been moved to just before the banquet on Saturday in the hopes that we get a quorum for the votes.

Maryann Bibby-local arrangements chair asked that anyone who has requests for interpreting contact the interpreters directly.

A representative from the Canadian Association of the Deaf welcomed everyone to the conference.

Barb Wallace our hotel contact and Dave Moperg the hotel guest relations manager made presentations to the group.

Harold Johnson reported on the PT3 Join Together grant. He made the following points:

- The purpose of the grant is to establish a community of learners
- The best predictor of success of training teachers is not the courses they take but who they do their student teaching with. We need to link master teachers

with universities via dial up video.

- We want to try to establish a virtual professional development school to link theory and practice.
- As a field, we may know how to teach, but we don't know what to teach.

Topics of concern to be addressed through grant activities include:

- Use of technology
- Recruiting training teachers with more diversity
- Focusing more on preparation for teaching content
- Measuring performance based instruction

Harold encouraged members to consider nominating a master teacher via the deafed.net website. ACE-DHH will pay for half the cost to set up video equipment in the classroom for this project.

Kathryn Slemenda then introduced the topical team leaders. Everyone was encouraged to GET INVOLVED IN THE GRANT-see booklet on how to participate.

Sharon Litchfield reported on the CEC-CED knowledge and skills revalidation project. She asked for input to suggest revisions for the standards. All proposed revisions must be presented by April 2007.

Tony called for closing the meeting.



*Do you miss the "face to face"
time talking with your
colleagues during the year?*

*Do you anxiously await the next
ACE-DHH conference just to see
everyone?*

*Has it been awhile since you
were able to attend the annual
conference due to scheduling or
budget constraints and you are
feeling disconnected?*

If you answered yes to either
one of these questions, then we
have the solution for you!

iVisit is the answer!!!!

During the Banff conference I had the opportunity to hear about an exciting new technology (at least it was new to me). Harold and Michelle were explaining all of the benefits of being able to connect visually without having to travel to see the other person! Sounded pretty good but honestly I thought it would be a little too time consuming to learn how to use.

After leaving the conference feeling renewed that yes, I could do anything, I woke up to reality that I had classes to teach, meetings to attend and students to advise. I honestly didn't think that I would be able to incorporate one more thing into my already hectic life. Then I got an email message from Sherry in the grant office saying that Harold wanted to chat with me. She asked if I wanted to use iVisit. I quickly explained that I didn't know how to use it and wasn't sure that I could get it set up prior to the time that Harold wanted our conversation to occur. She quickly assured me (as often she and Michelle do) that it would be painless and they would gladly walk me through it. So I agreed although still unsure as to what I was getting into.

Sure enough...Sherry walked me through every aspect of it. All I needed to have (besides my PC) was a fast enough internet connection (dial-up doesn't really work for this) and a webcam. Having those two things, we were ready to download and install the program. We were then able to test drive this new technology.

Let me tell you...it was really cool. I had never met Sherry face to face; she had just been that voice on the other end of the phone line calling to tell me that Harold wanted to talk to me - until now!

Since that time, I have used iVisit for most of my calls, not only to Harold but to other members of the ACE-DHH CEU Pilot Project team. It is a great way of staying in touch. You can talk via iVisit to more than one person at a time. You can provide them written information during the call, show them things on your desktop or files that are relevant to your discussion. I am sure that there are even more things you can do that I haven't learned yet.

I would really encourage you to contact Michelle, Sherry or Tom McNeal in the Grant office at Kent State to find out more about this exciting technology. I know that I feel more connected when I use this as opposed to just the traditional phone conference call.

Take advantage of this exciting technology! If, after trying it, you decide that you don't like it, you don't have to use it anymore. However, I think you will be hooked just like me!

Our cheerful staff is waiting for you to make the call! Pick up that phone and call: 330-672-0735 and ask for Sherry, Tom or Michelle and they will be MORE THAN HAPPY to assist you in getting connected!

CALL TODAY! DON'T DELAY!!

All joking aside, try it out! It really is a very beneficial tool to use, especially in our field!

Can't wait to see you on iVisit or in Denver in 2006!

Sincerely,

Nancy B

The Membership committee is looking for a few good people!

Offices to fill this year:

President- Elect

Secretary

Publications Committee

Legislative Committee

Won't you get involved?

ACE-DHH CONFERENCE REGISTRATION



Name (as you wish it to appear on your name badge):

Professional Affiliation:

Mailing Address:

Telephone: () _____ Fax: () _____

Conference Registration Fees

(Please **circle** and total the appropriate fees. Make checks payable for the total amount to ACE-DHH.)

	By Dec. 15, 2005	by Jan. 15, 2006	after Jan. 15
Full Conference:			
Member, any status	\$155	\$190	\$225
Non-member Professional	\$200	\$230	\$265
Assoc. Member Student	\$115	\$150	\$185
Non-member Student	\$125	\$160	\$195
Other	\$185	\$220	\$255
Single Day Fee	\$90	\$115	\$135

Preconference	\$40	\$50	\$60
Membership Dues	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL:	_____	_____	_____

Registration fees include beverages during breaks, banquet, and sign language interpreters.

You may pay for the pre-conference workshop, your membership dues, and the conference registration fees with a single check. Make sure, however, that you complete a pre-conference registration form if you plan to attend the pre-conference workshop AND complete the separate membership form and return ALL forms with your single check: conference registration form, pre-conference registration form(if attending), and membership form (if joining or renewing) to:

Send this completed form with your check to:

Dr. Margaret Finnegan
ACEDHH Treasurer
Flagler College
74 King Street
St. Augustine, FL 32085
Email: finnegmh@flagler.edu
FAX: 904-819-6410

Sign language interpreters will be available at all meeting times. Please describe your interpretation needs completely.

Please describe any other accommodations that we may need to provide for you:

Hotel Accommodations

The conference will be held at the Denver Marriott City Center, located at 1701 California Street, Denver, Colorado. Our conference rate is \$109 single/double. Please be sure to identify yourself as being with the ACE-DHH group. Contact information for the hotel is:

1-303-297-1300
Or
1-800-228-9290
<http://marriott.com/property/propertypage/DENDT>

ACE-DHH
Application for Membership/Renewal
2005-2006

Name: _____

Type of membership: ___ Regular (\$40) ___ Emeritus (\$20) ___
___ Associate (\$20) ___ Associate Member Student (\$20)

I prefer that my mailings go to: ___ my home ___ my office

College/University: _____	
Mailing Address: _____ _____	
City/State/Province _____	Country: _____
Zip Code: _____	
Phone: _____ Circle one: Voice TTY	
FAX: _____	Email: _____

Home Address: _____ _____	
City/State/Province: _____	
Country: _____	
Zip Code: _____	
Phone: _____ Circle one: Voice TTY	
Fax: _____	

<p>Send this completed form with your check to:</p> <p>Dr. Margaret Finnegan ACEDHH Treasurer Flagler College 74 King Street St. Augustine, FL 32085 Email: finnegmh@flagler.edu FAX: 904-819-6410</p>

Pre-Conference Registration Form



Name (as you wish it to appear on badge):

Professional Affiliation:

Mailing Address:

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Membership Status: Regular Associate Emeritus
 Associate Student Non-member Professional
 Non-member Student

The pre-conference registration fee may be paid with your conference registration and membership renewal using one check. Pre-conference registration is \$40 dollars before December 15, 2005, \$50 after Dec. 15th but before Jan. 15th, and \$60 after Jan. 15th.