

ACE-DHH Newsletter

Fall 2006

Association of College Educators of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing

Membership Drive

It is membership dues time - don't forget. Also we need new members. The Membership form is attached - please use and share it.

Announcements: Pittsburgh '07

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February 22 - 25, 2007

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President's Message

Debbie Haydon

Greetings! Fall is here and with it comes busy times—exciting times. I have decided that time is one of our most precious gifts. Learning to use our time well and productively is a skill. The ACE-DHH conference is coming up soon. Nancy Benham and Dee Klein are busy putting together a wonderful program in an exciting city for us. Please don't forget to submit your proposals. We are all doing exciting and important things in our programs. Sharing that with colleagues during our conference is important. Each year I leave the ACE-DHH conference with new energy and sense of purpose as a result of what I have heard and seen.

To make the best use of our time at ACE-DHH, please let me know if you have any new business that you would like placed on the business meeting agendas. We will have our usual two business meetings. Important proposals that need the full discussion and participation of the membership need to be placed on the earlier business meeting agenda and not left for the last meeting when interpreter and meeting room time is limited and people are trying to make early afternoon flights. If you have new business, please submit it to me (debbie.haydon@converse.edu) as soon as possible so that all ideas can receive full consideration by the membership.

See you in Pittsburgh!

Don't forget to send in proposals and make your reservations!



Treasurer's Report

Margaret Finnegan

Currently we have \$39,353.60 on hand. We have paid our IACET Dues for the year and we are current in all billing (as far as I know). Report dated August 31, 2006.

In this newsletter you will see a couple of important changes for this year's conference registration. Please note:

1. We are putting a paypal link on our website (www.acedhh.org) so that all individuals can pay with a credit card should they wish to do so. This will help with international registrations and with individuals who frequently forget their checkbooks or who are not proactive in initiating their purchase orders. Because we now have this capability, we will expect payment from all attendees BEFORE the conference.
2. We will no longer permit individuals to attend the conference and to pay "later"...there are still at

least four individuals who registered and/or attended the last conference and did not pay their fees.

3. There will be no refunds of registration fees. We are a small organization and plan for registrants in good faith. Therefore, we use that money. Please be sure you can actually come when you register. (If you cannot come, your registration can be transferred to someone else from your institution.)
4. There will be an early bird registration and a regular registration this year (two tiers instead of three). Your envelope must be postmarked with the appropriate date to receive the lower registration.

I hope you are all off to a great start and looking forward to Pittsburgh...I look forward to seeing you there!

Legislative Report

Maribeth Lartz

Are your students “highly qualified” when they graduate from your teacher preparation program?

Are you confused about what “highly qualified” means?

Help is on the way!

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) has developed a document that addresses the “highly qualified” issue. Most helpful is the resource *Academic Subject Matter Content of the General Curriculum and Special Educators*.

Go to

http://www.cec.sped.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Highly_Qualified_Teachers&Template/ for more information.

CEC also has an on-line discussion forum that includes the topic of *highly qualified*.

<http://myceconline.org/phpBB2/>

Go to the *CEC Forum Index*, click on *Public Policy Today*, then click on *Highly Qualified?* You can read previous questions and answers-and add your own!

JDSDE

ACE-D/HH Teams up with the *Journal of Deaf Studies and Deaf Education*!

The Board of ACE-D/HH and Oxford University Press have arranged for a formal relationship between the Association of College Educators of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ACE-D/HH) and the *Journal of Deaf Studies and Deaf Education*, beginning with the current membership year (think of it as going steady).

Under that arrangement, Oxford University Press (OUP) will offer ACE-D/HH members a 15% discount on subscriptions to *JDSDE* and help to support the annual meeting. The Editors of *JDSDE* welcome the opportunity to publish research conducted by ACE-D/HH members and look forward to offering them a forum that is timely, of high

quality, and accessible to researchers and educators. Having a member of ACE-D/HH sitting on the *JDSDE* Editorial Board also will help the field to better bridge research and practice.

Subscriptions to *JDSDE* will be available through the regular membership process. Look for it on your membership renewal and help to support this mutually-beneficial collaboration.

We'll see you at the engagement party in February!

Greetings ACE-DHH!

Dee Klein

Five months and counting to our **GETTING TO THE POINT** in Pittsburgh!!

I am so very pleased to share the following information with you and simply can't wait to greet you ALL in Pittsburgh in February 2007!

Our hotel is the Sheraton Station Square:
(<http://www.starwoodhotels.com/sheraton/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=693>)

Please go see what you have to look forward to in my beautiful city!

You will be able to register for your rooms ONLINE at a secure website. Please watch www.acedhh.org for the website which will appear soon.

As a reminder, any drivers will have 'in and out' privileges in the parking garage as part of the room at no extra expense. Also, you will have wireless internet access in your room and in all common areas of the hotel throughout your stay at no additional expense.

Rooms are available from Monday, February 19 through Saturday, February 24 (check out on the 25th) at the following rates: \$112-single/double; \$127- triple; \$142- quad.

You can get to the Sheraton Station Square from the Pittsburgh International Airport via EXPRESS SHUTTLE, which is located in our landside terminal in the baggage claim area, right next to Thrifty car rental. I am currently negotiating a discount round trip price for us (currently the cost is \$19 each way). Service is available from the airport every half hour from 7AM-11:30PM Sunday - Friday and 7AM-9PM

on Saturday. The shuttle leaves the hotel for the airport every 20 minutes beginning at 5:20AM. If I am able to determine that a large group will arrive at the same time, EXPRESS SHUTTLE will provide us with our own shuttle service, so feel free to let me know when you will arrive (deeklein@iup.edu) and I will let you know if a special shuttle will be provided for you at a deeper discount.

We are planning tours for both the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf and the DePaul School for Hearing and Speech. More on that later!

There is also an extensive array of activities in which you can participate during your free time. (YES, you WILL have free time!) From the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra to a tour of the Andy Warhol Museum, from the Carnegie Science to the National Aviary or Children's Museum, there will be something for all of you and your children to do! (We even have skiing at Seven Springs Ski Resort- only a 90-minute drive from downtown Pittsburgh and outdoor ice skating right across the bridge in PPG Plaza downtown...)

Payment of the conference fees will be available through PAYPAL, so no need to worry that you forgot to pay or lost a receipt...it will all be done electronically for your convenience!

Sooo, please plan to come to our beautiful and exciting city of bridges for the 2007 ACE-DHH Conference. Keep an eye on the www.acedhh.org site for the official conference schedule so that you can plan your time with us to the 'max'....see you all soon!

Pittsburg, February 2007



Here is the TENTATIVE schedule:

- Wednesday 21st** CED Board meeting all day
Evening – ACE-DHH Executive Board meeting
- Thursday 22nd** 8:00-10:00 CED training (this is for people wanting to become site visitors or will have site visits in the near future)
10:00-1:00 possible tours of WPSD and DePaul (participants will have to sign up prior to the conference and will only be able to select one location)
Lunch on your Own
2:00-3:00 Opening session
3:00-5:00 Concurrent Sessions
- Friday 23rd** 8:00-9:30 Business meeting
9:30-12:00 Concurrent Sessions
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch on your own
1:15-5:15 Concurrent Sessions
- Friday evening – Reception
- Saturday 24th** 7:00 - 9:00 Poster Session
9:15-10:30 Business Meeting
10:45-12:00 Concurrent Sessions
12:00-1:30 Lunch on your own
1:30-5:30 Concurrent Sessions
- Saturday evening - Banquet
- Sunday 25th** Morning – ACE-DHH Executive Board meeting

Membership...Membership...Membership

Time to Update your Membership in ACE-DHH and/or Bring in Some New Members

Kathleena Whitesell

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

(click here to get the attached form)

Application and Renewal for Membership in ACE-DHH

- The membership year shall coincide with the annual conference, to the first day of annual conference until the beginning of the conference of the following year. Only those who have paid or renewed their membership will be allowed to vote at the business meeting or by absentee ballot.
- Initial membership: An individual shall complete a standard formal application for membership in which information is submitted indicating that the applicant meets the eligibility criteria for Regular, Emeritus, or Associate membership.
- Renewal: An individual shall complete a standard formal renewal application for membership.

Nominations

IT'S TIME to Build a Slate for ACE-DHH Nominations --- the Slate will be published in December paper Newsletter and mailed to all paid members at least six weeks prior to our annual conference. Actual voting/election will occur at the meeting.

PLEASE NOTE:

If you nominate someone, be sure that person is a member (or willing to become a member) and has agreed to assume the responsibilities of the office. All nominations are due by November 30, 2006. Once slates are built, NO NOMINATIONS will be accepted from the floor at the February Pittsburg Business Meeting.

I. President Elect: (One Year Term and will Become President the Next Year)

Responsibilities

- Assuming the responsibilities of the President in his/her absence.
- Carrying out duties and responsibilities as delegated by the President.
- Serving as Chair of the Program Committee and plan the theme and the content of the program for the meeting.
- Serving as a representative an optional and unpaid observer of the Association on the Council on Education of the Deaf (CED) Board, which meets each December and June/July twice each year.

Standing Committees

Nominations are Needed for the Following Two Year Positions and Due to Kathleena Whitesell by November 30, 2006

I. Membership and Elections Committee

- Membership Chair _____
- Association Member for Committee: _____
- Association Member for Committee: _____

Responsibilities include:

- Recruiting members for the Association.
- Establishing and implementing policies and procedures for the processing of applicants for membership and the renewal of continuing membership.
- Maintaining and disseminating lists of current membership
- Soliciting nominations from Association members for each office scheduled for elections.
- Preparing a ballot and disseminate to members.
- Monitoring mailing and receipt of absentee ballots for members unable to attend the annual meeting.
- Holding elections at the annual meeting

II. Awards Committee

- Membership Chair _____
- Association Member for Committee: _____
- Association Member for Committee: _____

Responsibilities include:

- Soliciting nominations from Association members for each award.
- Determining award recipients.
- Presenting awards at the annual meeting.

Send your nominations by NOVEMBER 30, 2006 to:

**Dr. Kathleena Whitesell
UNC-Greensboro
Department of Specialized Education Services
PO Box 26170
Greensboro, NC 27402**

Nomination may also be emailed to: K_white@uncg.edu