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Pat Bockmiller is also planning some special activities for you that will be announced later.

About 200 revelers (I mean faculty) attended an earlier convention in New Orleans. Please respond promptly to the request for reservations from the hotel. New Orleans is solidly booked this spring, and you won't want to miss this one.

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A Note from the President....

I want to begin by saying that it is a privilege for me to be the president of ACE-DHH this year. For many years I have turned to the members of this organization for guidance and support on everything from instructional materials to programming issues. It is so nice to belong to a group that has similar teacher preparation challenges and rewards. As a real bonus, I feel extremely fortunate to have such a wonderful team of officers to work with and during our term we will strive to move the organization forward.

The 1998 ACE-DHH conference was a success with outstanding presentations on a wide variety of topics. There were approximately 65 members in attendance. Kudos to Gerry Bateman who graciously hosted the event and the very competent NTID staff that assisted with daily operations. Two features added to the program this year, interactive demonstrations and roundtable discussions, received good reviews. Both provided an opportunity to address current best practice and share new ideas or innovative activities. Someone commented to me that they always feel so refreshed after being involved in the conference--I think most of us definitely agree. Above all, considering the conference was held in Rochester, New York even the weather was cooperative.

Harold Johnson, whose contributions to the organization are numerous, has proposed that ACE-DHH (as an entity of teacher preparation programs in the field of deafness) submit a proposal for federal funding. Harold put the application, related information and an update on the CED web site for all of us to peruse. This grant, written under his leadership, will advance the level of collaboration between university programs on a national basis, avoiding duplication of efforts while enhancing fiscal resources. David Mercaldo and several other members will assist with the process and we look forward to the outcome of this project. If you would like to subscribe to the listserv, please contact Harold at: hjohnson@educ.kent.edu.

Respectfully,
Karen Dilka

Legislative Notes....

Congress reauthorized the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA 97) last year. The final regulations are now available on a terrific new web site, designed to be user friendly and easy to download and read. When complete, the new web site will include a fully linked navigation bar and table of contents, a glossary of terms, issue papers of interest to teachers, administrators, and parents, and provide other supporting materials. Check out: <http://www.ideapractices.org>

Treasurer's Report

The following report is an accounting of the organization's main checking and money market account. As of this date, the conference account from the annual conference in Rochester has not been closed. Those records will be compiled and included in the next treasurer's report.

Checking Account:
as of March 31, 1999:

INCOME:

INTEREST EARNED	\$ 69.84
DEPOSITS (Membership renewals)	\$1600.00

EXPENSES:

Check Order	\$ 19.65
CED dues	\$1500.00
EKU Bookstore (conference program supplies)	\$ 14.58
Preconference (honorarium, travel, hotel, meal)	\$ 1702.34

Conference Programs	\$ 101.64
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CLOSING BALANCE as of March 31, 1999	\$15,009.59
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OUTSTANDING CHECKS:

Conference speaker honorarium	\$ 500.00
Newsletter costs	\$ 372.95

AVAILABLE BALANCE	\$14,136.64
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CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT:	\$ 3,513.25
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TOTAL ASSETS as of March 31, 1999	\$17,649.89
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Use of TIAA-CREF as a place for our accounts is being investigated. Once this information is received, a recommendation will be made to the Executive Board regarding putting our funds into a nationally-based company's fund in order to earn higher interest on the money and to avoid having to close accounts every two years.

A credit application for Hotel Monteleone in New Orleans has been completed and submitted for our 2000 conference.

ACE-DHH Business Meeting ~ Rochester, New York ~ February 27, 1999

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mary V. Compton.

Welcome and Thanks. Karen Dilka and Gerry Bateman thanked the conference program committee and the local arrangements committee.

Minutes. Sue Rose reported that the minutes of the previous meeting were not available, but would be located and published as soon as possible. The president said that the minutes would be published in the next newsletter. She said that officers who cannot fill their duties should be responsible for finding a substitute.

Treasurer's Report. Debbie Haydon reported that the association has \$15,160.99 in a money market account and \$3,513.25 in certificate of deposit. Interest income was \$451 this year. She reported that she had investigated three national companies as possibilities for a national account, so that it will not have to be changed each time the treasurer changes, and that at the executive board's request she will be investigating one other company.

Committee Reports

Membership and Elections Committee. No report.

Legislative Committee. Freeman King provided a written report. He also referred to an article in the newsletter on legislative concerns, and provided information on the Walsh bill.

Publications Committee. Nancy Benham reported that she had replaced Susan Easterbrooks as committee chair, at Easterbrooks' request, and that the transition as editor of the newsletter had been smooth. She said that the circulation is about 140 copies of each issue.

Updates

CED Report. Harold Johnson reported on the CED Board meeting. He described the program evaluation work, including revision of the manuals, the programs that have been approved. He noted that programs are encouraged to have a third team member from the local area. He reported that CED needs to do more than review programs and collect certification fees, and should do more dissemination and clearinghouse work to improve the education of students who are deaf and hard of hearing. He said that a task force on strategic planning will be reporting at the next CED board meeting. He also reported that the difficulties regarding individual certification have been addressed, but that individuals with concerns should contact Reggie Redding with a copy to Jay Innes. He said that there was consensus that the individual certification process is not working, and that the strategic plan will address these problems. He said that they are investigating the possibilities of an executive director and a national office. He said that individuals who hold CED certification are entitled to use CED as a postnominal. Questions were answered concerning the program evaluation process and the number of CED-approved programs. Shirin Antia asked that minutes of CED meetings be distributed to the membership. Harold Johnson encouraged individuals to use the web site, which has downloaded over 650,000 files in the past six months to individuals in 78 countries. He noted the need for ACE-DHH to provide a representative to support the web site work. Marilyn Sass-Lehrer reported that CED-ASHA Joint Committee had been developing a position paper on certification, and a report on competencies of speech teachers for young children who are deaf or hard of hearing. She asked that individuals with information or comments in these areas to contact her or Pat Stone. She stated that the committee would be meeting in March or April. Compton asked Sass-Lehrer to provide information for the newsletter.

Conference Planning

2000 Conference. Henry Teller reported that the conference dates were changed due to Mardi Gras, and will be Friday through Monday, March 31 to April 3, 2000. It will convene at the Hotel Monteleone at a very convenient location in the French Quarter New Orleans, the same hotel where the association met in 1985. He noted that the hotel's sales manager has a deaf son. He suggested that members book their rooms early, because 2000 is a busy convention year in New Orleans. He said that the rates are \$160 for rooms that normally are \$260, and will be extended before and after the conference for members attending the conference. It was noted that the dates are the same as the CEC conference in Vancouver. Teller said that those dates were the only ones which were available, but there might be some flexibility in starting the conference a day or two early. A strong consensus was to start the conference on Thursday instead of Friday.

2001 Conference Site Selection. Sandy Bowen offered on behalf of herself, John Luckner, and the University of Northern Colorado to host the conference in Denver. Bill Brejle reported that Kathee Christensen had offered to host the conference in San Diego. Dilka read an e-mail from Larry Fleischer at CSUN, offering to host the conference in old town San Diego in late February with the assistance of Kathee Christensen and Tom Humphries. Shirin Antia moved that the conference occur in San Diego in 2001. Bill Brejle seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion passed.

2002 Conference Site Discussion. The possibility of having the conference in Denver was discussed. Susan Shroyer proposed having the conference on a Caribbean cruise from the East Coast, possibly leaving from Florida. Ed Shroyer moved that the possibility of a cruise for the 2002 conference be investigated. Shirin Antia seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Al White amended the motion to request that detailed proposals for the 2002 conference be presented at the 2000 conference. Ed Shroyer called the question. The motion passed. Karen Dilka asked the members to recognize the support provided to the present conference by NTID. This appreciation was noted with applause.

The president noted that further items of business would be addressed at the meeting on Monday. Harold Johnson moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas W. Jones
Acting Secretary

ACE-DHH Business Meeting ~ Rochester, New York ~ March 1, 1999

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mary V. Compton. She thanked Alan Marvelli for serving as parliamentarian.

The acting secretary summarized the minutes of the previous meeting.

The president reported on the election results: President-elect, Richard Lytle; Vice-President, Henry Teller; Secretary, Michael Bienenstock; Membership and Elections; Margaret Finnegan, chair, David Mercaldo, John Luckner; Publications Committee, Nancy Benham, chair, Susan Easterbrooks, and Sandy Bowen; Legislative Committee, Barbara Hecht, chair, and Freeman King.

Gerry Bateman reported that 62 individuals had registered for the conference, and that the conference was financially profitable. Karen Dilka thanked NTID for all they had provided for the conference: interpreters, food, facilities, etc. Appreciation was noted with applause.

Old Business

2000 Conference. The president reported that Henry Teller would be checking with the business manager of the Hotel Monteleone in New Orleans about the possibility of starting the conference one day earlier. She asked for input on the possible conference theme of Y2K. Judy Egelston-Dodd suggested that millennium be included in the theme. She asked members to convey their suggestions to Richard Lytle, Karen Dilka, or Henry Teller.

Subsequent Conferences. Karen Dilka moved that formal proposals to host the annual conference be submitted to the members, and that they be acted on in the business meeting two years in advance. Discussion ensued. Richard Lytle amended the motion to require that hotel details etc. be provided one year in advance. Karen Dilka accepted the amendment as a friendly amendment. As a second friendly amendment, Shirin Antia moved that the president be responsible for soliciting proposals and that either the proposer or a designee make the proposal in person. The motion passed, as amended.

The president proposed that the membership year begin with the conference, rather than January 1. The treasurer said that this would be easier for her and for the members. Discussion followed. Richard Lytle said that this would allow the maximum number to be eligible to vote at the business meetings. Harold Johnson moved that dues be due in conjunction with the conference. The motion passed. It was noted that this would require amending the Bylaws, which requires dissemination to the members at least 30 days prior to the meeting. Tom Jones suggested that 1999 dues entitle members to vote in 1999-2000. Richard Nowell suggested that renewal reminders accompany the ballot. It was agreed that, until the Bylaws are amended, flexibility will be exercised in determining eligibility to vote.

Newsletter. The president noted that the problem with periodicity of the newsletter had been taken care of, since there were three newsletters this year. Harold Johnson suggested disseminating the newsletter on the web, rather than mailing it. Shirin Antia suggested that there be a transition year.

Awards. The president provided written descriptions of awards. She noted that the Sister Mary Delaney award had been worded to restrict it to individuals who are actively teaching. She suggested that the wording be changed so that individuals who may be retired also are eligible for the award. Judy Egelston-Dodd said that the original intent was to recognize individuals with long careers in the field. Bill Brelje suggested that the awards committee be given responsibility for managing the process of identifying an individual to award. Barbara Hecht moved that the criteria for the Sister Mary Delaney award be those which are on the green sheet. Judy Egelston-Dodd moved that the Bylaws be amended to establish the awards committee as a standing committee. Debbie Haydon moved, as a friendly amendment, that the president appoint an ad hoc awards committee until the Bylaws are amended to establish a standing Awards Committee. Larry Hawkins moved, as a friendly amendment, that the standing awards committee be elected by the membership. The motion passed, as amended.

New Business

Terms of Office. The president reported that the Executive Board had discussed changing the term of office for the secretary and newsletter editor to two-year terms. This was moved by Karen Dilka, and seconded by David Mercado. The motion passed. Alan Marvelli noted that this also would require following the Bylaws amendment process.

Web site. The president noted the need for someone to work with Harold Johnson to develop the components of a grant proposal and to work on the CED web site and the cyber-mentor project. David Mercado volunteered to work with Harold on these projects.

Legislative Committee. Shirin Antia suggested that the Legislative Committee prepare a way for the organization to respond to changes in the way that OSERS is making grant money available. It was suggested that this be discussed via the newsletter and the listserv. Harold Johnson suggested that the discussion be posted on the ACE-DHH web site, so that a record is made. He said that he may need some modest support for student workers to do this. Shirin Antia noted the need for a mechanism to enable a timely organizational response to legislative or governmental concerns. Barbara Hecht suggested that the listserv could be used to discern if there was an opposition to possible organizational positions regarding such concerns. Judy Egelston-Dodd noted the importance of the response being timely.

Membership Directory. Judy Egelston-Dodd said how helpful the membership directories had been, and urged the new Membership Committee to prepare a new directory and to post it on the web site. The president said that the new directory will be ready about June 15.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas W. Jones
Acting Secretary

The “Unofficial” Word from CED CED Minutes ~ Rochester, NY ~ February 25, 1999

President Innes called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. There was a discussion of communication for the meeting.

President’s Report: President Innes opened by noting that CED needed to be more visible and that issues of teacher training, teacher qualifications, and teacher licensure were topics of discussion among other groups (e.g. COR). He also noted that we needed to set aside time at the meeting to step back and look at CED as a whole, as an organization, and whether there were things that we could do to be more effective, more visible, especially between meetings.

Treasurer’s Report: No Report Received.

Accreditation Report: Tom Jones reported on the revision of the accreditation manual. First, there were language changes, such as “hearing impaired” changed to “deaf and hard of hearing.” Second, there were some procedural changes. Third, there were changes required to meet the new standards. First visit using the new standards will begin shortly. Dr. Jones then gave a description of the accreditation process for 5 and 10 year reviews. Training for potential site visitors will take place on Sunday as part of the ACE-DHH meeting. A question was raised as to why only teacher-training faculty were designated as part of the review term. A discussion then followed about the composition of the site visit teams. A question was raised concerning if composition of the team is changed, would that effect either CEC or NCATE requirements. Dr. Jones then described the complicated relationship between CEC, NCATE and CED certifications. After further discussion, Dr. Jones said that he would make clear in the guidelines that programs could add a third person to the panel for the evaluation of a program.

Program Recommendations: 3 programs were recommended for approval: Converse College, University of Minnesota, and University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Actions of the Board are as follows:

Converse College	approved
University of Minnesota	approved
University of Tennessee, Knoxville	approved

In the context of the above approvals, discussion took place concerning who and how sign language communication skills were being evaluated. The implementation of the new standards will require that preparation programs be more precise in how they specified sign communication evaluation. A discussion ensued concerning the qualifications of sign language teachers, especially the use of qualified Deaf individuals who may not have a post secondary or advanced degree.

Dr. Jones presented the future CED program evaluation schedule and his proposal to synchronize CED program reviews with CEC reviews. A motion to approve Dr. Jones’ proposal as presented was made and seconded. Motion approved. President Innes thanked Dr. Jones for his excellent report and hard work on behalf of CED.

Individual Certification Program: Dr. Redding reported on staff problems. The program was without staff for two months due to staff illness and there were problems with turn-around time. Current staff time is 8-10 hours per week, which is minimal. Adding the e-mail address on the form has helped. CED really does not have an office, its own computer, etc. – it is not a very functional arrangement. There are currently about 23,000 names in the database, but the old system is non-functional. For example, people do not get certification renewal notices when their current certificate expires. A discussion then followed about whether or not the database system can be converted to MS Access. Motion was made and seconded to investigate the conversion process and a report to the Board by April 1. Following the receipt of the report, President Innes will communicate a procedure for reviewing and discussing the report via e-mail. Next, Dr. Redding reported on his investigation of certification of speech pathologist/therapists. It was the sense of the group that CED should not grant CED certification to individuals who do not meet existing certification requirements. Dr. Redding brought up the issue of postnominals. It was agreed that postnominals would be added to certification certificates beginning July 1. There was then a discussion of the infrastructure of the CED office. First, a question was asked about what kind of turn-around time could be expected. Dr. Redding responded that if the application package was in good shape, two weeks was a reasonable expectation. There still appears to be some confusion about who and where to send the applications. There is a longer turn-around time in the late spring and early summer when there are a large number of graduates applying. Dr. Redding suggested that there be a different staffing plan for peak application periods.

ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE EDUCATORS OF THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING BUSINESS MEETING ~ March 7, 1998 ~ Lexington Kentucky

President Judy Egelston-Dodd at the Hilton Suites-Lexington Green, Lexington Kentucky, called the Association of College Educators of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to order at 11:25. Karen Dilka agreed to serve as President-Elect for 1998-1999.

Welcome and Thanks- Karen Dilka and Deborah Haydon welcomed the ACE-DHH members to Lexington and recognized all those who assisted in the organization of the conference. Special recognition was given to NTID, Eastern Kentucky University for their financial sponsorship and support services, Kentucky Candies and the Conference Center from Lexington, KY for their contributions. Larry Fleischer conveyed greetings and best wishes for a productive meeting on behalf of CED and CAID-CEASD.

Approval of 1997 Meeting Minutes- The minutes from the 1997 Business meetings held in Santa Fe, NM and Hartford, CT. were reviewed and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report- Deborah Haydon reported that attendance at the annual conference increased by 8 persons. The treasurer's office was transferred from Barry Griffing to Deborah Haydon at the end of 1997. On February 11, 1998 a total of \$12,231.13 was transferred into two separate accounts in the Central Bank and Trust Co. in Lexington, KY. A third account was set up to accommodate conference income and expenses as well as membership fees. The annual audit of the ACE-DHH treasury was in process under the direction of John Gump. In addition to conducting the audit, Dr. Gump will make recommendations for procedures to ensure consistency in recording and reporting.

Election Committee Report- David Mercaldo expressed special thanks to the members of the election committee. One hundred and one ballots (101) were mailed in January, 1998. Forty (40) ballots were returned by the closing date of February 12th, 1998. Election results follow:

President-Elect: Karen Dilka

Secretary: Bob Rittenhouse (Robert Rittenhouse)

Treasurer: Debbie Haydon (Deborah Haydon)

Membership & Elections Committee: Barbara Strassman, John Luckner, David Mercaldo

Publications Committee: Susan Easterbrooks, Nancy Benham, Sandy Bowen, Sandee Bowman

Legislation & Advocacy Committee: Freeman King, Lynn Hayes (P. Lynn Hayes), Rich Nowell

President Judy Egelston-Dodd expressed her appreciation to the committee and recognized the outgoing officers and board members.

ACE-DHH Awards Committee- Ann Powers announced the establishment of two ACE-DHH Awards for 1997-98 including the Sr. Mary Delany Honorary Emeritus Membership Award and the Innovations in Teaching Teachers of D/HH. Dr. Roberta Truax was selected by the Awards Committee and recommended unanimously by the Board of ACE-DHH to receive the Sr. Mary Delany Honorary Emeritus Membership Award. Dr. Truax was introduced by Ann Powers and received a standing ovation from the ACE-DHH members in attendance. No nominations were received for the Innovations in Teaching Teachers of D/HH. President Egelston-Dodd introduced a third award, the Outstanding Thesis Award, to encourage and recognize research contributions by students. General support was expressed for the establishment of the award.

Legislative and Advocacy Committee- Larry Hawkins reported that ACE-DHH followed the lead of ASDC and Barbara Raimondo in their support for the reauthorization of IDEA. The legislative committee recognized Jay Innes and Barbara Raimondo for their advocacy and lobbyist roles.

Publications Committee- Susan Easterbrooks reported that three newsletters were prepared and distributed through her office since the ACE-DHH meeting in Santa Fe, NM. She reminded the members that the monograph consisting of papers would be available to those persons who registered and paid for copies.

ACE-DHH Web site- Harold Johnson summarized the web site activities which have expanded beyond the resources available through Kent State University. Dr. Johnson thanked ACE-DHH members for their ongoing support and stressed the need for alternative resources and systems as the web site continues to expand. Dr. Johnson recommended shared responsibilities among programs participating in ACE-DHH. He has and will continue to contact members to assume responsibilities for connecting with additional sites and resources. In addition, there will be a charge for advertising on the web. Money earned will be used to maintain the ACE-DHH web site.

1999 Conference Site- President Egelston-Dodd opened the discussion for approval of a conference site for 1999. She reviewed the events that lead to the withdrawal of San Diego, California as initially proposed. Larry Fleischer proposed Santa Barbara, California, hosted by Ellen Schneiderman. Henry Teller indicated his willingness to host the conference in New Orleans for the year 2000 or possibly 1999. Judy Egelston-Dodd identified Rochester, New York, as a third conference site. An open floor discussion was held regarding cost, institutional support, and the time required to make arrangements. Shirin Antia moved that the conference be held in Rochester, New York, at NTID co-hosted by Gerry Baten and Judy Egelston-Dodd. Susan Rose seconded the move. The motion passed with a majority of votes through a show of hands. Harold Johnson moved to accept Henry Teller's proposal to hold the ACE-DHH Conference in the year 2000 in New Orleans. Robert Rittenhouse seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote through a show of hands.

Adjourned at 12:35.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Rose

Due to the limited number and size of conference abstracts, the deadline for submission has been extended until June 10th. All submissions must be in IBM format and less than 7 pages.

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