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Greetings Y'all!

Nancy Benham, President

I can't believe that it has already been 3 months since we were together! We enjoyed having y'all come and visit Pittsburgh and see everything we have to offer. I was excited to see so many of you take advantage of the pre-conference tours of the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf and the DePaul School for Hearing and Speech. We are fortunate to have the programs accessible to our students who are deaf and hard of hearing in Western Pennsylvania and were excited to share them with you.

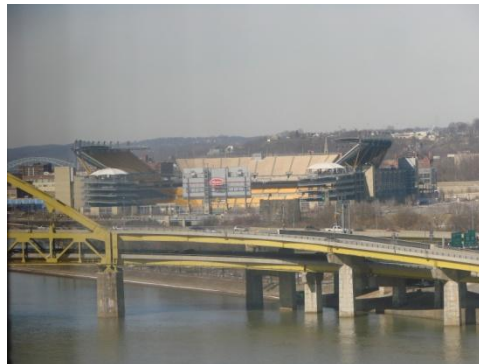
Over the next couple of years we will be faced with a large number of our teachers in the field retiring. Like many of you, we are faced with the task of recruiting students to fill those vacancies and trying to figure out where we will place our students until those vacancies can be filled with experienced teachers. As many of us began this dialogue before the conference and continued through the conference, I am sure that it will remain a topic which we will continue to discuss. That is the great thing about getting together at our conference!

Please remember that time is quickly running out regarding the funding available for **developing** an on-line professional development workshop. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions! This is a great opportunity for us to share workshops with a larger number of teachers in the field who may not have the opportunity to attend state, regional or national conferences that focus on their students. Don't let this opportunity pass you by!

We certainly are looking forward to our conference next year which will be held in California. Lou Larwood is busily making plans and Deb Stryker will be making the announcement for the call for papers soon!

I hope you all have a great summer as the semester is winding down for most of us! Please don't hesitate to contact me if there is anything that I can do for you!

My best,
Nancy



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General Business Meeting 1 Friday, February 23, 2007

Karen Stein, Secretary

Debbie Haydon called the meeting to order at 8:04 am. She introduced Nancy Benham and Dee Klein, the Program Chairs, and thanked them for the wonderful job they did putting the conference together. Nancy welcomed the group to Pittsburgh, and made several announcements. Dee welcomed the conference participants and encouraged them to enjoy the city. She thanked Nancy for her hard work, and the conference sponsors for their contributions. She also thanked those who donated raffle prizes, student volunteers from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, University of Pittsburgh, and Bloomsburg University, Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, and the staff of the hotel.

Dee reported 120 conference participants in attendance, and 32 attended the pre-conference meeting. She announced that the Mayor of Pittsburgh made a formal proclamation declaring it 'ACE-DHH Day'.

Debbie announced that a copy of the minutes from last year's conference was posted in the newsletter and at the front desk. The minutes were approved as read.

Janet Jamieson and Susan Van Gorp announced that ICED 2010 will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, to be followed by an Alaskan cruise.

Rich Nowell thanked WPSD and the Center for Hearing and Deaf Services of West Moreland County for contributing interpreter services.

Margaret Finnegan gave the Treasurer's report. She stated that the organization was in good fiscal shape. She reported that there were several difficulties using PayPal for payment of conference registration and dues, however the benefits of it outweigh the difficulties, and we will continue to use it, refining the process to eliminate confusion. Margaret anticipates a

balance of approximately \$39000 when all the conference bills have been paid.

Kathleena Whitesell gave the report of the Membership Committee. She reported between 114-124 members had registered for the conference. Ballots were distributed and the membership was asked to vote for open positions and for awards. Voting was completed and the ballots were passed forward to Debbie Haydon.

Marybeth Lartz reported on the Legislative Committee. She asked the members to give the committee input on what they would like to see addressed in the next newsletter.

There was no report from the Awards Committee at this time.

Karen Dilka and Lynn Woolsey reported on the activities of CED. Karen announced that Tony Martin is the new head of Program Evaluation. She reported that the CED board recently received diversity training. She said that CED is working on a number of current issues, including early childhood and online program standards. She recognized Susan Easterbrooks' hard work on certification standards and encouraged everyone to attend her session. Lynn announced that Karen Dilka has been selected as the new Executive Director of CED.

Debbie called on ad-hoc committee heads to report on their activities.

Susan Lenihan and Nancy Benham reported on CEU issues. ACE-DHH has now been certified to grant CEUs for online courses. Several courses are being developed for online presentation related to the grant, but we need more. The membership was encouraged to participate in making other online courses available.

Debbie gave an update on the status of our relationship with the JDSD. Last year the motion to offer a subscription on the membership form was voted on and passed. The Executive Board will be discussing the discount

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to be offered. Anyone who is interested in subscribing can give a check to Margaret until she gets it set up for payment through PayPal.

Old Business:

A motion was brought to the floor at the last meeting regarding the establishment of SIGs (Special Interest Groups) within ACE-DHH, however it was tabled as there was no quorum present. The floor was opened to discussion and Alan Marvelli was asked to act as Parliamentarian. Marlin Coons moved to consider the establishment of SIGs; the motion to do so was seconded and passed. Dee Klein said that she thought it would be a good idea to have tracks for the conference rather than SIGs so as not to divide the group. Kate Reynolds agreed that it would be nice to have the opportunity for discussion about a common interest, but pointed out that we would have to be vigilant about using SIGs to strengthen the purpose of ACE-DHH and not splintering the organization. Lynn Woolsey asked that attention be paid to scheduling for next year's conference. Shirin suggested setting up discussion groups, as topics of interest tend to change, rather than establishing formal SIGs, and then be careful not to schedule them at the same time so that people can attend several different ones. Rachel Friedman said that it might be more meaningful for her as a faculty member to be able to report to the university that she has attended a SIG rather than a discussion group.

At this point the Mayor and the County Executive of Pittsburgh came by to congratulate ACE-DHH and convey their best wishes for all the organization does. They thanked the members for all the hard work that is being done on behalf of deaf children and their families.

The discussion then returned to the topic of establishing SIGs. Marc Marshark said that belonging to a SIG would make it more likely to get financial support from the universities. He said that he thought the establishment of SIGs might increase the membership. A motion was made that SIGs be established in ACE-DHH.

The motion was passed with a vote of 48 in favor, 5 opposed and 2 abstained.

New Business:

The final order of business discussed was the revision of by-laws and policy that has been in the works for some time. Debbie and Kate will be trying to finalize these changes in time for the membership to vote on them at the next conference. They welcome any input.

Results of the election were announced. Deb Stryker is the President-Elect, Marge Harrington is the Chair of the Awards Committee and Kate Reynolds is the Membership Committee Chair.

Debbie reported that the site for next year's conference, and for 2009 would be discussed at the meeting Saturday night.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28.

General Business Meeting 2 Saturday, February 24, 2007

New Business:

The site for the conference for next year is still to be decided. Debbie Haydon proposed having it at Hilton Head, and several others volunteered to help host it there. There were no other sites suggested. For the 2009 conference, Margaret Finnegan said she would explore the possibility of having it at St. Augustine, again. Janet Jamieson suggested considering having the 2010 conference in Vancouver in July, so it could be held in conjunction with the International Conference on Education of the Deaf.

Ed Marlatt presented the awards for 2007. This year's recipient of the Sister Mary Delaney Award is Donald Moores. The Lifetime Achievement Award was awarded to Ruth Fletcher.

Tony Martin recognized programs that had been reviewed by CED. Receiving certificates were Teachers' College, University of Southern Mississippi and Lamar University.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Membership News –

Kate Reynolds, Membership Committee Chair

We had a full slate of membership committee members elected in Pittsburgh this past February. Most of you know me, Kate Reynolds. I direct the program in Deaf Education at the University of New Orleans and have been involved in ACE-D/HH since 1980 when I taught at the University of Southern Mississippi (USM). Most recently, I served on the Executive Board in the capacity of Past-President.

Joining me on the membership committee are two newer ACE-D/HH members, Jerry Boisson and Mary Ann Gentry. Mary Ann is on the faculty of Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas and was formerly a lead teacher with the Calcasieu Parish school district in Southwest Louisiana. Jerry Boisson works with Hank Teller at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. He is a certified interpreter as well as a full-time faculty member at USM. Prior to joining the ranks of those of us in higher education, Jerry taught on the high school level in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana. So, not only do we have an all-southern membership committee, we have an all Louisiana one to boot!

This year we plan to update our membership list and post it on the ACE-D/HH website and to actively recruit new and lapsed members. One way, dear reader, for you to help us in our efforts is to nominate potential members. Another is to look at your particular set of professional interests, send them to us and let us publicize them for you on our website. Who knows who may be waiting out there just looking for a collaborator on an article, grant, research project, or new ACE-D/HH special focus group? As Bogart says in Casablanca, "This could be the start of a beautiful friendship."

In a few months, all paid ACE-D/HH members will be receiving an electronic form verifying current contact particular former members into coming home to ACE-D/HH. Please think of a non-member who would benefit from what ACE-D/HH has to offer. You supply the name and contact point, and we will do the rest!

And, though our February 2008 conference in California is a long way off, we will be asking for nominations for several offices on our executive board. Consider running for office or talking a colleague into taking a leadership position in the organization. ACE-D/HH needs you, and you, and you, and you, and.....

Have a great spring and an adventurous and enjoyable summer!

Kate



Monetary Fitness

Margaret Finnegan, Treasurer

As of now, with several still outstanding bills, we are in very good shape. We have a bill from IACET for dues, Tax preparation by the Accountant, and some travel expense bills for the CED representatives. With that said, **we currently have on hand \$52,990.03.**



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CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE ACEDHH 2008 CONFERENCE IN MONTEREY, CA



- Poster session presentation and those submitting 45-minute presentation proposals late* will be accepted through **November 15, 2007**. Notification of acceptance will be sent via email by December 15, 2007.

Accepted presentations and posters received by **November 15, 2007** will be published in the **ACE-DHH 2008 Proceedings on CD**.

Proposal Submission:

Please include the following in your proposal:

1. Presenter(s) information sheet
2. Proposal Summary Page

PACIFIC ADVENTURES: NEW WAVES IN DEAF EDUCATION

The magnificent Monterey Peninsula has been called the greatest meeting of land, sea and sky and is recognized as an ideal vacation and business destination. This beautiful seaside community combines all the charm of small town America with an endless variety of recreational and cultural activities. Monterey's rich history, the saga of California's Mission Trail, historic Fisherman's Wharf and Cannery Row, 20 world-class golf courses, the world's best aquarium, a unique variety of shops and galleries and a spectacular assortment of parks and natural areas combine to provide a truly unrivaled place for your next getaway. Monterey.com brings the peninsula to you! (picture and information: www.monterey.com)

You are invited to submit a proposal for the 2008 ACEDHH conference!

The conference will feature 45-minute presentations and a ninety-minute poster session.

Deadlines:

-45-minute presentation submission is October 1, 2007. Notification of acceptance will be sent via email by November 1, 2007.

**45-minute presentation proposals received Oct 2 - Nov 15 and accepted may fill less desirable time-slots*

Proposals should be submitted electronically in Microsoft Word to **Deborah S. Stryker, Program Chair, at deborahstryker@yahoo.com**

1. PRESENTER INFORMATION SHEET

Name of Presenter:

Professional Affiliation:

Mailing Address:

Phone:

Email:

Name of Co-Presenter(s):

Professional Affiliation:

Mailing Address:

Phone:

Email:

Title of Proposed Presentation:

Type of Session Requested:

45-minute Presentation

Poster Session

If your proposal is not accepted as a 45-minute presentation, would you be willing to make a poster presentation? ___Yes ___No

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2. PROPOSAL SUMMARY PAGE

Please submit a proposal page with the following information ONLY (no identifying information should appear on the Proposal Page).

Title of the Presentation (Please make sure this matches the title you gave on your Presenter Information Sheet.)

Summary of the presentation for conference program (45 words or less)

Learner Outcomes and Rationale: (Include learner objectives and a brief rationale of the importance of this topic for the membership of ACE-DHH. (300 to 500 words).

Guidelines for Prospective Presenters:

-Proposals will be reviewed by the Program Committee in a blind review format.

Notification of acceptance will be received via email by November 15, 2008 or December 15, 2008 as outlined above.

-Each room will be equipped with a presenter's table, overhead projector and screen. Additional audio-visual equipment will be the responsibility of the presenter(s).

California...
Here we Come!

Hello Everyone,

I am thrilled to announce that we have a GORGEOUS property for the ACE-DHH 2008 Conference. It is in downtown Monterey, sitting on the Harbor of Monterey Bay; the hotel is magnificent and I think it is going to be a great experience for all that attend. We will be

at the **Portola Plaza Hotel**. Go to www.portolaplazahotel.com. Just sit and look at the web page; you get a few really nice shots and then go to the "Property tour" link. It is really much more beautiful in Monterey than the pictures even show.....

There is a walking mall inside and through the hotel, over 30 restaurants within walking distance, a large and beautiful health spa inside for massage and pampering, golf, sailing, walking trails, sea kayaking, the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Cannery Row, etc. all within walking distance of the hotel. There is a micro-brewery on site as well....Wine tasting rooms within walking distance. The rooms are first class, the meeting areas are hi-tech and state of the art.

I am really looking forward to sharing the registration specifics with you VERY SOON! We have been told that if anyone wishes to come in earlier or stay later, they will extend the conference rate for six additional days.....in case you are considering this as a break from work.....We are also just less than a 15 min. drive to Carmel by the Sea and its beautiful area. Transportation is available from the hotel. Big Sur is one hour south and is breathtaking if you have not seen that part of the Ca. coastline.....Santa Cruz is 30 minutes north as well.

Please feel free to email me with your questions. My email address that I check regularly is llarwood@cruzio.com.

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ACEDHH Award Nominations

Marge Harrington

The new awards committee, consisting of Marge Harrington, Dave Dolman and Zanthia Smith would like to remind the ACEDHH membership that three awards are available for presentation each year at the annual conference to deserving ACEDHH members. The awards are: The Sister Mary Delaney Award, The Technology Award, and the Life-Time Achievement Award. Please start thinking of deserving members you could nominate for presentation at the 2008 ACEDHH conference. Nominations can be sent to Dr. Marge Harrington at harringm@canisius.edu.



Don't Procrastinate ~ Communicate!

Dee Klein, Editor

I want to invite you to send me articles for inclusion in our Newsletter at any time throughout the year. Don't wait! If you have a hot topic, a cool new tech tool to share, or just the need to make an important point, send it to me as a Word document and I'll put it in the queue for the next Newsletter!

Email your articles to:

diane.klein@iup.edu

LOGO Anyone??

Do you want an official Logo for ACEDHH? Express your thoughts and I'll publish the results in the fall Newsletter. Vote with a 'YES' or 'NO' in your Subject line to:

diane.klein@iup.edu

ACE-DHH Officers 2007

President :	Nancy Benham
Past President:	Debbie Haydon
President Elect:	Deb Stryker
Treasurer:	Margaret Finnegan
Secretary:	Karen Stein
Membership:	Kate Reynolds
Publications:	Dee Klein
Awards:	Marge Harrington
Legislative:	Maribeth Lartz Joyce Daugaard Maryann Bibby

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Yuengling anyone?



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Elsa Foisak-Malmo, Sweden



Marc makes a point



**Mayor Luke Ravenstahl, Dee and
County Executive Dan Onorato
Proclaim
ACE-DHH Days in
Pittsburgh
February 21-25, 2007**