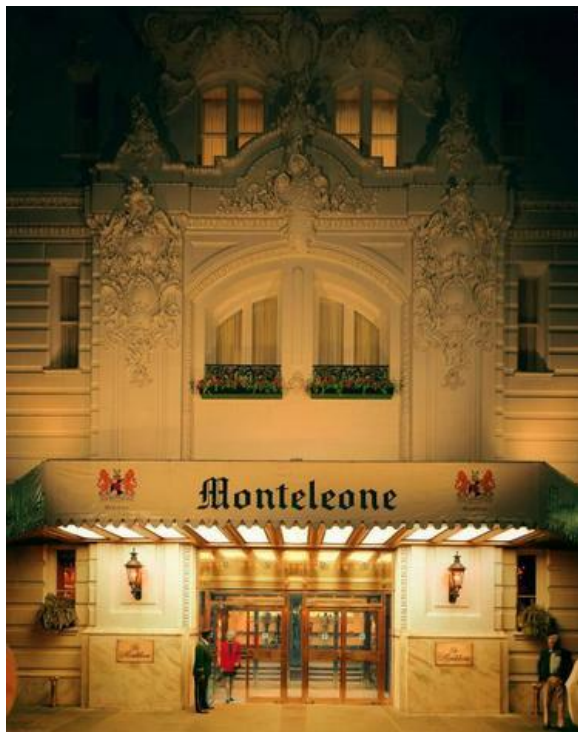


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Conference 2009 NEW ORLEANS!



We return to the
Monteleone Hotel to
“Let the good times roll”



SAVE the dates:
March 4 – 8, 2009

Some Info to Get Your Plans Started

Registration will be handled via the ACEDHH website. Keep your eye on WWW.ACEDHH.ORG for all conference information. As it becomes available, it will be posted to that site.

Accommodations:

The Monteleone Hotel
-in the historic French Quarter

Newly remodeled and truly beautiful (Dee got a look at the hotel in March and WOW is the best way to describe the renovations!)

Take a look for yourself:

www.hotelmonteleone.com

A block of rooms will be available for a fabulous conference rate of
\$169.00/night.

FYI: Federal Per Diem is \$190.00/day

(http://www.gsa.gov/Portal/gsa/ep/contentView.do?queryYear=2008&contentType=GSA_BASIC&contentId=17943&queryState=Louisiana&noc=T)

Airport:

Louis Armstrong International Airport

The Airport Shuttle located on the ground level (baggage claim) area of Louis Armstrong International Airport provides transportation to the hotel. The current charge is \$13.00 US per person. Or you may take a taxi directly to the hotel. Rates from the airport are \$28.00 for 1-2 people traveling together or \$12.00 per person for 3 or more people.

Hotel Parking- valet parking

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Greetings and Welcome to the *'end of the semester, the flowers blooming, and my first letter from the president'*:

Please let me begin by sharing that it is my pleasure and privilege to be the president of ACE-DHH this year. Starting the year off in Monterey (thank you Lou!) was a treat as was meeting, greeting and chatting with so many more of you this year! We are so very fortunate to have this collaborative organization!

Speaking of collaboration, the executive board, all of whom I am honored to work with, met via conference call in late April. Discussion centered around a variety of topics, first and foremost the approval of the updated ACE-DHH by-laws, to then be able to present to you all, discuss and hopefully approve them at our 2009 business meeting. We also discussed the possibility of a logo for ACE-DHH and our mailings, the ACE-DHH website, a possible dues increase, and other items related to the 2008 conference as well as the upcoming 2009 conference.

I know that Kate and Sandy are busy making preparations for our 2009 ACE-DHH conference in *The Big Easy* the first weekend in March. I am excited to hear not only about the conference but also about the possible volunteer project Kate mentioned in Monterey.

I cannot end this letter without giving a huge **THANK YOU** to our amazing colleagues, Susan Easterbrooks and her tireless work on our behalf with the CEC Initial and Advanced Teachers of the Deaf Standards, and Karen Dilka for assisting Susan in this monstrous process!! We would not be who we are without your guidance, vision, time, sweat, and persistence! I am grateful to you both!

With that said, here's to a great year and a wonderful conference in New Orleans!

Deb
Deborah S. Stryker, Ph.D
ACE-DHH President

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Treasurer's Report —

Margaret Finnegan, Outgoing Treasurer

Well, this is kind of weird, but we have not yet received any bills for our conference in Monterey! Perhaps it was a free conference! Unlikely...therefore, the current balance as reported in the Business Meeting minutes on page 5 of this Newsletter stands. As soon as we receive the invoices and pay the bills, a new balance will be reported in a subsequent Newsletter.



Membership —

Kate Reynolds, Chair

There are currently 110 members of ACE-DHH. It's election time again; up this time will be ACE-DHH President Elect, Secretary and Membership Committee Chair. As always, an organization is only as strong as its membership; please consider becoming a leader in YOUR professional organization.

This year the ACE-DHH website will be updated (and migrated to a new host server). The Membership list will be thoroughly updated. PLEASE respond if asked to provide new information for your

listing. We can't find you if we don't have the right information!

There was also a recommendation that a separate listserv strictly for ACE-DHH members be developed so that our group business need not be shared with everyone on the listserv currently provided via the grants.

We are working hard to make sure that YOU are kept informed.



ICED 2010

Janet Jamieson and Susan Van Gulp want to remind you that ICED 2010 will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, followed by an Alaskan cruise. WATCH FOR DETAILS!!!



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Nominate a Colleague

ACEDHH Awards Committee
Marge Harrington
Dave Dolman
Zanthia Smith

Sr. Mary Delaney Honorary Life Membership Award

Nominations for the Sr. Mary Delaney Honorary Life Membership Award are being sought by the members of the Awards Committee. A description of the awards and the criteria for eligibility follows:

The purpose of this award is to honor the distinguished career of an ACE-DHH member in teaching, research and service in the preparation of teachers of students who are deaf or hard of hearing. The nominee currently must be a faculty member in a program for preparing educators of students who are deaf or hard of hearing and must have been an active professional for a minimum of 20 years. All rights and privileges of membership are provided for life to the recipient, without payment of dues. Members of ACE-DHH may nominate qualified individuals, supported by a minimum of 10 active members with a short biographical sketch.

Nominations with the names of 10 active members supporting the nominee as well as the biographical sketch may be e-mailed to:

Dr. Marge Harrington, Awards Committee Chair harringm@canisius.edu

All nominations must be sent to the chair and received by December 12, 2008.

The award will be given at the banquet at the 2009 ACE-DHH conference in New Orleans, LA.

Former recipients are as follows:

1998	Roberta Truax	Lexington
2000	Bill Brelje	New Orleans
2001	Alan Marvelli	San Diego
2002	Tom Jones	Charleston
2003	Ann Powers	San Antonio
2004	Susan Easterbrooks	St. Augustine
2005	Mary Ann Bibby	Banff
2006	Gerry Bateman	Denver
2007	Donald Moores	Pittsburgh
2008	John Luckner	Monterey

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Minutes from the Business Meeting

Recorded by Secretary-Karen Stein

ACE-DHH 08 Opening Business Meeting

Thursday, February 22, 2008

Nancy Benham called the meeting to order. She thanked everyone for being there, and welcomed everyone to the 2008 conference. She emphasized that we need to keep on schedule so that the hotel staff will be able to get the rooms ready for all the events. She then introduced Lou Larwood, the Local Arrangements Chair. Lou welcomed everyone to Monterey, and encouraged everyone to take advantage of all that the city has to offer. She thanked everyone for their attendance, and wished them a great conference.

Nancy then introduced President-Elect Deb Stryker. She welcomed the group, saying that we have a full day and we will work hard to keep things on schedule. She announced several changes to the schedule.

Nancy announced that the minutes from last year's conference were in the e-newsletter. Dee moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Committee reports:

Local Arrangements-Lou Larwood

Lou had nothing to add. Nancy commended her for doing a great job.

Dee Klein-Newsletter

Dee reported that we have had 3 newsletters go out electronically in pdf format. She asked any members to contact her if they would like to have it in Word. She also said that if anyone was having a problem getting the newsletter, they should let Kate Reynolds know. Dee summarized the content of the newsletters. She reported that she had asked the membership about interest in creating a logo for the organization, but she did not get much response. She will bring it up again to see if there is any interest. She mentioned that one person had volunteered to help her with the newsletters. Dee apologized for getting the last newsletter out late. It contained a memorial for Frieda Hammermeister, and the final information about the conference. The next newsletter will come out in the spring. Sharon Baker asked if it would be possible to put the newsletters up on the web-site. Nancy said that we could do that.

Treasurer's report-Nancy Benham (for Margaret Finnegan)

Nancy went through the Treasurer's report since Margaret was sick. She reported that the organization has a current balance, prior to the conference, of \$59,000. This year's conference was budgeted at \$40-45,000, but it seems likely that we will come in over budget. We do not yet have an estimate for the interpreters' charges. In addition, we have some other upcoming expenses:

Professional tax preparation	\$500
IASET dues	\$750
CED dues	\$2000
Incorporation fees	\$75

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Nancy asked for discussion regarding IASET (International Association of Continuing Education and Training.) She explained that we went through a great deal of time and effort to get approved and trained for the program. When it was first introduced, the membership seemed to see it as a great opportunity to provide online professional education. In our pilot year, 2 presentations were offered. We are approved for 20 years, but we have to pay annual dues, and they are due soon for this year. Nancy reported that very few people are taking part in it, so she asked for some discussion regarding continuation of the program. It was reported that sessions were not very well attended, even though information was sent out about the offerings by email and FAX. Members were asked to contact local agencies that might be interested. Nancy stated that we need to decide if we want to continue because dues need to be paid soon.

Nancy reported that this was all the information Margaret had so far, regarding finances. She repeated that she expected the conference costs to be over budget. Dee stated that funds for the organization are generated primarily through membership dues. Karen Dilka asked if we got any sponsorships for the conference this year; Nancy said we did not. Shirin Antia asked about sponsorship from JDSD, but it was reported that that was for last year only. She also inquired about the agreement between JDSD and ACE-DHH, and wanted to know if we had received any income from subscriptions. No one was able to report on that at this time. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report. It was seconded and passed.

Membership/Election Committee-Kate Reynolds

Kate reported that 90 members had preregistered, and an additional 20 had registered at the conference. Some members had registered at the conference, but have not yet paid their membership dues. She reminded everyone that you must be a paid member in order to present at the conference, and this will be enforced. Kate announced that we will be migrating and rebuilding the website, and at that time we will also be rebuilding the membership list.

CED representative's report-Lynn Wolsey

Lynn reported that CED met prior to this conference and voted on accreditation. The results of the vote will be announced at the banquet on Saturday. She said CED is looking to ACE-DHH as the resource in the training of teachers. They are looking at website development and other current needs. She encouraged anyone with questions or ideas to let them know. She reported that CED is revising the manual to be more specific, and working on developing an exemplar for universities to help the accreditation process go more smoothly. She added that they are also looking into how they might be able to accredit 1 person programs so they are not discriminating against them. She said that there is still a crisis for teachers and professors in deaf education, and she urged everyone to contribute any ideas they might have.

Deb Haydon brought up a problem with the list serve. She said that many members have dropped off of it, and urged them to please get back on it since that is the way we communicate about what is going on. As an example, she noted that Susan Easterbrooks worked incredibly hard on revisions of the standards, and members were asked for input via

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the list-serve. Those who are not on the list-serve, did not get the opportunity to participate in this, and may miss out on a lot of other information and opportunities. Susan Lenihan asked if the group felt that CED should start a separate list-serve that is just program directors. Deb Haydon brought up the idea of having a membership only list-serve. Karen Dilka reiterated the importance of giving feedback about the revisions to the standards as the changes will have a significant effect on us. Lynn asked anyone who did not get a chance to review the revisions to please get in touch with her or with Deb.

Lon Coons said that he had difficulty figuring out how to get on the list-serve. Nancy explained that to join the list-serve you have to go through the website. Kate reported that we are considering building a separate list-serve for ACE-DHH members only. Nancy added that our list-serve is currently run through deafed.net. She reiterated the importance of joining the list-serve so everyone gets access to current updates and information. Anyone having difficulty getting on to the list-serve should go to deafed.net and ask Sherry Ernsberger to help them.

Nancy suggested we continue the discussion regarding IASET. Kate asked if ACE-DHH makes any money when a workshop is presented through the program. Nancy responded that we do not make enough to offset our expenses right now, as there were significant expenses for the start-up. Shirin mentioned that her group has discussed using the site for her doctoral students to make presentations. Susan Easterbrooks reiterated that they saw it as a great opportunity for the doctoral students to do this as a service activity which would link them to ACE-DHH and enhance their connection to the professional community. Sharon Baker noted that her state is desperate to offer professional education opportunities, and suggested that they may be interested in contracting for presentations. Melinda said the same was true in Nebraska, and suggested going to the various state departments of education, and the regional directors. Nancy said she thought this had already been done.

Alan pointed out that we have already invested a great deal of time, effort and money in setting this up, and that we may want to give it some more time to see what develops. Since we have the money to pay the dues, he moved that we pay for the coming year. The motion was seconded.

Claudia asked for more information about what we make, and how many participants we would need to offset our costs; that would give us some criterion to determine if it is frugal to continue.

Kate suggested appointing an ad hoc person to be responsible for overseeing it. Nancy said that was her job. She added that she has sent out a lot of email requests for people to get involved, but has seen very little response. Kate asked about doing a needs assessment; Nancy said it was already done. She added that initially people seemed to be very excited about it, but it has been difficult to get them to make the commitment to really participate. Christine Peragoe asked what format is required for delivery of the presentations. Nancy replied that it is up to the presenter, but 10 hours is the requirement for 1 CEU, and there is a 3 CEU maximum per presentation. She added that we are not allowed to offer courses for university credit. Christine suggested encouraging people who are already offering courses to present some

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“repackaged” versions. Sharon encouraged Nancy to contact state departments by phone to see if they may be interested in it. She said they often have money that they are required to disperse for teacher professional development. She offered to check with the Oklahoma Department of Education to see if it could work.

Nancy explained that presenters are paid per participants, and ACE-DHH gets a small % of what is made.

Lynn suggested putting together a flyer about it so that she could bring it to CED and NASDI. The members were reminded that there was a motion on the floor; a vote was taken and the motion to pay the IASET dues for the next year was passed.

Kate Reynolds reported that 2 positions needed to be filled, and that we had 1 “volunteer” running for each position. Sandy Bowen has agreed to run for President-Elect and Jerry Buisson has agreed to run for Treasurer. Nancy thanked them both for volunteering, and added many thanks to Margaret for filling the Treasurer position for so many years. Both Sandy and Jerry were voted in by acclamation. Kate reminded the membership that next year the positions of Secretary and Membership Committee Chair would be open.

Old Business:

A proposal was submitted by Kate Reynolds to hold the 2009 conference in New Orleans. She summarized that there had been a consensus to try to find someplace warm to go. Several sites in Florida had been considered, but room rates were high. One option suggested was to change the time of the conference to just after New Years or to April to see if the rates in Florida would be better. Another option would be to return to New Orleans. Kate reported that the Monteleone Hotel has been recently renovated and they have offered rooms for the week after Mardi Gras (early March) at \$169. Jerry Buisson and Marilyn Sass-Lehr volunteered to help. Kate suggested adding a day to the conference during which time participants would be able to contribute a volunteer day to work on rebuilding homes in the city. She showed a DVD about the Monteleone. Other suggestions for conference sites were asked for, but none were offered. A motion was made to hold the 2009 conference in New Orleans during the first week of March. The motion passed.

Nieta Israelite announced that anyone who was interested in getting together to honor Frieda Hammermeister is welcome to join her for dinner tonight. Frieda’s death was a big loss to all of us, personally and professionally.

Marge Harrington presented the 2008 Sister Mary Delaney Emeritus Life Membership Award to Dr. John Luckner, program coordinator at the University of Northern Colorado. Dr. Luckner is a prolific author, and presenter and has been involved in university teaching and research for many years.

Nancy moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Stein



Memories of Monterey



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Thanks, for the memories...

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A Word from the Local Arrangements Chair... Kate Reynolds

ACE-D/HH RE-VISITS the RE-NEWED New Orleans

It is official. The 2009 ACE-D/HH conference will roll the week after Mardi Gras in the Crescent City. We've reserved the hall (the beautiful Monteleone Hotel), negotiated a great nightly rate (\$169.00), and set the dates (March 4-8). All we need to know now is that YOU plan on showing up...and why wouldn't you? We will have our usual amazing presentations, banquets and buffets, but also beigniets, banquettes, beads, and bars (from the baroque Napoleon house to the bustling Pat O'Brien's) and enough variety to please any visitor. Get ready for the Monteleone's larger and newly remodeled guest rooms, for a rendezvous with the rooftop pool, a streetcar ride to the thriving arts district or National D-Day museum, or a trip on a Paddlewheel up the Mighty Mississippi. Oh, and don't forget, there is the French Quarter right outside our front door in case you have nothing else to do.

This year, as in years past, the Wednesday of the conference week (March 4th), will be our pre-conference workshop day – with a twist. This will be a day where, should you choose, you can either **WORK** or you can **SHOP**. Whichever you choose, our WorkShop day will help the people of New Orleans continue their recovery from Hurricane Katrina.

If **WORK** is in your plans then join us as we pick up hammers, head to the 9th Ward, and build a home for a deserving family, or as we help a shuttered school get ready to open her doors revealing a newly painted and dressed-up building for the kids who are returning to the neighborhood.

Now, if it is the **SHOP** part of our WorkShop day that interests you, then remember to bring lots (and lots) of money and leave it with our deserving merchants, cab drivers, tour companies, and restaurateurs. You can head-out on your own or join us on specially priced tours of New Orleans and the adjoining wetland swamps. Either way, your 'presents/presence' (money or muscle power), will help the people of New Orleans on their journey to becoming whole again.

So, unless you have a good excuse (and it is hard to believe you do), we will expect to see you in the Big Easy for the **35th annual ACE-D/HH Conference!** Take a moment to mark the dates when we will meet in the NEW New Orleans and we will all laissez le bon temps rouler! (Rough translation: Get up right now, go get you a pen and your calendar and write (ok, type into your new iPhone) the words "ACE-D/HH in NOLA" on March 4-8, 2009 then plan to bring your "family and dem" down south and we'll all pass a good time).

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Stuff You Might Think About ~

Dee Klein, Editor

- *We need a LOGO; we are a professional incorporated organization, after all! We hope to have a choice of Logos ready for your vote In New Orleans.*
- *We need YOU to recruit new members; we want to represent all perspectives of Deaf Education teacher preparation and you can't do that without members for all.*
- *What do you get for your unbelievably reasonable dues?*
 - *#1 is Collegiality ~ we are few and far between; ACE-DHH gives us the opportunity to connect and collaborate on numerous levels (grant submissions, co-teaching, program sharing, etc.)*
 - *A SIGNIFICANT VOICE in educating deaf and hard of hearing children; all accrediting bodies come to TEACHER PREPARATION to help determine appropriate credentials...we really do have a say in what happens (Susan and Karen have real firsthand knowledge of this important feature as do those of us who assisted in the CEC/CED endeavor)*
 - *Representation on CED; YES, that is important for the above stated reason*
 - *The opportunity to attend a professional conference each year in excellent locations (yes, even Pittsburgh was wonderful!)*
 - *A nifty quarterly Newsletter lovingly prepared by your volunteer editor*
 - *A discounted subscription option for the Journal of Deaf Studies and Deaf Education*
 - *Me, taking pictures at all events*
 - *Opportunities for personal and professional growth beyond anything at your local place of employment*
 - ***You get a great bang for your buck by joining ACE-DHH***
- *A location for our 2010 meeting...remember that VANCOUVER has been suggested so that we can dovetail it with the next ICED; that means moving our annual meeting to July in 2010...a 2fer isn't a bad idea!*
- ***The CALL FOR PAPERS for NOLA 2009 will come out in a separate email shortly. PLEASE WATCH YOUR EMAIL for the announcement. The turn-around time will be quick to help you and your schools make plans for your participation.***

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