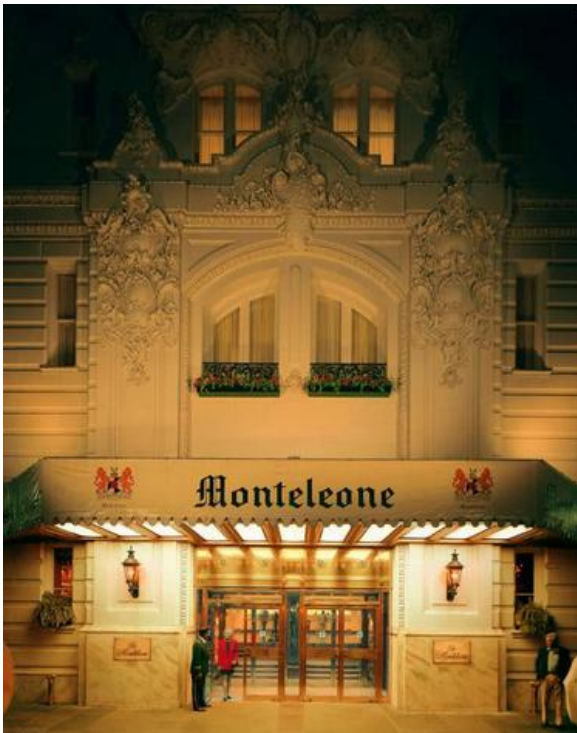


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Conference 2009
NEW ORLEANS!
Here we come!



Registration is now open on the ACE-DHH website.

Please note **early registration deadline is December 31, 2008**. Once again you are able to pay for the conference registration, your membership, and receive a discount on a subscription to JDSDE via **PayPal!**

Keep your eye on WWW.ACEDHH.ORG for other conference information.

Accommodations:

The Monteleone Hotel

You must *CALL* the hotel to make your reservations! The special conference rate of *\$169.00/night* is available from *March 3-9*.

CALL NOW: 800-535-9595.

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!

As I consider what to write for my final ACE-DHH presidential message, I'm flooded with a profound sense of hope, enthusiasm and honor. Hope in our nation, enthusiasm for our organization, and honor to have served with such an incredible board!

These last few months, nationally, we have heard a lot about hope and setting new precedents, and regardless of political affiliation, one must acknowledge the optimistic expectations that are ushering in the Obama-Biden administration. Our ACE-DHH 2009 conference theme of REFLECT, RENEW, REJOICE similarly echoes what our new administration has chosen to focus on for their education platform: *"Their vision for a 21st century education begins with demanding more reform and accountability, coupled with the resources needed to carry out that reform; asking parents to take responsibility for their children's success; and recruiting, retaining, and rewarding an army of new teachers to fill new successful schools that prepare our children for success in college and the workforce."* (downloaded on 11/10/08 from:

http://www.barackobama.com/pdf/issues/education/Fact_Sheet_Education_Reform_Speech_FINAL.pdf)

We, as professionals interested in research and education of Deaf and hard of hearing individuals of all ages, have the opportunity to influence much of their success. We should all feel strongly that it is our job, as members of ACE-DHH, to kindle enthusiasm and spark – enthusiasm in cultivating new members and spark in reenergizing our seasoned colleagues. Please encourage attendance this year because it is going to be a fabulous conference!

This past year it has been my honor to work and serve with your ACE-DHH Board. My compliments to Sandy Bowen, President-Elect, who has organized an excellent program and Kate Reynolds, Local Arrangements Chair, who has rolled out the red carpet for us all to REFLECT, RENEW and REJOICE together as colleagues!

Kudos also extended to Nancy Benham and Debbie Hayden, Past and Past Past President, for their continued work on our By-Laws! As members, you are all receiving the By-Laws in this newsletter to review for approval at our first general business meeting in New Orleans. And last but not least, a huge thanks to our newsletter editor, Dee Klein, whose persistence and work continues to produce this quality newsletter – thanks to you all!!

I am really looking forward to a wonderful new year, new administration and our New Orleans 2009 ACE-DHH conference!

Peace!

Deb
Deborah S. Stryker
ACE-DHH President

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At long last, it is time to **publish the ACE-DHH By-Laws** that your Executive Board has been working on for three long years (or more!). As required by our By-Laws, these changes must be posted and provided to the membership at least 60 days prior to the next business meeting. We will vote on this document at our meeting in New Orleans. ***Thanks to Past-President Nancy Benham and Past-Past President Debbie Hayden for making the final push to get this document into the hands of the membership.*** Please take a few moments to read over these By-Laws so that you are familiar with the contents in time for the vote in March.

BY-LAWS

THE ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE EDUCATORS - DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING (ACE-DHH)

Article I Membership

There shall be three categories of membership in the Association of College Educators - Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Regular, Emeritus, and Associate.

Section 1.0 Regular Membership

1.1.0 Eligibility for Regular Membership requires that an individual:

1.1.1 Be a faculty member in a college.

1.1.2 Be involved in the education of professional personnel in the field of education of deaf or hard of hearing.

1.1.3 Have paid the Regular membership dues for the current year.

1.2.0 The rights and privileges of Regular membership include the following:

1.2.1 Vote on the business of the Association and in elections.

1.2.2 Hold office and serve on committees of the Association.

1.2.3 Attend and participate in meetings of the Association.

1.2.4 Receive the publications of the Association.

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Section 2.0 Emeritus Membership

2.1 Eligibility for Emeritus membership requires that an individual:

2.1.1 Has been a Regular member of the Association for a minimum of five years prior to the initial application for Emeritus membership.

2.1.2 Has paid the Emeritus membership dues for the current year.

2.2 The rights and privileges of Emeritus membership include the following:

2.2.1 Vote on the business of the Association and in elections.

2.2.2 Attend and participate in meetings of the Association.

2.2.3 Receive the publications of the Association.

Section 3.0 Associate Membership

3.1 Eligibility for Associate membership requires that an individual:

3.1.1 Be involved a) in the education of professional personnel who will serve individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing or b) in the education of individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. Included for Associate membership are those serving as cooperating teachers, supervisors of internship, coordinators of practicum arrangements with a college, or teachers of a course or a lecturer in a college preparation program. Also eligible are doctoral students preparing for involvement in the education of professional personnel.

3.1.2 Has an interest in the purpose of the Association.

3.1.3 Has paid the Associate membership dues for the current year.

3.2 The rights and privileges of Associate membership include the following:

3.2.1 Attend and participate in meetings of the Association without voting privilege.

3.2.2 Receive the publications of the Association.

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Section 4.0 Application and Renewal

4.1 The membership year shall coincide with the annual conference, to be from the first day of the 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.

4.2 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.

4.3 Renewal: An individual shall complete a standard formal renewal application for membership.

Article II Dues

Section 1.0 Establishment of Dues

The annual dues for Regular, Emeritus, and Associate membership and / or changes in dues shall be established through recommendation of the Executive Committee and a majority vote of the membership at an annual meeting.

Section 2.0 Amount of Dues

The dues for Emeritus and Associate membership shall be lower than the dues for Regular membership.

Article III Officers

Section 1.0 President

1.1 The President is the chief executive officer of the Association.

1.2 The duties of the President shall include the following:

1.2.1 Preside over regular and special meetings of the Association.

1.2.2 Serve as Chair of the Executive Committee.

1.2.3 Assume responsibility for the implementation of decisions of the Executive committee and the membership.

1.2.4 Call special meetings of the Executive Committee or other committees as needed.

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1.2.5 Establish ad-hoc committees as necessary.

1.2.6 Authorize expenditures of the Association.

1.2.7 Act as the official spokesperson for the Association.

1.2.8 Serve as official liaison to other organizations and agencies.

1.2.9 Serve as an optional and unpaid observer of the Association on the Council on Education of the Deaf (CED) Board which meets twice each year.

Section 2.0 President-Elect

2.1 The President-elect is the official representative for the President and the successor to the office of President of the Association.

2.2 The duties of the President-Elect include the following:

2.2.1 Assume the responsibilities of the President in his/her absence.

2.2.2 Carry out duties and responsibilities as delegated by the President.

2.2.3 Serve as Chair of the Program Committee and plan the theme and the content of the program for the meeting.

2.2.4 Serve as an optional and unpaid observer of the Association on the Council on Education of the Deaf (CED) Board which meets twice each year.

Section 3.0 Past-President

3.1 The Past-President shall serve on the Executive Committee for one year immediately following his/her term of office as President of the Association.

3.2 The duties of the Past-President shall include the following:

3.2.1 Provide oversight in updating and maintaining the Associate website.

3.2.2 Carry out duties and responsibilities as delegated by the President.

3.2.3 Assist the President and Executive Committee in the conduct of business from the previous year.

3.2.4 Assume the duties of the President in the absence of the President and President-Elect.

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3.2.5 Serve as an optional and unpaid observer of the Association on the Council on Education of the Deaf (CED) Board which meets twice each year.

Section 4.0 Local Arrangements Chair

4.1 The Local Arrangements Chair shall be in charge of local arrangements for the annual meeting of the Association.

4.2 The duties of the Local Arrangements Chair shall include the following:

4.2.1 Serve as a member of the Program Committee.

4.2.2 Submit for approval by the Executive Committee the dates and the place for the annual meeting.

4.2.3 Make all local arrangements, including scheduling the events of the meeting, obtaining recorders and interpreters as necessary, and providing information on the meeting site and program to the President for distribution to the membership.

Section 5.0 Secretary

5.1 The Secretary shall serve as the official keeper of the records of the Association.

5.2 The duties of the Secretary shall include the following:

5.2.1 Record and submit to the President and the Executive Committee the minutes of all business meetings, including the meetings of the Executive Committee.

5.2.2 Handle official correspondence necessary to the business of the Association as instructed by the President and the Executive Committee.

5.2.3 Receive and file the minutes of the committees of the Association, including the Standing Committees, the Program Committee, and ad-hoc committees.

5.2.4 Assume the duties of the President in the absence of the President, President-Elect, and Past-President.

Section 6.0 Treasurer

6.1 The Treasurer is the chief financial officer of the Association.

6.2 The duties of the Treasurer shall include the following:

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6.2.1 Collect the dues of the Association.

6.2.2 Manage and safe-keep the funds of the Association.

6.2.3 Expend and receive funds authorized by the President and the Executive Committee.

6.2.4 Submit an annual financial report to the Executive Committee and present the report to the membership at the annual business meeting.

6.2.5 Prior to the annual meeting, submit to the Executive Committee a proposed budget for the following year.

6.2.6 Assume the duties of the President in the absence of the President, President-elect, Past-president, and Secretary.

Article IV Elections and Terms of Office

Section 1.0 Terms of Office

1.1 The terms of office of the President, President-elect, Past-president, and Local Arrangements Chair shall be one year.

1.2 The terms of office of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be two years.

1.3 All terms of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting.

Section 2.0 Vacancies

In the event of a vacancy in an office or on a committee of the Association, the Executive Committee shall appoint a person to serve until the term of office is over.

Section 3.0 Election Process

3.1 Election shall be by written ballot of the regular membership, except for the Local Arrangements Chair who shall be appointed at the annual meeting after the location for that annual meeting has been designated.

3.2 The Membership and Elections Committee shall prepare a ballot of persons willing to serve as officers, chairs of committees, or as committee members.

3.3 The election ballot shall be mailed to Regular members at least six weeks prior to the annual meeting.

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3.4 Elections to an office or standing committee shall be determined by a majority vote.

3.5 At the annual meeting, the chair of the Membership and Elections Committee shall conduct the elections and announce the names of individuals elected for the coming year. Members who are unable to attend the annual meeting and whose membership has been paid, may use absentee ballots. These ballots must be delivered to the committee on or before the first day of the annual meeting.

Article V Committees

Section 1.0 Executive Committee

1.1 The Executive Committee shall consist of the Association officers and chairpersons of Association standing committees. The Association President shall serve as Committee Chair.

1.2 Responsibilities of the Committee may be carried out by the Executive Committee as a whole or by subcommittees designated by the Chair. Responsibilities shall include the following:

1.2.1 Carry out business related to the goals and activities of the Association.

1.2.2 Oversee and monitor the activities of other committees.

1.2.3 In the event of vacancies in offices of the Association or membership of committees, appoint members to serve until the next annual meeting.

1.2.4 Initiate, make recommendations, and receive recommendations from the membership for statements, policies, and actions (a) related to the goals, business, and activities of the Association, and (b) related to legislation, regulations, policies, and actions of other organizations and agencies.

Section 2.0 Membership and Elections Committee

2.1 The Membership and Elections Committee is a standing committee of the Association.

2.2 The Membership and Elections Committee shall consist of a Chair and two other Association members, all elected by the membership of the Association.

2.3 The Committee shall be responsible for overall administration and management of matters pertaining to membership. Specific responsibilities shall include the following:

2.3.1 Recruit members for the Association.

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2.3.2 Establish and implement policies and procedures for the processing of applicants for membership and the renewal of continuing membership.

2.3.3 Maintain and disseminate lists of current membership.

2.4 The Committee shall be responsible for overall administration and management of Elections as specified in Article IV of the By-Laws. Specific responsibilities shall include the following:

2.4.1 Solicit nominations from Association members for each office scheduled for elections.

2.4.2 Prepare a ballot and disseminate to members.

2.4.3 Monitor mailing and receipt of absentee ballots for members unable to attend the annual meeting.

2.4.4 Hold elections at the annual meeting.

2.5 The committee members shall be elected in odd-numbered years for a two-year term of office.

Section 3.0 Publications Committee

3.1 The Publications Committee is a standing committee of the Association.

3.2 The Publications Committee shall consist of an Editor/Committee Chair and two other Association members, all elected by the membership of the Association.

3.3 The committee shall be responsible for overall administration and management of matters pertaining to publications of the Association. Specific responsibilities include the following:

3.3.1 Publish and distribute the minutes of the annual meeting, including committee reports.

3.3.2 Publish and distribute at least one newsletter annually.

3.3.3 Provide, publish and disseminate other materials as directed by the Executive Committee.

3.4 The committee members shall be elected in even-numbered years for a two-year term of office.

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Section 4.0 Awards Committee

4.1 The Awards Committee is a standing committee of the Association.

4.2 The Awards Committee shall consist of a Committee Chair and two other Association members, all elected by the membership of the Association.

4.3 The committee shall be responsible for overall administration and management of matters pertaining to awards given by the Association. Specific responsibilities include the following:

4.3.1 Solicit nominations from Association members for each award.

4.3.2 Determine award recipients.

4.3.3 Present awards at the annual meeting.

4.4 The committee members shall be elected in odd-numbered years for a two-year term of office.

Section 5.0 Legislative Committee

5.1 The Legislative Committee is a standing committee of the Association.

5.2 The Legislative Committee shall consist of a Committee Chair and two other Association members, all elected by the membership of the Association.

5.3 The committee shall be responsible for overall identification and dissemination of information and resources pertaining to pending or implemented legislation, or court cases, relevant to the Association.

5.4 The committee members shall be elected in even-numbered years for a two-year term of office.

Section 6.0 Program Committee

6.1 The Program Committee shall consist of the President-elect, who shall chair the Committee, Local Arrangements Chair, and at least two members selected by the Chair.

6.2 The Committee shall be responsible for overall planning, management, and conduct of the annual meeting. Specific responsibilities shall include the following:

6.2.1 Determine the dates and select the location of the meeting for approval by the Executive

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Committee.

6.2.2 Make arrangements for accommodations and meeting activities.

6.2.3 Plan the schedule and program for the meeting.

6.2.4 Publish and distribute information about the meeting to all members.

6.2.5 Set a meeting fee and other charges, to be approved by the Executive Committee. Manage the attendance process.

Section 7.0 Special Committees

7.1 Special ad hoc committees may be established by the Executive Committee.

7.2 Specification for special committees (e.g. charges and responsibilities, committee membership, duration of the committee) shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

Section 8.0 General Responsibilities of Committees

8.1 Each committee shall establish internal policies and procedures regarding meetings and communications, rules of order, and committee member responsibilities. These policies and procedures shall be made available to the Executive Committee and to Association members upon request.

8.2 Each committee shall report its business and activities at the annual meeting, via a written report to the Executive Committee and a presentation to the membership. Additional reports shall also be submitted at the request of the President and the Editor/Chair of the Publications Committee.

Article VI The Annual Meeting

The Association shall hold an annual meeting at such time and place as determined at the business meeting of a preceding year.

Article VII Amendments

Amendments to the Constitution may be initiated by the Executive Committee or by a Regular member of the Association via a written proposal submitted to the Executive Committee, at least sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting. Proposed amendments shall be distributed to all Regular members at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting and shall be presented for

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discussion and action at the meeting. A two-thirds vote of Regular members present at the annual business meeting shall be required for adoption.

Article VIII Governance

Section 1.0 Voting

All Association business shall be conducted and concluded during regular business meetings at an annual meeting, unless the membership present decides that a mail ballot on an item should be conducted.

Section 2.0 Parliamentary Procedures

The President shall appoint a Parliamentarian prior to the Annual Meeting. The parliamentarian serves only to advise the Chair with the Chair making the ruling.

Section 3.0 Quorum

A quorum for any regular business meeting shall consist of 50% plus one (1) of the members registered for and on-site of an annual meeting.

Section 4.0 Special Cases

The authority in matters not specifically attended to in the Association Constitution and By-Laws shall be the most recent revision of Robert's Rules of Order.

Article IX Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of the Association, the assets of the Association shall be contributed to the Council on Education of the Deaf (CED).

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## Honors to Katharine Stephens Slemenda-

Source: Converse College <http://www.converse.edu/News/headlines.asp?ID=1209>

### **Governor Presents Slemenda with Order of Silver Crescent**

September 2008

On September 9, Katharine Stephens Slemenda of Spartanburg was presented with the Order of the Silver Crescent during Converse College's Opening Convocation ceremony as the college officially opened the 2008-2009 academic year.

The Order of the Silver Crescent is the highest civilian honor awarded by the Governor of South Carolina for volunteer and community service.

Slemenda retired from the Converse faculty at the conclusion of the 2007-2008 academic year after leading the college's undergraduate training program for the deaf and hard-of-hearing since 1978 and served as Chair of the college's Education Department.

Rita Allison, Director of Communications for the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education, presented the award to Slemenda on behalf of Governor Mark Sanford.

In a letter to Slemenda, Governor Sanford wrote "you have set a standard of excellence that is second to none. Your dedication to the field of deaf education is without equal. Generations of youngsters and their families in South Carolina have you to thank for well-trained teachers in their classrooms who are prepared to meet the challenges and unique needs of children with hearing loss."

In addition to leading the Converse program for the deaf and hard-of-hearing and Education Department, Slemenda has served as an active member of organizations including the South Carolina Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, the Spartanburg Chapter of the National Society to Prevent Blindness, Council of Education of the Deaf, the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and the Spartanburg Consortium for the Hearing Impaired.



Katharine Slemenda

Well done Katharine!  
Congratulations from all of

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