

Hearing Loss Association of America – Washington State Association
Artz Communication Center – Seattle, WA
Minutes of the November 2, 2013 Annual Meeting

Board Members Present: Judi Carr, Sandra Bunning, Lilia Smith, Glenda Philio, Wes Brosman, Kate Johnston, Don Gischer, Greg Bawden, Michael Bower, Rick Faunt, Marsha Gladhart, Hilary Hilscher, Karen Utter, Cheri Perazzoli

Excused Absence: Elizabeth Jensen

Newly Elected 2014 Board Members Present: Britney Casey, Alexi Pedersen and David Viers

Members and guests: Jeff and Jennifer Bergman, Devin Meyers, John Allen, Penny Allen, Sue Campbell, Jana Brosman, Eric Raff (ODHH), and David Hart (CART)

The all member meeting began at 10 AM led by our Board President, Karen Utter and attendees were welcomed. Due to time limits on his attendance Eric Raff, Director of ODHH, was asked to speak first.

Speaker: Eric Raff – ODHH

- Our state's ODHH is now operated under DSHS – Dir. Kevin Quigley
- Telecommunication, Reasonable Accommodation policy updates
- Aging and Long Term Care Administration is now over ODHH
- Two staff positions were eliminated
- Review of funding sources for caption phone services and potential changes
- Berle Ross is the current Program Manager for Assistive Technology
- Pilot project for loops in 2 DSHS offices in Tumwater and Tacoma. Now will install loops at 40 locations and train staff (includes the difference between HOH, Deaf and Deaf/Blind)
- **Need new administrator for ODHH Assistive Technology Program (should know sign language)** as Berle moves on to another duty.
- Q&A – “Go to Meeting” requires a separate browser
- HLAA-WA is requested to continue to work closely with ODHH

Introductions: Board members, guests and new board members introduced themselves.

Thank you: Karen presented a certificate to Michael Bower, who is leaving the Board.

Induction of new Board members and affirmation of the entire Board Newly elected board members were presented with a certificate of participation and permanent HLAA-WA name badges to be worn at all HLAA-WSA events.

A Potluck lunch was held at noon, followed by a thank you gift presented to Karen for her “Utterly Awesome” service to HLAA-WA.

A raffle was led by Lilia Smith. Money collected will go towards our annual donation to HLAA for Founder’s Day. Raffle - \$95 was collected

Business Meeting: Karen opened the regular Business Meeting of the Board at 1:10 PM.

Action items in red.

Housekeeping items were taken care of first.

Judi moved terms of HLAA-WA officers run on calendar year as stated in Bylaws. Second – Alexi. Motion approved.

Nominations report: Michael Bower, Chairperson, reported all Board nominees were elected. Two returning members are Glenda Philio and Cheri Perazzoli. Newly elected members are Britney Casey, Alexi Pedersen and David Viers. Nominations for 2014 President and Vice President were taken from the floor. Alexi Pedersen was nominated for Vice President by Hilary, seconded by Cheri and elected. Greg Bawden was nominated for President by Marsha, seconded by Cheri and elected. New officers will begin January 1, 2014. The time remaining in the 2013 term will be used for transition time, planning and finishing the year’s business.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented. Motion made by Greg.

Treasurers Report: Presented by Karen in Elizabeth's absence. **The proposed 2014 Budget Draft will be submitted at the Dec. 7th planning meeting of the Executive Committee. 2014 Budget will be submitted at the January Board meeting with final figures for 2013.**

Kate move \$1000 be sent to HLAA national for our Founder's Day donation. Britney seconded and it was approved.

Karen has submitted a "wish list" of replacement ALD and amplification equipment to 2 ALD vendor reps. This was to get the funding amount and specific equipment list updated to purchase new audio and assistive equipment. Most all current equipment in use is old and worn. Members were in agreement that we order the much needed replacement equipment. **Karen will place the order.**

After discussion, a motion on the potential allocation of funds received from "Give Big" was tabled due to the need for more information.

Discussion on email or website posting of reports. No action recommended at this time. Webmaster Kate is looking into this project.

Old Business: Copies of dates of 2014 meetings and known events were distributed to Board. **Judi and others are looking for suitable locations for January retreat/training.**

New Business:

Cheri – Juliette Sterkens will be in our area the end of April and **Cheri is planning to have her do an outreach to Audiologists.** She is available to speak at chapter meetings and other venues while in town. There may be other opportunities such as Sr. Outreach (Sr. Services?) Workshops?

Don Gischer applied to WA State Board of Hearing & Speech and will keep us updated on his work to become a member.

Marsha has requested **one article each year for the newsletter from each board member.**

Need to form new Nominating Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 3 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Glenda Philio, Secretary

Minutes Approved on: _____