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MINUTES

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Hyatt Regency Woodfield Hotel, Schaumburg, IL
Wednesday, July 19, 2006

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Bob Mehrman called the meeting to order in the Schaumburg Room of the Hyatt Regency Woodfield Hotel on Wednesday, July 19, 2006, at 1:40 p.m. Those attending were:

Murray Allan
Philip Clemmons
Libby Fitzgerald
Terrie Hall
Roger Jordan
Yolanda Kinsella
Leonard Librizzi
Tina Long
Bob Mehrman
Caryn Melvin, Ph.D., CCC-SLP
Gary Miner
Barb Nitschneider
Marianne Peereboom-Kooijman

II. APPROVAL OF BOSTON INTERIM BOD MINUTES

Tabled until the July 22nd Board meeting.

III. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

President Mehrman reported that a motion was made, seconded, and carried at the Executive Committee meeting to have the official Board of Director's meeting on Saturday, July 22, 2006.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. ANNUAL MEETING** – Murray
- B. BYLAWS** – Murray
- C. FINANCE** – Len
- D. MEDICAL AFFAIRS** – Caryn

- E. NOMINATING – Gary**
- F. PUBLIC AFFAIRS – Libby**
- G. SPEECH STANDARDS – Caryn**

Caryn Melvin made a motion that the BOD accepts the Standing Rules as presented by the Speech Standards Committee. Gary Miner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

V. VOICE INSTITUTE

Caryn Melvin gave the following report for Carla Gress, VI Director.

The final count of the registrants is not yet available. There are approximately:

26	SLP's
07	Students
15	VIP's
10	LT's

The projected budget was previously provided to the Board via e-mail. It looks like we will be on target.

A major problem this year was the Illinois licensure laws which prevented us from doing the clinical aspect of the program without Illinois licensed SLP's. So we have a large faculty because of adding four extra local SLP's who would have paid registration. The faculty has all been stellar and supportive. The vendors have all been supportive, too.

There has been more of a focus on non-speech aspects of rehabilitation, including stroke risk and palliative care.

Added Caregiver Sessions:

3:00 – 5:00	Wednesday	Welcome, Reception, info, auxiliary
5:00 – 6:00	Thursday	Caregiver Rap
9:00 – 12:00	Saturday	Gilda's Club
2:30 - ?	Saturday	Caregiver Panel (no laryngectomees)

We are looking forward to a great meeting.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Standing Rules -The following motion was made by Murray Allan. When the IAL Board of Directors is not in regular session it shall be permissible for all financial and/or administrative business to be transacted via electronic mail.

All rules and regulations that currently apply to regular Board of Director meetings shall have the same weight and affect as those held over the Internet. Philip Clemmons seconded the motion. The motion passed but there were four votes against. It will be added to the list of Standing Rules.

Auxiliary Expenses - Murray Allan moved that the President of the Auxiliary's expenses be paid to attend the Annual Meeting. It was seconded by Terrie Hall. After discussion the motion was withdrawn.

Disaster Relief Fund – Caryn reported that specific guidelines are needed for this Fund. It was decided that this will be addressed by Tina's ad hoc committee.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Resolution - The following resolution will be read to the Delegate's by Andres Velez in Spanish and again by President Mehrman at the Delegate's meeting on Saturday. A copy will also be mailed to the Mexican Association of Laryngectomees.

Be it resolved, the Board of Directors of the IAL, recognizes the contribution made by Dr. Enrique Hultsz to the Mexican Federation of Laryngectomees and to the broader Hispanic laryngectomee community.

We extend our condolences to Dr. Hultsz' family and to the Mexican Federation of Laryngectomees.

Webmaster – A motion was made by Libby that Len Librizzi and Ian Milne read the resumes submitted by the two candidates and make a decision as to who our next Webmaster will be. Marianne seconded the motion and it carried.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 3:35 p.m. Marianne moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

Before leaving, a motion was made, seconded and carried to thank Bob Mehrman for his service to the IAL.

Barbara Nitschneider,
IAL Secretary