

**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LARYNGECTOMEES**

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**MINUTES**

**Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors**

The Adams Mark Hotel, Buffalo, NY

Sunday, June 29, 2014

- **CALL TO ORDER**

President Wade Hampton called the meeting to order in the Olmstead Room of the Adams Mark Hotel on Sunday, June 29, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. Those attending were:

Wade Hampton	Rhodney Montague
Sapp Funderburk	Paul Evitts
Chuck Rusky	Jodi Knott
Barb Nitschneider	Susan Reeves
Tom Cleveland	Bob Herbst
Candy Moltz	

- **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance**

The treasurer reminded all committees; that receipts need to be sent to him.

**Medical Affairs**

There was discussion about continuing a training program for First Responders in Baltimore. The program would run 2 to 4 hours with a test after the session. The program is planned to continue in Baltimore in 2015.

Dr. Brian Mitchell was named our new Medical Advisor and will serve for two years.

**Speech Standards/ Voice Institute**

There was discussion of the pros and cons of going to a clinic during the VI. Should the VI be designed to help laryngectomees plus train SLP's? How should the VI as an asset be managed for the greatest benefit and also increase the attendance? These are ideas to consider for the future.

Paul Evitts stated that there were many favorable comments from attendees about the VI this year.

<b>VI</b>	86 attendees
<b>AM</b>	108 registered
<b>Vendors</b>	22 registered
<b>TOTAL</b>	216

Paul

Evitts and Susan Reeves will work together to set up a drop-box idea for our website that can be accessed by proper access code. Susan Reeves explained that Ron LeClair (webmaster) is not always easy to contact. The IAL website is substantially improved from a year ago.

## **ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Meeting will be held at the Sheraton Baltimore North in Towson, Maryland. The dates are the week of June 7- 14, 2015. The host club will be the Laryngectomee Club of Montgomery County. Herb and Sally Simon are part of this club. Paul Evitts will facilitate the club leadership locally for the meeting. He will utilize his students to help.

## **NOMINATING**

Faye Flannery was late in getting her intention to run and bio to Sapp Funderburk. A discussion followed of ways to get her involved as a committee member.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

### **CLUBS**

Susan Reeves expressed the concern that clubs seem to be dwindling. There was a discussion of how to hook up laryngectomees in remote areas with clubs.

Inactive clubs that do not pay their dues need to be removed from our list. Reeves Rehab will send out e-mails to the clubs that have paid this year and

ask for any updates or changes in their information. A later mailing will be sent to see if any that did not respond to the e-mail can be reached with a letter. Inactive clubs that have been active in the recent past should also receive this letter.

## **VI FINANCIAL REPORTS/ATTENDANCE**

There was a discussion of whether the fees for the VI attendance are appropriate. There is difficulty in attracting SLP's each year. Further study will be made.

The IAL Scholarship Fund can fund up to ten students at \$250 each. The Eric Dolinger Fund sponsored by Atos grants a \$1500 amount per year for 5 years. The grant has \$500 for the expenses for travel or housing expense to the VI. The IAL board with the VI director will determine the recipient/recipients. The \$1000 balance goes to the IAL board discretion.

## **AUXILIARY / WEBWHISPERS**

A board discussion explained that the Auxiliary is autonomous and helps support the IAL through its sale table, 50-50, raffle, and auction held at the Saturday banquet.

Webwhispers is an online support group and member club that also is a separate 501c3 entity from the IAL.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

**AM/VI**

Joining the AM/VI schedules seemed to go very well this year. A possibility to have only one registration form for both AM/VI was discussed. A revised registration form will be created.

**COMMITTEES**

Sapp Funderburk will be chair of the Annual Meeting Committee. Bob Herbst will chair the Nominating Committee. Chuck Rusky will chair the Finance Committee. Wade Hampton will create committee assignments.

**AV EQUIPMENT**

After a board discussion to purchase additional AV equipment, a motion was made by Sapp Funderburk to allow \$1000 for the purchase a new audio system to use with our current equipment. Candy Moltz seconded it. The motion carried.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:55 A. M. Sapp Funderburk made a motion to adjourn.

Barbara Nitschneider.

IAL Secretary