

**2016**

**ANNUAL MEETING OF CLUB DELEGATES  
THE OMNI PARK WEST HOTEL  
DALLAS, TEXAS  
SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2016**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

At 8:05 a.m., President Wade Hampton called the meeting to order.

**11. ROLL CALL**

Secretary Barb Nitschneider called off the names of clubs who had registered delegates. Of the 25 registered delegates 22 were present at the meeting. This constituted a quorum.

**111. MINUTES-ANNUAL MEETING OF CLUB DELEGATES**

A motion was made by Jack Henslee and seconded by Tom Cleveland to approve the 2015 AM/VI delegates meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

**IV. OFFICER'S REPORTS**

**A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The IAL member club number has remained constant over the past year. Clubs remain a vital link for the laryngectomee to their recovery and associations with fellow laryngectomees caregivers and professionals. Pre Op and Post op visits from clubs are beneficial to the new laryngectomee and family. Our IAL club structure provides outreach to link resources and trained professionals. Our SLP

listing on the website provides a link for state by state access.

Last August of 2015 the IRS notified the IAL that our tax number was revoked for non-filing of the required 990 EZ tax forms for 3 consecutive years. Our treasurer says he filed taxes; the taxes were late being filed each year. The IRS says they show no record of receiving any 990 EZ tax forms. We have submitted to have our tax exempt status retroactively reinstated. This could take up to 180 days for reinstatement. We are still a valid corporation that can take donations but at this point the donations do not have tax exemption status. We expect to have this issue resolved and the return of our tax exempt status in the near future.

We had an increase in Speech-Language Pathologists attending this year, double our SLP count from last year. We scheduled more CEU credits this year than in the past. We have the option to go in any direction the board decides for the clinical portion of training in 2017. Our objective is to provide the most training and interaction without undue risk to the attendees or the IAL.

IAL has a place in the future of new and old laryngectomees, Fewer laryngectomees are created each year; that is good but the needs for the people still receiving surgery are significant. Our clubs and the IAL help folks in their rehabilitation. The IAL has made phone calls, sent emails, mailed brochures, stickers and bracelets and mailed several electronic devices to folks in need. Every day there are functions the IAL performs to help laryngectomees and their families.

Our vendors have been instrumental in supporting the IAL mission. Match-around sessions at the Voice Institute are part the vendors having partnered with us to provide the best technical support to patient recovery. New technologies are offered at our annual meeting and voice institute giving the laryngectomees and vendors one-on-one contact. Our vendor support for laryngectomees is heartfelt and much appreciated. Thanks to all vendors.

The immediate goals for the IAL are to restore our tax exempt status. Continue to expand the mission to restore laryngectomees to live functionally and with new assets to overcome challenges. The IAL wants clubs and meetings to continue for the benefit of its members and pre-op and post-op patients. Club interaction provides support to both laryngectomees and caregivers. Little information is available that matches face to face contact. The recovery of laryngectomees is the mission that drives the IAL. Help us to continue the 65 years of service that the IAL has been proud to offer.

**B. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (see Annual Meeting Report)**

**C. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Charles Rusky presented the Treasurer's. See attached report.

**D. AUXILIARY REPORT**

Last year the auxiliary turned over auction, raffle and 50/50 drawing to the IAL. The auxiliary in their 2016 auxiliary meeting has voted to disband. Auction or raffles, and 50/50 drawings will be the choice of the local host club.

**V. STANDING REPORTS**

**A. NOMINATING/ELECTION**

Barb Nitschneider presented the slate for this year. There are many open positions.

**PRESIDENT – TOM CLEVELAND  
VICE PRESIDENT- OPEN  
TREASURER- OPEN  
SECRETARY-BARBARA NITSCHNEIDER**

**DIRECTOR POSITIONS:**

**CANDY MOLTZ  
BRYAN MITCHELL  
ONE-YEAR TERM  
ONE-YEAR TERM  
ONE-YEAR TERM**

**Barbara Nitschneider  
IAL Secretary, Chair**

**B. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

See attached report

### **C. ANNUAL MEETING**

In early March, President Wade Hampton, Rhodney Montague, and Tom Cleveland visited the eastern Virginia area. This area is where Newport News, Norfolk and Virginia Beach are located. We were conducting a site visit for the 2017 AM/VI. Tom Olsavicky and Helen Grathwohl who as club presidents had requested the opportunity to host the 2017 meeting had invited us. Both clubs support hosting the meeting. We attended their club meeting where the members voiced strong support for our coming. It was so nice to see those friends we had not seen in a while. Tom Olsavicky graciously chauffeured us around the area.

We spent 3 days touring the area and visiting hotels and a clinical site for our meeting. We visited the Marriott City Center, Marriott Downtown Norfolk and viewed the Hilton downtown that is under construction. Wade also received proposals from Holiday Inn in Virginia Beach, and the Doubletree in Hampton Roads. In Summary, the Marriott City Center has presented the best contract by far. The hotels had trouble meeting the room rate and food and beverage minimums. Every hotel package was higher than the Marriott City Center. We stayed at the Marriott City Center and found the accommodations nice and

meeting space well suited for our needs. Wade, Rhodney and Tom support selection of this hotel for the meeting site.

We visited the EVMS medical complex in Norfolk and toured the clinic. Dr. Dan Karakla hosted our visit. We met with him and his staff. They offered to be a part of any clinical venue we plan. He also offered his staff to help us in any way needed to facilitate the VI staffing. Basically he said they would do whatever it took. Great meeting! This will give the board the opportunity to plan the VI to suit the circumstances.

Tom Cleveland, Vice President  
Chair

#### **D. SPEECH STANDARDS**

IAL Speech Instructor Directory: Although updating the directory was not a main focus this year, SLP's were added/deleted as information became available. This is an ongoing task and the recipients from this year's VI will be included upon completion of the VI.

Annual Meeting and Voice Institute Planning: This year's agenda was developed without a salaried director. Speakers were negotiated locally and from around the country. Brian Mitchell and Caryn Melvin were the only two speakers that carried over from Baltimore. We have an excellent academic team for the VI

with representatives from MD Anderson, Parkland Memorial Hospital, Indianapolis, and representatives from Atos and InHealth. American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA) awarded our curriculum with 28 hours of continuing education, the most hours the VI has received. Lori Simpson volunteered to learn the regulations of CEU's and is our liaison to ASHA. This meeting will employ the 'in-hotel' "hands-on" Clinic as a trial. The vendors have offered their demo supplies that participants can manipulate. This model is more prevalent in these times of high liability. Every vendor rep I spoke with found this a sound practice. It was shocking to hear that MD Anderson and many of last year's staff were planning a laryngectomy Conference the weekend before the Dallas meeting. It certainly had its desired effect of inhibiting full participation of laryngectomees, speech pathologists in and around Texas and impacting Vendor support. This joint IAL-TLA meeting was designed to reduce the vendor burden by combining the two meetings into one, but MD Anderson increased the vendor burden if only by incurring additional travel costs.

Visitor Training is scheduled Wednesday from 1-4. The Ed Chapman Emergency Response Program was sadly dropped for lack of participation, though hundreds of hours were invested in the Dallas offering. It is encouraged for Newport News. Susan Reeves

has an opportunity to offer this program in New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,  
Candy Moltz, MS, CCC-SLP  
Chair

### **C. MEDICAL AFFAIRS**

Brian Mitchell was elected to the BOD last year, and had graciously written medical articles for each edition of the Newsletter.

This committee has not been active this year. Goals are recommended for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Candy Moltz, MS, CCC-SLP

### **D. MEDICAL AFFAIRS**

Newsletter: This committee has diligently solicited articles from a wide variety of writers. Katherine and Wade Hampton have spent countless hours and been instrumental in every aspect of blocking the articles, negotiating the advertising and sending the IAL News to print. I believe we can be proud of the

product. As they move on with their lives and Wade steps down from the presidency, it will leave a big gap producing the Newsletter four times a year. Thank you to everyone who contributed ideas and articles this year. Brian Mitchell provided an article for the Medical Corner each issue, and Caryn Melvin provided excellent articles for the new Caregiver's Corner.

Challenges going forward will include a volunteer with the skills to put the Newsletter together ready for print. The need for interesting and varied articles is a constant. Any ideas for articles and individuals with computer skills are welcome. Shaving the mailing list is a monumental task. It maybe we offer this electronically, as discussed previously.

Website: Katherine Hampton has worked steadily, if intermittently with her full time job, to back up and roll out the new website. It is ready. We will hear more about this during our meeting this week.

The Public Affairs Committee is a big responsibility. It provides the face for our organization to the world. We must continue to strive for excellence.

Respectfully submitted,  
Candy Moltz, MS, CCC-SLP

## **E. BYLAWS**

There were no bylaw changes to report

Tom Cleveland, Vice President  
Chair

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Medicare/Medicaid:** There was a discussion on the difficulty of getting reimbursement for laryngectomee supplies. Many people only receive Social Security and aren't able to order as there are less laryngectomy surgeries performed. Getting medical supplies is difficult because of the small population of laryngectomees. Dr. Brian Mitchell said new Medicare laws don't cover in dwellings. He suggested we send a lobbyist to approach the legislatures. Those who go will have a list of laryngectomee needs
- B. Nomination:** There was a motion to adopt the slate as presented. Susan Reeves, our Administration Assistant discussed how to solve the problem of all the open slots on the slate. Joe Marasco stressed the need to have all officers represented. IAL 's operation needs to have all slots filled to function to the best of their ability. Are there club members who can volunteer to help? Also the President can also appoint a committee to help. Tom Cleveland can also appoint people according to the bylaws. WebWhispers will try to help by finding recruits who are willing to

serve

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:05 a motion was made to adjourn.

Barbara Nitschneider,  
IAL Secretary