

Minutes
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PHONETIC SCIENCES
ANNUAL MEETING
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Ruth Bahr delivered her President's report with a review of Association accomplishments during the past year. The four AAPS sponsored student technical sessions at the ASHA Convention were interesting and well received. Although the audience was fluid, there were about 50 people present during the technical sessions. A formal thank you will be sent to the four students who presented. Ruth went on to talk about the launch of www.phoneticssciences.com and encouraged members to provide feedback related to the site and to contribute materials to be included in this tool to enhance the phonetic sciences.

The treasury report was presented by Rick McGuire and is online in the "About AAPS" link on the web page. Rick reported that he switched our Business Account to Bank of America and added Richard Morris (incoming President) to the account. Bank of American is national which should prevent a need to close and open accounts in the future. Additionally, the members present approved the proposal to create a PayPal account to enable us to collect dues and any other fees via on-line credit card payment. This will cost 2.9% of the transaction amount plus an additional \$.40 per transaction. An email will be sent encouraging members to renew their memberships as soon as the credit card details are worked out and links placed on the AAPS web site.

Ruth announced the formation of the Honors of the Association criteria and process (available online under the "About AAPS" link) and then read the proclamations and presented the Honors awards to Sam Brown and Harry Hollien. The Association is very appreciative of the efforts of both of these individuals in the promotion of the Phonetic Sciences and our Association.

Rick gave a summary report of the findings AAPS survey that was recently completed. The survey summary will be on the webpage ("About AAPS" link) as soon as he can get it "up;" the survey "raw" results (Excel sheet) is on-line now.

Rick then presented the AAPS web site. He reviewed the various links related to association documents and archives and asked for contributions to the "Library," "Resources," and "Database" aspects of the AAPS site. The success of our site is dependent upon member contributions. Additionally, he announced that the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Saint Louis University will cosponsor ASHA approved Continuing Education Activities created by AAPS. Volunteers will be solicited to create on-line learning activities for members and others

related to phonetic science teaching and research. Additionally, we will be exploring the possibility of an on-line Phonetic Science conference.

Rick announced that AAPS elections will occur online in December. The following positions will be filled in this election.

- Vice President
 - Term = 2007-2009 (ascends to President 2009-2011)
- Councilor (2 positions)
 - (1) Term = 2006-2009; (2) Term = 2007-2010
- Nominating Committee (2 positions)
 - (1) Term = 2006-2009 (2) Term = 2007-2010

Anyone interesting in an AAPS leadership position should contact Rick (mcguire@phoneticssciences.com).

Rick then suggested the need for the Association to review the Constitution and By-laws and moved that an ad-hoc committee be appointed by the Executive Committee. This motion was approved.

It was reported that Ray Colton has stepped down as the Editor of the AAPS Newsletter. Ray's contributions to his many years as Editor were recognized and are appreciated. Members who may be interested in serving as AAPS Editor should contact Rick McGuire or Richard Morris.

Ruth made suggestions related to submitting the AAPS sponsored ASHA convention proposals for the 2008 Convention. She noted that the AAPS President need to stay "on top" of this process to ensure these presentations will be included in next year's convention. Mary Louise Edwards suggested we have an AAPS seminar related to Phonetic Science Pedagogy as part of next year's AAPS meeting. This suggestion received wide support by the members present. Any members who would like to be part of this presentation should make their intentions known to Rick McGuire or Richard Morris.

Under new business, there was a discussion of how we may extend our presence to Phoneticians beyond the ASHA professions. It was suggest that we reach out to professionals in other professions. A member volunteered to collect and share contact information of some of these professionals as an initial attempt to expand our membership and broaden our presence among Phoneticians.

Minutes submitted by Rick McGuire.