

**Minutes WAVLI Executive Meeting
Tuesday June 24, 2003 Douglas College Room 1803**

1. Called to order at 6:47pm

Present: Sara MacFayden, Anita Gock, Robyn Albert, Allison Sands, Emily Drew, Karli Thomas, Deloris Piper, Brenda Erlandson, Karen White, Barb Mykle-Hotzon, Brenda Carmichael – 9 votes

Regrets: Renae Carey, Lisa McCarron, Sherree Harman, Suzie Giroux, Jill Yates

Absent: Dean Wiebe, Leah Venechuk, Jennifer Till

2. Approval of Agenda – Robyn/Barb

3. Time items – complete items 5 & 6 in under 1 hour

4. Approval of minutes from May 27, 2003 meeting – approved as amended (small typo) -Anita/Robyn

5. Executive Reports

5.1 President - Sara sent written report out but added:

- She attended another meeting of the Council of Service Providers (CSP), representatives from agencies/organizations serving Deaf, Deaf-Blind and Hard of Hearing individuals. They've met 4 times and the biggest challenge is the differing philosophies around serving their clients. Sara is hopeful of an eventual campaign with the message that Deaf, Deaf-Blind and Hard of Hearing individuals can live successful lives. At the June meeting Kim Sanderson made a presentation on "Social Marketing". WAVLI could use her strategies for PR for AVLIC 2004 or after title protection with a PR committee. Sara will photocopy the presentation and give it to the Fundraising, Professional Standards, and AVLIC 2004 committees.
- Attention was also brought to the fact that AVLIC 2006 will NOT be in Winnipeg. WAVLI won a bid last year over OASLI to host the conference but after discussion since with their members they've decided to pull out. OASLI will approach their membership to see if they will take on AVLIC 2006. It was noted that there are a few chapters struggling with morale and that WAVLI is big, enthusiastic and positive. It's important to remember that AVLIC, and provincial chapters, are run by volunteers and sometimes there is a lack of appreciation for their hard work. Discussion around why morale is low moves Barb to comment on Sara's professionalism at the recent AVLIC AGM and others to discuss the closure of GMCC and its negative consequences to ACRID. Also mentioned was the fact that here in BC the development of interpreters includes AVLIC promotion from start to finish.
- Barb talked about the TOI being on hold. The AVLIC Evaluations committee is currently working on revisions to the test materials and developing a certification maintenance process. The results should be ratified at the 2004 conference with the next offering to be held in March 2006.
- Sara is co-chair of the AVLIC committee looking into Membership Categories and Criteria. There will be a proposal for ratification next summer but if we have any new ideas or input – let Sara know

5.2 Past President – Deloris – no report

5.3 Vice President – Suzie – no report but added item 8.2 to the agenda

5.4 Treasurer - Karen sent written report and:

- The recent raffle earned \$929.00 minus the \$200.00 for 1st prize.
- It is time to renew WAVLI's liability insurance. A couple of years ago it was \$900, last year it rose to \$1200. Karen was informed that the price would again increase but has not received the actual bid yet. Should WAVLI continue to spend money on this insurance? Discussion ... with all the fundraising activities going on leading up to AVLIC 2004, we should have insurance in case of injury and the possibility of WAVLI being held liable/sued; due to a grievance there is the possibility of being sued. Membership fees were not set with this insurance cost in mind but it is agreed we should keep buying it for now.
- Karen made a special note of thanks to Brenda C for her help and expertise in generating the computerized treasury report.

5.5 Secretary - Robyn – no report

5.6 Member at Large - Karli – has been contacting various people via email regarding room bookings, transition of duties between her and Jen K., etc. Confirmed the times and dates for next meeting and the GM in October so rooms and interpreters could be booked. Suggestion of the possibility for a current ITP student to take on the responsibility of booking rooms within the college. Karli will look into it.

6. Committee Reports

6.1 Professional Standards - Barb – sent written report

6.2 Professional Development – Anita/Jill - sent written report out. Anita will contact Joe McLaughlin to inform him of CAEDHH workshop topic and satellite workshops. The satellite workshops will need a liaison from the area to help with booking rooms, organizing, etc. Teachers of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing have been emailed to check different venues. Will continue over summer to firm up location and topics. Then will send out advertising and a call to register in the fall. Workshops have, traditionally, been a “break even” venture, but the satellite workshops may need to be subsidized. It is possible that most people attending the satellite workshops will not be WAVLI members, therefore we will be spending WAVLI money to subsidize a workshop for non-WAVLI members. Since they are Pro D and outreach/PR events it is deemed worth it considering the possibility of new members, etc. Barb suggests the possibility of co-sponsoring a workshop with a school district and therefore sharing the expense or contacting AVLIC for financial support for Pro D in rural areas.

The Coffee Klatch is being put on hold for the summer and will resume in the fall.

6.3 Fundraising – Brenda C/Jennifer - submitted written report. There are 32 bags of manure left. An email blitz has been done but will put an ad in the Ripple and other newsletters/e-groups (GVAD, FNDC) again to try to sell them. Sara will ask around at VCC to see if anyone is interested. Tania will be taking a leave from the committee for

the summer and Geoff C will join to help out. Possible event – Cosmic Bowling...
FUN!

6.4 Membership – Sherree/Renae – sent written report

6.5 Newsletter – Leah/Emily – The next issue of the Ripple is coming together. Have lots of entries/articles. It's a busy time but hopefully it will pay off.

6.6 Care Committee – Allison/Lisa – sent out their first card to a member. Sara suggested that a message of support be sent to Kristi Falconer who is in Africa volunteering with "Hands Across Borders". Barb suggests that when she returns Leah/Emily should approach her for an article to print in the Ripple. Another possibility is a slide show of her experiences for a fundraising event.

6.7 Directory Committee – Brenda E/Dean – the directory is at the printer. One delay was that the background used for the pictures was too light and some people's faces blended in with it. For next year a darker background is recommended. The directory cover will be sage green. Last year the cost for 400 was approximately \$1000, this year for 600 it will be \$1336.64. Brenda will get an invoice from the printers to give to Karen for payment. There will be 15 large print directories for Deaf-Blind individuals and Michelle planned on making a few Braille ones. However, since she will be on maternity leave from VCC, where the equipment is, it may be postponed until next year.

6.8 AVLIC 2004 Planning Committee – no report, but reminder of a submission to the Ripple and talk of the nation-wide raffle. Other AVLIC chapters thought this fundraiser was a fantastic idea. The chapter who sells the most tickets will win a free registration to AVLIC 2004 which they can then raffle off as a fundraiser for themselves, also airmiles points were donated for a free airfare. Originally Tarren was going to donate her airmiles but didn't have enough and the charge to transfer points from Ava to Tarren was high, so Ava donated the full amount needed for the airfare prize.

7. Old Business

7.1 CAEDHH workshops - discussed in 6.2 - Pro D. report

7.2 Partnership with WIDHH - Brenda C contacted Canada Tax and Customs regarding shared use of a charity number. It is illegal to use another organization's charitable donation number. We can fundraise together but tax receipts would be issued only for the charitable organization's half of monies received. For example, if \$200.00 was donated a receipt for only \$100.00 would be issued. Walmart and Bootlegger would be willing to donate \$ if they got a tax receipt. Brenda C will contact them to see if they would be willing to donate a prize instead of cash.

8. New Business

8.1 WAVLI rep to CDBRA – 25th anniversary event on Aug. 22, 2003. Allison will contact Lisa, Dean, Sherree, Renae, Jen and Leah to see if any of them are available.

8.2 Corn Party Program Book –

MOTION: Barb/Karli – that WAVLI put a \$25.00 message in the Corn Party program book publicizing AVLIC 2004 conference. **CARRIED**
Suzie will compose a message for submission.

8.3 Raffle Draw

\$10 Gift Certificate for New York Restaurant – winner Della Mae Piper

\$10 Gift Certificate for New York Restaurant – winner David Howe

3 cases of beer – winner Shanda Withhome

Flowers – winner Brad Sharp

\$100 Reflexology Gift Certificate – winner Brenda Carmichael

\$100 Bath Basket – winner Karen Fran

\$30 off domestic flight – winner Geoff C/Joel

\$30 off domestic flight – winner Scott Jeffrey

\$50 off international flight – winner Della Mae Piper

\$200 cash – winner Suzie Giroux

9 Correspondence – see 8.2

10 Announcements

10.1

- Slo-pitch tournament July 17-19
- Mid Island Corn Party Aug. 9
- Vancouver Corn Party Aug. 23 (25th Anniversary)
- South Vancouver Island Association of the Deaf (SVIAD) 25th Anniversary celebration – Sept. 27

The NWAAD made a general request to any organization for donations to the slo-pitch tournament. WAVLI is in the midst of our own fundraising activities so Brenda C will check to see if there is a program book that we could place an ad in – good PR for AVLIC 2004.

10.2 Next Executive Meeting – Tuesday August 26, 2003 at 6:30 pm at Douglas College room TBA

Next General Meeting – Saturday October 18, 2003 at Douglas College room TBA

11. Meeting adjourned at 8:44pm - Karen