



**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**  
**ISHA Convention**  
**Sheraton Hotel, Clearwater Ballroom, Indianapolis**  
**March 29, 2012**

**Call to Order**

Debbie Harman, President, called the meeting to order at 8:32 am.

**Welcome** (Debbie Harman, President)

Minutes from the March 31, 2011 Business meeting were provided. A motion to approve minutes was presented (Ann Bilodeau), seconded (Kristi Lofland), and passed.

**Executive Director Report** (reviewed by Debbie Harman, President)

-reviewed membership numbers (total membership = 881)

**Treasurer's Report** (presented by Pegi Risinger, Treasurer)

-reviewed accounts/balances (total assets = \$154,102.13)

-discussed "75 for 75" donation for scholarship fund

-A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was presented (Margaret Larson), seconded (Cindy Cobb), and passed.

**Legislative Update** (Mark Scherer, Lobbyist)

\**HB 1367*: Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children = passed and signed by the Governor; creates a Center for DHH Children in Indiana; ISHA will participate in the planning process

\**General Assembly set up ROEC* to have a legitimate, detailed review of professionals to see if they need licensed (will be reviewing licensure over the next 7 years)

\**Select Commission on Education* this summer to evaluate the new evaluation rules and policies for teacher effectiveness

\**Medicaid rule*: 5% reduction for hearing aids & new methodology for fittings, effective July 2011 (due to \$2,000,000 cuts needed); permanent for duration of biennial

\**OT scope of practice*: No concessions were made about broadening language in scope of practice for OTs to include swallowing.

**Licensure Facts** (Debbie Harman, President)

The IDOE will continue to issue and renew licenses for school-based SLPs.

The IDOE no longer issues new licenses to audiologists (fact since 2002).

New SLP graduates must obtain an IPLA license in order to secure a school license in Indiana. (Fact since 2005).

**VP of Professional Development** (presented by Dee Combs)

-reviewed teams/members with a call for volunteers

-recognized team member, Mary Jo Germani, responsible for Continuing Education

-reviewed fall conference on 9/15/12 at IU Health/Methodist (SLP speakers confirmed; audiology will be announced soon)

-reviewed special events/activities of this year's spring Convention

-recognized team member, Ann Bilodeau, responsible for special events planning

**VP of Marketing Report** (reviewed by Susan Latham)

-reviewed teams with a call for volunteers

-reviewed *Bring in the Best* (high school recruitment/information)

-reviewed brochure for recruiting university students to join ISHA

-reviewed brochure for recruiting SLPs and audiologists to ISHA

-reviewed *Share Your Stories Indiana!* as a PR campaign (to be posted on our website)

-College recruitment team trophy for university with highest number is ISHA student members

**VP of Communications and Publications Report** (reviewed by Jennifer Freeman)

- reviewed teams
- reviewed/presented the new ISHA website; will be a members only section, a student section, licensure information
- discussed future plans (e.g., ISHA blog, Facebook) including increasing visibility of SLPs and audiologists to others
- fielded question about on-line directory (e.g., content, access)

**VP of SLP Report** (reviewed by Jeanne McMillan)

- reviewed teams/members
- reviewed status of approval for First Steps continuing education (there has been direct contact with Dawn Downer)

**VP of Audiology Report** (reviewed by Heidi Neuburger)

- reviewed teams/members
- reviewed that team analyzing audiology survey results
- HB1006: testified in opposition (bill overturned)
- HB1367: testified as neutral; ISHA will participate in an OMB stakeholder group to represent audiology
- ISHA will oppose if the state passes a permanent rule to cut \$200 million from the Medicaid budget impacting hearing aid procurement and dispensing fees

**President-Elect Report** (reviewed by Ruth Ann Morrell)

- announced that Convention moving to Marriot East (conference center); discussed parking and amenities
- discussed that the policies and procedures manual is being updated
- discussed that Strategic plan being reviewed and updated

**OLD BUSINESS**

None reported

**NEW BUSINESS**

- ISHA Ballot/Nominations (reviewed by Debbie Harman, President)
- reviewed ballot
- Nominations from the floor*: Lydia Hittle
- A motion to approve the ballot was presented (Bonnie Hertzog), seconded (Lori Carmichael-Howell), and passed.

The meeting was adjourned by Debbie Harman at 9:26 a.m.

Rachel Ross-Kroemer  
Secretary