

## HLAA Board Meeting

**Date: March 28, 2018**

**Members Present:** Gail Morrison, Joyce Bowlby, Craig Bowlby, Ilga Dravnieks, Katie Wright, Van Von Burg, Ram Kakkar, and Linda DeGuire.

**Board Meeting started at 12:07 PM.** Loop in room was not working. Pocket Talkers used for meeting. Microphones working, but FM was not working.

**Minutes of December Board meeting:** Corrections were made on February Board Meeting minutes. Motion, seconded, and Carried (MSC). Plan: Secretary to email today's minutes to above members present.

**Treasurer's Report:** No questions on the finances. Report MSC.

**President's Report:** Katie is now a member of the HLAA – California Board. She reported on the latest actions of this Board.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Van reported he followed up visitors for February and March with postcards. He will need another batch of postcards to be ordered with changes that he requested. Plan: Board approved printing of postcards for follow up from Ilga. Ilga to remit invoice to Craig as Treasurer.

### **Publicity and Programs:**

Gail related the programs set up through June.

Publicity has picked up in Leisure World. The chapter will not publicize the lip-reading classes until September. See Lip-Reading classes note.

Gail will send publicity information to Katie when the website is ready to be updated.

Gail was disappointed that no HOH person volunteered to be nominated to work with the DRC (Disabled Resource Center). Maybe next year.

Gary Dorf, AuD, was suggested for October program on "How the Brain works to hear".

### **Nominating Committee:**

Gail discussed the procedure for the upcoming election in April of officers. Gail will introduce the slate of officers. Katie to call for approval of the slate of officers since there is no opposition or no need to vote. David DeKriek will perform the installation of officers. Plan: Proceed as planned.

### **Walk4Hearing:**

Katie reported that Connor will be in baseball the next two months and will not be able to attend the chapter meeting as our Team Captain. Katie suggested a slide presentation of Walk4Hearing to kick off our efforts toward donations. Shawn, Connor's older brother, may be available to help with sign ups. Plan: Start sign ups and publicity in April meeting. Show slide presentation as planned.

**HAT:** Written report read. No discussion needed.

**Lip Reading Classes:**

Gail related that she did talk to Ron and Elfriede Maclver about the Monday lip reading class. Elfriede just has 5 attendees. The class keeps Elfriede going. Monday class discussed. Plan: Monday classes may cease on its own in the future. We will continue not to publicize lip reading classes. Starting in September, an oral announcement will be made on the Wednesday class, but information will not be printed in the newsletter or publicity until further notice.

**Loop/ALDs:**

At the March Chapter meeting, the membership voted to approve 1) using funds to loop the big meeting room at the Weingart Senior center, and 2) change bylaws to allow Board purchases up to \$1,000 for necessary expenses without need for membership vote and approval. Plan: Board to seek Senior Center and City of Lakewood approval for loop installation in the large meeting room. Upon approval, Treasurer will release funds to pay for installation. Loop is still not working in the small meeting room. Pocket talkers were used for the Board meeting. Microphones were used. Plan: Katie to call Rich Archbold of Hearing Now USA.

**Membership:**

Katie has retrieved the membership information requested at the last meeting. Discussion followed on need for paid members on voting and other chapter matters. It was suggested that a colored sticker be put on a paid member's name tag as many members do not remember if they have paid or not. Further discussion on the need for dues. The need for income in the future if Boeing ceases to give a grant to our chapter was noted. No consensus reached. Plan: Further discussion to be continued at future Board meetings.

**Outreach Committee:**

Katie and Gail have been attending the Low Vision and Hearing Group at Leisure World, Seal Beach. It was learned that hearing enhancements are available after talking with a John \_\_\_ who is in charge of Clubhouse 3. Club is unaware of these enhancements. Plan: Both plan to continue efforts to help this club.

Weingart Health Fair is coming up on June 15. Kate related that Weingart Senior Center has done so much to help this chapter out that we should support this fair. Plan: Katie volunteered with Gail to man a table at this fair this year.

**Old Business:**

**Volunteer Recognition:** Katie suggested instead of giving certificates, the chapter recognize volunteers in another way using Lifesaver with tags. Volunteers will also be recognized in the newsletter. Plan: As suggested above.

**Taxes:** Plan: Katie and Craig, Treasurer, to work together to submit taxes.

**2018 Budget:** 2018 budget was done in October and sent to National HLAA. Plan: no further action needed.

**2018 Calendar:** Calendar to be deferred to the new Board in May.

**Website:**

This is still in process. Plan: Finish updating website.

**Table Microphones:** Microphones in use at this meeting. Plan no further follow up.

**Audio System:** This continues to be frustrating to solve. See note under looping. Also, ALDs do not always work. Katie and Craig are working together to try to solve the problems. Plan: Continue efforts to solve and maintain a viable system.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Bowlby  
Recording Secretary