

ArkSHA Board Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2020
Zoom

Call to Order by President-Rachel Glade at 2:32 p.m.

Attendance:

Present: Rachel Glade-President

Present: Aleecia Starkey-President-Elect

Absent: LeeAnn Griffith -Past President

Absent: Kelli Watts-Treasurer

Present: Shayla McCullough-Secretary

Present: Aletha Cook -VP-Elect Continuing Ed

Present: Miriam Stafford-VP Cont. Ed

Present: Shelly Keller-VP SLP Services

Absent: Donna Smiley-VP Aud. Services

Present: Marilyn Porterfield-Best Management

Absent: Lauren Rogers- ASHA SEAL

Present: Cheri Stevenson- ASHA STAR

Absent: Portia Carr- ASHA StAMP

Absent: Randy Thurman- Lobbyist

Absent: Courtney Sheppard-Lobbyist

Present: Melanie Meeker - Harding University

Minutes:

Minutes from the previous board meeting were reviewed by the board.

A motion was made and carried by all to approve the minutes correcting the spelling of Medicare on page 2.

Lobbyist Report (Randy Thurman/Courtney Sheppard): No Report

ASHA STAR Report: (Cheri Stevenson):

- On June 10 the Governor announced they will move into Phase 2 on Monday, June 15 and he is extending the healthcare emergency for 45 days. This means guidelines put in place by DDS will stay until Governor Hutchison declares the emergency over.

ASHA SEAL Report (Rachel Glade for Lauren Rogers): Report submitted

- Aleecia stated that we should have a seat at the table preparing to go back to school. We need to advocate for SLPs in the schools and policies for kids. So many kids rely on what they see to interpret and learn. Could impact their reading, retention, learning.
- Rachel will reach out to Jeff Adams and see what he recommends on how we can get involved at the planning level for the school year.

ASHA StAMP Report (Rachel Glade for Portia Carr): Report submitted

- Still no provisions for Home Health coverage via telehealth. Will encourage members to reach out to legislators to advocate for.

Board Reports

Treasurer (Marilyn Porterfield for Kelli Watts):

- Marilyn shared the main highlight of membership numbers being higher than this time last year.
- Kelli is working on obtaining a list of state associations with year-round membership for ad hoc.

A motion was made and carried by all to accept the financials as presented.

Past President (Marilyn Porterfield for LeeAnn Griffith): No report

- Honors and Awards nominations deadlines will be announced in the upcoming newsletter, as well as deadline for Board nominations.

President-Elect (Aleecia Starkey): No report

- **A motion was made and carried by all** to accept Diana Pearson as a member of the Marketing Committee.

Secretary: (Shayla McCullough): No report

- The deadline for second quarter newsletter articles is June 12th. Currently working on pieces on newsletter to complete next week. Thanks to everyone for submitting information.

Vice-President for Speech Pathology Services (Shelly Keller): No report

Vice-President for Audiology and Hearing Services (Donna Smiley): No report

Vice-President for Continuing Education (Aletha Cook): Report Submitted

- 26 paper submissions were received and all approved; the majority came from students.
- The board discussed options on revising the Call for Papers submission requirements, such as requiring a longer abstract, asking the submitter to state which category they feel it fits in, requiring a minimum of 3 references from the literature that they want to present on in order to verify it is evidence-based. Miriam, Marilyn, and Melanie will work on revisions for 2021 call for papers.
- In planning for the 2020 convention amid the COVID-19 pandemic, a survey went out to gauge attendance preferences (i.e., live, virtual, combination). 41 surveys were received back. Surveys will be revised into Survey Monkey to be able to better interpret data and be included in the upcoming newsletter. Marilyn will add question regarding state attendees are from to have a better understanding of hotel use expectancy.
- The hotel is sticking to no cancelation at this point as it is too far out, but the committee is continuing to look at virtual event platforms. Large number that responded to survey said they would not stay at the hotel.
- Discussed having regional social hours if convention is virtual.

Vice-President Elect for Continuing Education (Miriam Stafford): Working hand-in-hand with the Convention Committee. See above.

Committee Reports

Communications & Technology Ad Hoc Committee (Aletha Cook): After brief discussion among the board this committee is dissolved as it falls into the CE Committee or Marketing Committee.

Northwest Arkansas Outreach Committee (Rachel Glade for Amy Faith): Talked about doing a social towards the end of summer, but due to COVID put on hold. A conference in Spring 2021 is in the works.

ISP Advocacy Committee (Rachel Glade for LeeAnn Griffith): In holding pattern due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Membership Dues Schedule (Marilyn Porterfield for Kelli Watts): Looking at other state associations on rolling membership.

Hearing Loss LiveBinder Committee (Rachel Glade for Tracy Pate & Krista Scruggs): Working to try to meet. No content added yet.

Literacy LiveBinder Committee (Rachel Glade for Andrea Hanson): Plan to meet next month. Contacted Stephanie Hicks and Lisa Bowers to assist.

Old Business

ABESPA Update (Rachel Glade):

- ArkSHA submitted feedback on policy changes, but no changes were made at the last meeting.
- Next meeting is July 17. Alecia plans to attend and would like to recommend that the President Elect each year be the person to attend the ABESPA meetings as it is important to stay connected with them in order to advocate for provisional licensure, telepractice, the supervision of SLPAs.

Policies & Procedures Plan of Action (Rachel Glade):

- Started a draft of the P&Ps for the board to begin reviewing in the board portal. Encouraged board members to each take the lead on their individual sections on recommended changes for July meeting.
- Asked if an item is detailed in the bylaws, should it be repeated in Policies or just state reference in XYZ.

Strategic Plan (Rachel Glade):

- Covered the basics and that it is in the board portal. Encouraged board to make changes, comments to discuss in July or August.
- Discussed updating annually in December with current and incoming board members.

New Business

Harding University SLPA Program (Melanie Meeker): Report Submitted

- Bachelor's SLPA program starting in the fall at Harding. If anyone is willing to supervise one of these students down the road, let her know.
- Information will be included in the upcoming ArkSHA newsletter.

University of Arkansas Post-Master's Certificate (Rachel Glade):

- UA rolling it out this fall; Post Masters Advanced School-Based SLPs – 15 hours of graduate level advanced courses targeting therapists working with school-aged children.
- Information will be included in the upcoming ArkSHA newsletter.

Daycares workers wearing masks and children:

- Concerns regarding children and those receiving services who rely on facial movements, oral movements, etc.
- ASHA has recommended some companies that make face shields and clear masks. Some universities may be doing research on effectiveness.
- Shelly is going to reach out to a connection at childcare licensing on what ArkSHA can do to help.

2020 Board Meeting Dates:

- Board meetings for 2020 (via Zoom unless noted): July 10; Aug 14; Sept 11th; October (At Convention); Nov 13; Dec 11
- CSAP: November 18, 2020- San Diego, CA
- ArkSHA Convention: October 14-16, 2020 at the Embassy Suites Little Rock

Adjourn – at 3:52 pm by President, Rachel Glade

Action Items

Task	Board Member Responsible
Reach out to Jeff Adams regarding students returning to school in the Fall	Rachel G.
Post flyers for honors & awards nominations on social media	Shayla M.
Revisions for 2021 Call for Papers submissions (i.e., abstract, references)	Marilyn P., Melanie M., Miriam S.
Policies and Procedures revisions and Strategic Plan ideas	All
Reach out to contact regarding face masks limiting facial cues	Shelly K.