AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
General Meeting
Alexis Park Resort
Las Vegas, Nevada
November 7, 2005

Members Present: President Greer, Vice President Thomas Riggs, Secretary Judie Cronlund, Treasurer Glenna Ashton, Chapter Affiliation Chair Laura Thomas and Professional Development Patricia Bruce

Absent: Evaluation Chair Keith Cagle

I. Call to order
President Greer called the meeting to order at 9:23 am

II. Mission Statement
President Greer read the mission statement.

III. Parliamentarian: Libby Pollard
She explained the rules. If anyone makes a motion, 2 Pro and 2 Con are allowed with a 2 minute debate. The meeting must be adjourned by 11 a.m. However if it needs to extend meeting time, there must be 2/3 votes. Quorum: 25 voting members Elections of President will be occurred after new business.

IV. Approval of Minutes:
October 1, 2004 Approval – minutes: October 1, 2004
Members present approved Minutes from General Meeting

V. President Greer Report:
a. Board meeting
I decided to cut face-to-face meeting due to the ASLTA budget. We had meetings by using online meetings and emails. We had successful with Internet system. We will depend on the technology to save money. We might use videophone meeting instead of online meetings in the future.

b. 501©3
I want to thank Glenna Ashton, Alysse Rassaument, and Tom Riggs for their hard work on the ASLTA 501(c)3. We are still processing to apply the 501(c)3.

c. ASLTA 4th National Professional Development Conference
The Board and I were happy to make an announcement that we will have the ASLTA 4th National Professional Development Conference at Florida in 2007 with the MSM Productions, Ltd. They will make an announcement by using website or postcard.

VI. Vice President Report:
JNCL-NCLIS Assembly in May 2005
Committee Report: L. Jacobowitz: National ASL Curriculum Project
VII. Treasurer Glenna Ashton Report:
Ashton reviewed the Treasurer reports from January 2004 to December 2004, and from January 2005 to October 2005 (incomplete).

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b. Financial Report - Fiscal Year 2 - 2005 January – October (INCOMPLETE)
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Approval all reports (September 2004 to October 2005)

VIII. Evaluation Chair Keith Cagle Report:
a. Updated: number of certified teachers
b. Breakdown of ASLTA certified levels
As of November 7, 2005, the total of ASLTA certified teachers is 304. We would have 353 certified members if they have paid their 2005 membership. Our ASLTA membership coordinator has sent another letter of reminders to those lapsed members. The breakdown of ASLTA certified teachers is:

Professional: 72
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Provisional: 170

IX. Chapter Affiliation and By Laws Chair Laura Thomas
3 new Chapters
Secretary position

X. Professional Development Chair Trix Bruce
Listserv:
The listserv would be an excellent resource to add and discuss together for any concerns, questions, and ideas to share at the same time through the emails.

Old Business
Accreditation of ASL Program (action failed)

New Business

Motion 1: Debra Hast moved to have a conference in the spring instead of the fall due to new staff scheduling. (dropped)

Motion 2: Main Motion: E. Lynn Jacobowitz moved that the President appoints a professional certified person to represent ASLTA at any non-ASLTA ASL related conferences. In other words, President cannot self appoint to attend them. Jim Lipsky moved to amend the motion by inserting the words “from local area” between person and to. Passed Chuck G. moved to amend the motion by striking out “In other words, President cannot self appoint to attend them”. Passed Chuck G. moved to amend the motion by inserting the word “considers appointing” after the word, President. Passed AMENDED MOTION: that the President considers appointing a professional certified person to represent ASLTA at any non-ASLTA ASL-related conferences.
Motion 3: E. Lynn Jacobowitz moved that the L2 curriculum be transferred from Gallaudet Dept. of Education to ASLTA’s webpage immediately. Passed

Motion 4: E. Lynn Jacobowitz moved that the ASLTA board contact the American Medical Association to create a national policy stating that the ASL as babies 1st, 2nd, and or Primary language. Passed

Motion 5: Jason E. Zinza moved that ASLTA create representative positions for K-12 and college interest groups who will coordinate with the board. The representatives will not be Board members. Representatives will collaborate with the Board to develop programs, policies, etc. as needed to serve the association. Passed

Motion 6: E. Lynn Jacobowitz moved that the ASLTA Evaluation team create a new team of L1 evaluators using ASLPI and teacher certification requirements. Eddie Laird moved to amend the motion by striking out “and teacher certification requirements.” Passed

Amended Motion: the ASLTA Evaluation team create a new team of L1 evaluators using ASLPI.

Motion 7: E. Lynn Jacobowitz moved that the ASLTA board appoint 2 new chairs, 1 as the National curriculum project chair and the National Legislation chair. Passed

Motion 8: Keith Sibley moved to elect President now and then complete the rest of new motions. Passed. Tom Riggs moved to open the nominations. Passed.

Glenna Ashton
Amy Rowley

Motion 9: After illegal votes of the president, Matthew Moore moved to have a recess until tonight. David moved to amend the motion by adding “at 7 pm.” The amended motion failed. The motion passed. President Greer will announce the time of the meeting for tonight.

The meeting resumed at 6:45 p.m.
Amy Rowely withdrew to run for President. Drucilla Ronchen moved to accept the nomination by ACL. Passed. Glenna Ashton won as President. President Greer received a note from Glenna Ashton asking to resign from the position, Treasurer. The members accepted her resignation.

Motion 10: Mel Carter moved to have the board appoint the Treasurer for the reminder of the term. Passed

Motion 11: E. Lynn Jacobowitz moved that the new President appoint a committee to work with each state board of education and legislation to enforce ASLTA’s L1 and L2 teacher certification. Alyssé Rasmussen moved to amend the motion by striking out “enforce” and inserting the word “promote” between to and ASLTA’s. Mel Carter move to amend the motion by inserting the implementation of between the words “promote and ASLTA”. Passed AMENDED MOTION: that the new President appoint a committee to work with each state board of education and legislation to promote implementation of ASLTA’s L1 and L2 teacher certification.
Motion 12: Terry Smith Raweek moved that we set up a committee to develop praxis test for K-12 or 9-12 (Foreign Language). David Martin moved to amend the motion by striking out “we” and inserting the word “the ASLTA President” between that and set up. Janie Blum moved to amend the motion by adding “investigate” between to and develop and adding “ing” between develop and praxis. Victor moved to refer to ASLTA board. Passed. **AMENDED MOTION:** that the ASLTA set up a committee to Investigate developing praxis test for K-12 or 9-12 (Foreign Language).

Motion 13: Amy Rowley moved that there be a different registration packages for ASLTA conventions options to include workshops/meetings only, workshop/meals. Vice President Riggs took President’s place and Leslie Greer moved to refer it to the convention committee. Passed.

Motion 14: Keith Sibley moved that ASLTA work with MSN production for the conference purposes permanently. Drucie Rancher moved to amend the motion by striking out “permanently” at the end. Failed. The motion failed.

Motion 15: Janis Cole moved that all participants, Deaf and hearing use ASL at all time. E. Lynn Jacobowitz moved to amend the motion by inserting the word “ASLTA Conference” between all and participants”. Passed. Janis Cole moved to amend the motion by striking out “at all time” and inserting the words “as the official language”. Passed. **AMENDED MOTION:** that all ASLTA conference participants, Deaf and hearing use ASL as the official language.

Motion 16: Janis Cole moved that the current professional ASLTA certification be required by the National Council on Accredited Teachers E-----, NCATE for college professors. David Martin moved to refer it to the Evaluation Committee. Passed.

Motion 17: E. Lynn Jacobowitz moved that ASLTA establish an ASLPi committee and Dr. Eddy Laird be the Chair. Passed

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**
President Greer’s announcement: Thank you for ALL your support, commitment and belief in my ability to be your President for two terms. I am even more inspired to work with ASLTA in the years to come.

President adjourned the meeting at 8:03 pm.
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November 5, 2005

Members present: President Leslie Greer, Vice President Thomas Riggs, Secretary,
Judie A. Cronlund, Treasurer, Glenna Ashton, Professional
Development, Patricia Bruce, Chapter Affiliation Chair, Laura Thomas

Absent: Evaluation Chair, Keith Cagle

I. Call to order
President Greer called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

II. Mission Statement
Treasurer Glenna Ashton read the mission statement.

III. Approval of Minutes
a. Chat with Executive Board November 28, 2004 Approved as Read

b. ASLTA Board Online Meeting January 22, 2005 Approved as read

c. Email Motion from 10/23/04 to 10/30/05 Passed with corrections

d. September 30 and October 1, 2004 Minutes of Bill Newell, the former Secretary

Vice President, Tom Riggs took over as a president. Leslie Greer moved to have all the board members make the revisions corrected online motions that Bill Newell did and give them to Secretary Cronlund. Passed.

President Greer asked the board members to give the revised paper to Secretary Cronlund by Monday.

IV. President Greer’s Report
a. JNCL/NCLIS Delegate
We need two delegates for the next JNCL/NCLIS delegate in May 2006. Tom Riggs and Glenna Ashton inform us that there is different hotel (across from old hotel). The next new ASLTA President will take care of it.

b. Website
Christopher Cuculick, Master’s thesis (website project), wants you to read his “Basic Product Plan” and give him feedback as soon as possible. I ask you to read them and give him feedback by November 18th so he can move on his next process.
c. National Interpreter Education Center ($3 million)
I am sure that you get email message from Betty Winton. She would like to
discuss with us about the future project. The next new term President will be
responsible for this one.

V. Vice President Riggs’ Report
Commission on Collegiate Interpreter Education (CCIE)
INCL-NCLIS Assembly in May 2005:
Committee: L. Jacobowitz: National ASL Curriculum Project

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President Greer asked the board members to meet in Greer’s room at 10:30 pm
tomorrow for the final approval of Treasurer Report.

VII. Evaluation Chair Keith Cagle: his report was emailed and given to the board
members at the board meeting
a. Updated number of certified teachers
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would have 353 certified members if they have paid their 2005 membership. Our
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lapsed members. The breakdown of ASLTA certified teachers is:

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b. Professional interviews in Las Vegas:
We will have 11 Professional interviews. This is going to be the most number of
interviews under the revised system in ASLTA history to Cagle’s best knowledge.
I am very grateful to Bill Newell who is willing to supervise the professional
interviews there in Las Vegas.

c. Qualified evaluation package for website:
The updated Qualified evaluation package now is on the ASLTA website. You
with the Provisional certification can download the Qualified evaluation package
and begin to work on it. After you send it to the Evaluation office, we will send
you the home-taken exam.
d. Survey from the certified members:
The survey from the certified members is tallied completely. Next step is for ASLTA Evaluation System Revision committee to make the final recommendations. The tallied survey results will be placed into our ASLTA website for only members.

e. Training of 6 new evaluators is needed:
We will need to train six new evaluators in 2006. Few evaluators have retired and left. If you are interested in being an evaluator, please send your letter of interest and resume to Evaluation Office at GWU, PO Box 7283, Boiling Springs, NC 28017. Your application and resume will be reviewed and recommended by the Evaluation team.

g. Continue to be a chairperson for a while:
If there is no new chairperson appointed for Evaluation, I am willing to continue for a few more years until we find a qualified person to assume this position.

Finally I am grateful for the board and members for their continuing supports

VIII. Chapter Affiliation and By Laws Chair Laura Thomas
Chapters
National Bylaws
President and Secretary positions
Awards

IX. Professional Development Chair Trix Bruce

a. Website
The pouring of emails, snail mails, and meeting officers were succeed to post in our ASLTA website to share with others. We can continue posting our job announcements, workshops, and events in our ASLTA website.

b. Lists of Records
The updated and records had been maintained to keep all the records into a “database” lists for anyone can check out who were the presenters, what kind of workshops did they had in the past, and the total of hours the chapters had.

c. Photography – conference
The photos will be great idea for the website, newsletters, and power point presentation banquet in the future. The photos would be in the outgoing/ingoing president’s files.

d. Listserv
The listserv would be an excellent resource to add and discuss together for any concerns, questions, and ideas to share at the same time through the emails.

X. ASLTA 3rd National Professional Development Conference: Matthew Moore
Serious preparations for ASLTA’s Third National Professional Development Conference began last July. Most of the preliminary planning is complete. As the Conference date draws near, while most details have already been satisfactorily wrapped up, a few concerns are still not yet resolved.

Please note that I have done nothing arbitrarily. I have worked closely with ASLTA, in frequent communication with Leslie Greer and Barbara Ray Holcomb, and have kept them apprised on the plans, problems, and situation. Leslie Greer, who, as ASLTA President, had the final say, has made many of the major decisions. In some cases, such as the lunch and dinner menus, I made suggestions that she consequently approved.

a. Liaison: Barbara Ray Holcomb, ASLTA Vice President, our Conference Liaison, has been a pleasure to work with. She has spent many hours working out details of presenters’ schedules with us, discussing plans, CEU arrangements, coordination of on-site volunteers, etc., and overseeing our progress.

b. Registration: We now have over 250 registrants. The registration process has gone fairly smoothly this time. David Long, who’s handling registration, credit-card charges, invoices, and confirmation forms, has been keeping meticulous records.

c. Staff: We have been blessed to have able support from a small but dedicated crew of office assistants: Cindy Campbell, Linda Levitan, Peter T. Smith, and Diane M. White, who, along with David, put in many hours of painstaking work preparing, formatting, printing, and assembling the program books, passports, and badges among other important tasks. I’d like to take this opportunity to thank them.

d. Kits & souvenirs: The personalized buttons and passports to be distributed to registrants are similar to those used in the Second NPDC. They look good. Each registrant will receive an imprinted sling bag and notepad holder, and just for fun—a deck of playing cards, poker chips, and dice. Souvenir champagne flutes (glasses) commemorating ASLTA’s thirtieth anniversary will be an attractive feature of the Gala Banquet.

e. Hotel logistics: One notable difference between this conference and previous ones I’ve coordinated has been the relationship between my company and the hotel venue. I’ve found it difficult to work with the Alexis Park Resort. Most of my communication has been via fax, but I’ve been compelled to make a few relay calls to try to get answers to my questions. I’ve had to ask the same questions again and again because I haven’t gotten responses the first, second, and third time around. It’s frustrating. I also have to
anticipate every possible expense, because I know that whatever we request from the hotel, even the loan of six easels, we will be charged for.

f. Hotel-room concerns: So far, 109 rooms have been booked; most attendees are sharing rooms. This is far below the number of rooms (200) reserved by ASLTA. I anticipate some last minute and on-site reservations, but it looks as though we’ll have a sizable shortfall.

g. Highlights: We have a full slate of presentations, and the schedule has been adjusted so that everything synchronizes. Mel Carter has accepted President Greer’s invitation to preside as Master of Ceremonies at the Gala Banquet, and I’m sure that he’s looking forward to giving his retrospective on ASLTA’s thirtieth anniversary as eagerly as you are to seeing it. The Banquet will also include presentation of awards.

h. Expo area: We have three outside sponsors: CIT, DO IT Center, and DawnSignPress. There will be 11 vendors’ booths in the expo area, so attendees should have fun browsing and shopping there. The DO IT Center will not be having a booth, since they used their allocated funds to sponsor the attendance of several registrants, in addition to sponsoring the Conference. We appreciate the support of our sponsors, advertisers, and vendors, and encourage you to patronize them.

Motion:
Laura Thomas moved that we grant Matthew Moore an honorary membership. Passed

Thomas Riggs took over as a president and Leslie Greer moved that we would like to have contract with MSM to be our professional conference planner for 4th ASL conference in 2007. Passed.

President Greer thanked officers for their hard work.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.