The ASLTA Board in January 2006 has approved an important motion to grant the Provisi-
onal and Qualified certification holders to have more extensions. The extension fee has an in-
crement of $50 for each extension successively. For example, if you have 1st extension, the fee is
$100. If you want 2nd extension, the fee is $150. If you need 3rd extension, the fee is $200. The
former policy was the limit of one extension for Provisional certification and two extensions for
Qualified certification.

You can download the Provisional and Qualified evaluation package from our ASLTA web-
site at http://www.aslta.org, and begin work on it. You must go through and pass the Provisional
evaluation first, before you can begin with the Qualified evaluation. You cannot do both Provi-
sional and Qualified evaluations at the same time. After we receive your Qualified evaluation pack-
age, our office will mail you an

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### ASLTA Membership Form

**MEMBERSHIP RUNS JANUARY TO DECEMBER**

Or you can fill out the form below. Tear it out of your newsletter.

Mail it to:

ASLTA, 2006 Membership
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Rochester, NY 14692-9998

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**NAME:** ____________________________________________
(As you want it to appear on your membership card.)

**LAST NAME:** _______________________________________

**ADDRESS:** _______________________________________
(If you move you **must** notify membership@aslta.org.)

**CITY:** ___________________________________________

**STATE:** ___________________________________________

**ZIP CODE:** _______________________________________
(Preferably all 9 digits, if you know it.)

**INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATE:** ___________________________
(Not required.)

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- □ Associate $40 Voting (For non-certified members.)
- □ Supporting $25 Non-voting (For non-certified members.)
- □ Institutional $150 Non-voting (For non-personal members.)

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(Your backup email address if we are not able to contact you at your main email address.)

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Dues are from January – December, fees are not prorated.

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**ASLTA Membership Form is online at**

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For more job announcements, go to:  http://www.aslta.org/job/index.html

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ASLTA to continue to be stronger and more visible.

In addition, I am also glad to see that our members attended the NPDC in Las Vegas. This in turn gives us full support to continue to make our organization a success. I can’t imagine what we would do without ASLTA. And without our membership we wouldn’t have our organization! Your support is absolutely essential to our organization and to the teachers of ASL across the country.

You can continue to make this organization stronger and more visible by talking to other ASL teachers about ASLTA and its certification systems. You can also share our webpage address: http://www.aslta.org. Please share with them about the importance of professional growth of ASL, linguistics, teaching methodologies, and Deaf Culture so that they can teach their students using the right approaches.

There are also interpreters throughout this country that you may wonder where they got their ASL communication skills? We all know that YOU are the ones who can help make them succeed as interpreters for the Deaf community. Without you, they could end up with a different attitude about ASL and Deaf Culture.

I would like to rephrase John F. Kennedy’s quote in his presidential inaugural address in 1961: “Ask not what ASLTA can do for you, ask what YOU can do for ASLTA”.

Go ASLTA!

Treasurer: Betti Bonni
See page 9, Financial Statement

Secretary: Dorothy Wilkins
Motion 1 - ASLTA Conference to be held in the spring instead of fall - failed.
Motion 2 - ASLTA President consider appointing a professional certified person to represent ASLTA at any non-ASLTA ASL-related conferences - passed.
Motion 3 - The L2 curriculum be transferred from the Gallaudet Dept. of Education to the ASLTA’s webpage - passed.
Motion 4 - ASLTA to contact American Medical Association to create a national policy stating that ASL be the babies first, second, or primary language - passed.
Motion 5 - ASLTA to create representative positions to coordinate K-12 and college interest groups - passed.
Motion 6 - The ASLTA Evaluation team will create a new team of L1 evaluators using ASLPI - passed.
Motion 7 - ASLTA to appoint 2 new chairs - one for the national curriculum project, and one for the legislative project.
Motion 8 - President elections to be held now and then complete motions - passed.
Motion 9 - recess to continue in the evening - passed.
Motion 10 - Board to appoint Treasurer for the remainder of the term - passed.
Motion 11 - ASLTA appoint a committee to work with states and legislatures to implement ASLTA teacher certification - passed.
Motion 12 - ASLTA set up a committee to investigate developing a praxis test for K-12 or 9-12 (Foreign Language) - passed.
Motion 13 - Different registration packages for different options - referred to conference committee.
Motion 14 - ASLTA to work with MSM productions for conferences permanently - failed.
Motion 15 - ASLTA conference participants, Deaf and hearing, to use ASL as the official language - passed.
Motion 16 - NCATE (National Council on Accredited Teachers Education) to require ASLTA certification for the college professors - passed.
Motion 17 - ASLTA establish an ASLPI committee with Dr. Eddy Laird as chair - passed.

Standing Committees
Evaluation Chair: Keith Cagle
See page 1, Certification Changes!

Professional Development Chair: Trix Bruce
Hope you all have fun teaching ASL all the time! We are thrilled to see our active members visiting, sharing events, and participating in related to making you a better teacher.

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“business of the organization” emails, ASLTA is requesting that members who wish to interact with other sign language teachers use TeachASL, a free email list that was established back in 1997 for exactly this purpose.

The TeachASL list, along with the Sign Language Linguist list (SLLing-L), the Interpreters list (Terps-L), and several other Deaf-related lists, is housed by Valencia Community College in Orlando, FL.

To sign up for any of these free lists, go to: www.majordomo.valenciacc.edu.

Click on the first link (administration). Enter your email address, select ALL, then click on GO.

Select the lists you want to receive. There are three choices for each list. The first choice for each list means that you will receive the emails as they come in.

The second choice, digest, means that you will receive the emails in one giant email each day.

The third choice (no mail) means you must go online www.majordomo.valenciacc.edu and use the archives to read the emails.

TeachASL is open to anyone who has an interest in teaching sign language and only has two simple rules: “play nice” & “participate”. For more information about TeachASL, go to: www.teachasl.org.

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Keeping Track of Your Professional Development

ASLTA uses normal clock hours, so it’s easy to keep track of your Professional Development. Just count the number of actual hours you are engaged in learning activities in workshop or conference sessions.

Maintain your own records.

No special forms required, or use the calendar on page 2.

Content areas are broad as ASLTA encourages professional development for all levels and aspects of teaching.

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job announcements through our website. We are continuing to improve our website for anyone to find out more details about upcoming events and job announcements. If you have any new positions or events, please feel free to share with us.

We wanted to thank our ASLTA webmaster, Matthew Disch, for all of his time putting together in our website through these past months. We have decided to keep all the “old postings” in different link for anyone to refresh career resume or seek different presenters to provide a workshop in your area.

We would love to share with you on the tips of creating a workshop flyer.

A workshop flyer would give important details for any participants to be interested in coming by the following:

1) the date and time available
2) title of workshop
3) educational objective
4) the presenter
5) the location
6) the clock hours available
7) the affordable or reasonable fee
8) special notes: lunch, bonus, networking, benefits
9) hosted by which organizations, sponsors, funds
10) contact information

Again, thank you for all of your patience and your sharing input with us. It is amazing to see the growth in our organization. Looking forward to all of your information sharing with us. All my best, enjoy learning much as you can!

Chapter Chair: Pat Beech

At the ASLTA Conference in November 2005, I agreed to take over the Chapter Liaison Chair position from Laura Thomas. We are still in process of changeover. Please bear with us while we go through the transition.

Before I proceed, please join me in giving a big applause to Laura Thomas for being the ASLTA Chapter Liaison during 2001-2005.

I sent out emails to the chapters around February 25, asking for updates. Here are the replies (as of March 31):

Active:

• Arkansas ASLTA currently has two vacancies – PDC and Secretary.
• Chesapeake Bay ASLTA will have an election of new officers soon.
• Colorado ASLTA has new officers.
• Florida ASLTA just had a conference, and has new officers.
• Frederick Chapter ASLTA (Western Maryland) has new officers.
• Illinois ASLTA officers are still current. However the president moved to Maryland. Illinois ASLTA hopes to have an election during spring.
• Lilac Chapter ASLTA (Rochester NY) hopes to have new officers in late spring or summer.
• Massachusetts ASLTA officers are still current.
• Minnesota ASLTA has new officers.
• New York Metro ASLTA officers are still current.
• North Carolina ASLTA has a new URL. It is http://www.ncaslta.org.
• Oregon ASLTA - I'm still waiting on list of new officers.
• Pennsylvania ASLTA has new officers.
• San Diego ASLTA will send me updates.
• Texas ASLTA is working on getting new officers in July.
• Wisconsin ASLTA has new officers, and hopes to have a website in late spring or summer.

Inactive:

• Arizona ASLTA
• Dogwood ASLTA hopes to be reinstated soon.
• Kansas ASLTA was dissolved in 2005. Not able to get information on: New Mexico ASLTA
• No replies from:
• Indiana ASLTA
• Kentucky ASLTA
• Michigan ASLTA
• Missouri ASLTA
• Ohio ASLTA
• Oklahoma ASLTA

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The ASLTA Board is working hard to keep the membership informed. As you know, copies of all important documents are being put online.

The ASLTA Board also listened to your suggestions. Within a few months it should be possible to keep a copy of the current issue of the ASLTA News online.

Since many of you have requested more regular contact with the organization as a whole, the board sought a volunteer to serve as editor with the goal being to publish three or four issues on a regular basis each year.

The biggest problem for the new newsletter editor (appointed March 2006) has been to determine the printing schedule. As the editor, she favors three issues a year. As a member, she favors four. (So far, it looks like member needs are outweighing editorial ease.)

So, having lost the battle with herself, the new publishing schedule for the ASLTA News will be every four months.

January
April
July
October

DONATIONS deadlines will be
June 1st (July issue)
September 1st (October issue)
December 1st (January issue)
March 1st (April issue)

DONATION amounts are
$150 for full page
$100 for 1/2 page
$75 for 1/4 page

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with a follow-up email to the ASLTA President: president@aslta.org.

Camera-ready copy in the form of MS Publisher, MS Word, jpg, gifs, or Adobe Acrobat (PDF) are to be sent directly to the newsletter editor as an email attachment. Please send duplicate copies (just to be on the safe side) to aras-muss@mail.ucf.edu and AlysseR@aol.com.

Please help ASLTA by advertising. The more you advertise, the more articles we’ll be able to print.

Speaking of articles and announcements … the deadline for articles and announcements will be the same as the advertising deadlines (the first of June, September, December, and March).

All articles and announcements must be sent to the ASLTA president for consideration. The email address is <president@aslta.org>. She will forward the selected materials on to the newsletter editor who will include them on a “space available” basis.

Articles about teaching, learning, and/or research in the areas of 1st and 2nd language acquisition, Deaf culture, Deaf community, Deaf history, Deaf life, et cetera, are being sought. Please consider submitting in a good standing. If you haven’t paid your 2006 ASLTA membership renewal, please contact Mark Jones, coordinator of ASLTA membership at membership@aslta.org

We are seeking to train six new evaluators, possibly in this coming summer. They must have Professional certifications. If you are interested in becoming a new evaluator, send your vitae and letter of intent to me,

Keith M Cagle
ASLTA Evaluation
P O Box 1687
Boiling Springs, NC 28017.

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exam.
Some of you have asked me how long until you get the results on your evaluation. The average has been no more than 90 days from the day of receiving your package to the day of sending you the letter of result notification. On a few occasions, there were some delays for several reasons.

We can't process the evaluation if you haven't included your check with your evaluation package, or if you are not in a good standing with your ASLTA membership.

I notice that there are patterns in some re-evaluations or failures on evaluations. They are:
1) course syllabus where course description, goals/objectives and evaluation/grading criteria need to connected to each other clearly;
2) need to explain and demonstrate several different teaching methods for introduction of ASL vocabulary, grammar and Deaf culture;
3) need to explain in depth about evaluations for different skills and knowledge in ASL classes; and
4) explain in depth about your reasons for selecting particular curriculum and supplemental resources for your ASL classes.

I would strongly encourage your local/state chapter to provide the professional development workshop/training focusing on development of course syllabus, teaching methodology, evaluation and curriculum.

Few of you have asked me when will we provide next Professional level interviews. We will have the interviews at our next ASLTA conference in 2007 in Florida.

Our evaluation office will mail you a new annual valid stamp after we get a verification from the ASLTA membership office that your ASLTA membership still is (Continued on page 11)
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