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ASLTA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Larry Forestal, Ph.D. ASLTA Professional Surprise, AZ

The membership of the ASLTA ratified the Bylaws of the ASLTA revision proposal by a mail ballot on August 31, 2010. I believe that you should be fully aware of the following important clauses:

- The mission of the ASLTA is to perpetuate, preserve and promote American Sign Language (ASL) and Deaf Culture through excellence in teaching. This includes teaching ASL as a heritage or first language and as a second language and part of Deaf Studies.
- Under Article II, one of the main objectives of the ASLTA is to perpetuate, preserve and promote American Sign Language as a heritage language.
- Under Article VII about election and appointment of Board members, the Nomination Committee composed of three Professionallevel certified members will be appointed by the Board of Directors shortly. A call for nomi-

nations for the offices of the Vice-President and Treasurer will be printed in the ASLTA newsletter, on the web site and/or by mail at least six (6) months prior to the biennial business meeting.

Please note that the next biennial general business meeting will be held on June 28, 2011 during the sixth National Professional Development Conference at Seattle. December 28, 2010 is actually six months prior to June 28, 2011.

Nominations from the membership must be submitted to the Nomination Committee at least three (3) months prior to the biennial general business meeting on June 28, 2011. It means that the Nomination Committee must receive nominations for the Vice President and Treasurer on or before March 25, 2011. Nominees for the offices of the Vice President and Treasurer will be asked to provide the Nomination Committee with biographical data about their qualifications and signatures.

Elections will take place by email or online ballot at least sixty (60) days prior to the biennial general business meeting on June 29, 2011. All voting members in good standing will have one ballot for the offices of the Vice President and Treasurer on or before April 25, 2011. The voting members must return ballots to the Nomination Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the biennial general meeting which will be on or before May 25, 2011.

Election results will be announced at the biennial general business meeting of the ASLTA in Seattle, in the newsletter, and/or on the web site. Those ASLTA members who currently have the Professional-level certificate are encouraged and urged to seriously consider running for the offices of the Vice-President and Treasurer on or before March 25, 2011.

Since the ASLTA 2009 conference in Phoenix, Arizona, the membership in the ASLTA has increased from 275 members to 506 members. Undoubtedly, the ratification of the newly revised Bylaws has helped the ASLTA make one thousand one strides in the right direction. I want very much to thank you as fellow members for making it possible!!!



ASL Honor Society

Scholarships for Students

Scholarships for Teachers Fun for One & All

www.aslhonorsociety.org/



FINAL CALL FOR ASLTA PDC!

The 2011 ASLTA Conference for the Sixth National Professional Development offers an exciting opportunity to collaborate with ASLTA and CIT colleagues...in Seattle! The conference is inviting highly motivated workshop presenters among ASL-Deaf Studies professors, instructors, program coordinators, interpreters, linguists, and researchers of high caliber. The conference theme is Teaching to the Next Level. In addition, the conference will provide and promote the opportunity for professional growth and personal renewal.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The 2011 ASLTA Conference is now accepting your Call for Preconference workshops, Call for Papers, and Call for Poster Sessions. If you are interested, please go to the Workshop Presentation proposal form on page 4. Proposals will be reviewed by the screening committee. In addition, the final selection of workshop presenters will be announced on the ASLTA web site.

Call for Pre-conference Workshops

Abstracts: Pre-conference workshops will be considered for 3 hour or 6 hour sessions. This forum provides for more in-depth interactions with colleagues focusing on topics of interest to a specific target audience. Depending on the number and nature of proposals submitted, four 6-hour proposals, eight 3-hour proposals, or a combination of the two will be selected.

Call for Papers

Abstracts: Undoubtedly, conference participants are looking forward to appreciating your creative and dynamic presentations. The length of presentation can be either 1.5 or 3.0 hours long. Those who intend to present a workshop may consider the following procedures and theme options:

- Providing hands-on examples and tools
- Sharing results, pitfalls, successes, and lessons learned about your class instruction, program management, or academic research
- Promoting an interactive and stimulating discussion about teaching ASL in L1/L2, Deaf Studies, linguistic research and/or controversial issues
- Relating to the following theme options: (1) Strategies for Teaching ASL Effectively, (2) ASL Standards for Students, (3) L1 ASL Teachers or Specialists, (4) Deaf Studies Curriculum/Topics, (5) Current Trends in Interpreting, (6) Legal Precedents of ASL as a Legitimate Language, (7) Deaf Community Involvement, (8) Contemporary ASL Linguistic Research, (9) ASLTA Certification or State ASL Teacher Certification, and (10) other possible themes.

Call for Poster Sessions

Abstracts: Poster sessions provide presenters with a less formal forum to discuss new and innovative works-such as research, work in progress, ideas and activities, and classroom, workshop or DVD/CD resources, learning distance resources. Presenters are expected to have a poster that describes their presentation, but can include other types of visual aids to entice participants to stop by and talk. Up to (16) half-hour poster sessions will be selected.





PROPOSAL INFORMATION FORM

(Call for Pre-conference workshops, Call for Conference workshops, and Call for Poster Sessions)

**All proposals must include this form or they will not be considered. **

Na	me of Main Presenter:	
Nar	mes of Co-Presenters:	
Mai	iling Address:	
City	/:State Zip	
Sch	nool/CC/College/University Address:	
City	/: State Zip	
ASL	LTA Certification: Professional [] Qualified [] Provisional [] Non-certified []	
E-m	nail:	
Pho	one VP/Voice:Text Message #	
Fax	c	
Plea	ase arrange to send the following items: 1. Brief biography (100 words or less) 2. Attach a required photo of yourself 3. Title of workshop/presentation:	
4.	Description of your workshop presentation proposal (100 words or less)	
5.	Five-minute unrehearsed videotape/CD/DVD demonstrating in ASL for your proposal	
Pre 1.5	Type of proposal: -conference presentation [] 3.0 hours or [] 6.0 hours (check one) Conference workshop [hours or [] 3.0 hours (check one) ster session (if you check this, leave the rest of this form blank)]
	Area of interest (check one): [] Teaching ASL [] L1/L2 [] Deaf Studies [] Interpreting [] I stic [] Research	₋in
8.	Target Audience of the ASLTA Certificate Levels: [] provisional [] qualified [] professional	

- Proposed audience: [] Educators of ASL [] Educators of Deaf Studies [] Educators in an Interpreter Education Program [] Educators of Linguistic [] Coordinators of ASL/Deaf Studies/ITP
 Style of presentation (check one): [] lecture [] panel discussion [] workshop [] other
- 11. Sign Language to be used during lecture/ workshop: [] ASL [] Other____Sign Language
- 12. Media Needs: [] Overhead [] LCD Projector [] TV/DVD

Note 1: If workshop presenters will use the LCD projector, they should plan to bring their own laptops.

Note 2: All workshops should be presented in American Sign Language only. The conference will not provide workshop presenters with interpreters.

DEADLINE: Abstracts must be postmarked by December 15, 2010, 11:59 PM Eastern Time. No Exceptions.

Acceptance: Notifications will be made by March 15th, 2011, and selected speakers must confirm by April 1st, 2011.

BENEFITS FOR WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

- The ASLTA offers a fixed registration rate of \$350.00 for those individuals who are officially approved workshop presenters. If there are co-presenters, the fixed registration rate is reserved for the main presenter only.
- A Certificate of Recognition for Workshop Presentation

Please email this proposal with supporting materials to:

Arkady Belozovsky, ASLTA Professional Development Chair at asltapdchair@gmail.com by December15, 2010.

Thank you!

ASLTA Professional Development/Conference Program Chair: Arkady Belozovsky Screening Committee Co-Chairs: Leslie Greer and Brian Kilpatrick 6th National ASLTA Professional Development Conference Chairperson:

Barbara Hayes



Members, friends and supporters,

Below you will find a balance sheet submitted by Judy Mohan, Assistant to the Conference Chairperson Geraldine Francini. This shows that our recent conference held in Phoenix, Arizona last year was successful from a financial standpoint. Kudos to all the volunteers who worked to make this happen! We look forward to a similar return at our next conference in Seattle next June! See you there.

Betti Bonni, ASLTA Treasurer

ASLTA 5th National Professional Development Conference - Phoenix Financial Report -- October 28 - November 1, 2009

Assets:

•	Registration	\$137,151.08
•	Ads, Sponsors, Exhibitors, Info in tote bags	49,334.67
•	DSP Workshops	14,100.00
•	82 Posters sold	820.00

\$201,405.75*

Expenses

ens	ses:	
•	AZ Biltmore Hotel	\$147,518.83**
•	Program Books	6,248.00
•	Posters & Flyers	1,095.00
•	Office Equip.(Laptop, Printer & LCD)	1,864.07***
•	Bus Trip & Volunteer Reimbursement	2,537.98
•	Conference miscellaneous	2,770.41
•	Entertainment	1,275.00
•	Items (Evals, signage, NL, trophies, tote bags, pads)	9,781.40
•	Conference PO, etc.	463.35
•	Conference Office Supplies	908.10
•	Volunteer Appreciation	881.33
•	Conference Refunds	3,341.16
•	DSP Trainers	4,500.00
•	Sorenson Winners to DSP Workshops	300.00
•	Chuck Baird's Airfare	252.80
•	Interpreting Services	600.00

\$184,337.43

Receipts \$201,405.75 Expenses - 184,337.43 Net Profit \$17.068.32

Note: Geraldine Francini has cash on hand for \$39.09.

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^{*} Seed money of \$5,000.00 provided by the National ASLTA

^{** \$4,662.00} First deposit by the National ASLTA

^{***} ASLTA President Larry Forestal has the equipment.

Judy P. Mohan, ASLTA 2009 Conference Treasurer

Evaluators Needed!

If you have an interest in becoming a new evaluator for L1, L2 in K-12 and L2 in College/University levels, please contact:

Dr. Keith M. Cagle, Evaluation Chair

asltaevaluation2003@yahoo.com

REHI: Preliminary Report

Alysse Suzanne Rasmussen ASLTA Qualified Orlando, FL



ASLTA is conducting a research study on the status of ASL in 4-year colleges and universities.

ASLTA charged the REHI (Research in Higher Education) Committee with developing responses to refute some of the more specious reasons given for not accepting ASL as a foreign / second / world language.

As the committee came together it soon realized that to prepare a response before the issues were truly understood would be counterproductive.

The first task the committee set for itself was to identify reasons that were commonly given for denying ASL. But as the list began to develop the committee noticed that the reasons tended to follow a pattern – a pattern that seemed to become more and more specific as society became more and more aware of ASL and Deaf-World.

The reasons were no longer simple denial. But rather the reasons began

to look more like the responses of someone or something that feels threatened by a change or an unexpected challenge.

But why would academic institutions or educators respond in this manner? The answer could be found in our American history.

Once, German was the most commonly taught foreign language in American schools. Around the time of World War I, it was replaced by French. After World War II, Spanish began to take the lead.

For those of us in foreign language departments filled with teachers of Spanish, it may seem incredible that Spanish, the "jewel" in the foreign language crown, was once considered to "lack rigor".

The committee regrouped and set its second task: to quantify the commonly given reasons. If we knew which reasons were the most popular, the committee could then begin a systematic and prioritized series of responses. In order to do that, the committee would design a short survey and poll 4-year colleges and universities.

Four-year colleges and universities were chosen over 2-year institutions for two reasons. First, they offered terminal degrees. If they did not accept ASL, then whatever a student studied in high school or a 2-year

post-secondary institute would be mute. Second, there were fewer 4-year institutions and the study would be more affordable.

A pilot survey was designed and implemented via email. Responses were analyzed and reported back to the board and to the membership. However, it became clear that many admission departments were reluctant to respond to an email survey.

The committee piloted several alternatives, but each carried serious threats to the study. In the end, the REHI committee approached the ASLTA Board and requested funding for a paper version and was granted \$5000 to use for further development, mailings, data collection, etc.

The survey was converted to a paper format that still provided an online collection point (in order to minimize input error). One of the committee members donated the use of their professional SurveyMonkey account (in order to use a professional collection tool that was more likely to be known and recognized by members of the academic community). A webpage was developed and posted on ASLTA (please don't go looking for it it MUST be filled out by members of the admissions department if we do not want to jeopardize the results). And, finally, the use of an authenticated mailing list was purchased for a period of one year.

During that time, the committee was able to send out two mailings. The first mailing was sent to 1871 4-year colleges and universities in the summer (2010). The second mailing went out again, to the schools which had not yet responded (approximately 1715) in the fall (2010). Responses are still coming in.

To date, the committee has received 58 mailed responses. These responses will need to be photo copied, entered by hand, and the input verified before they can be tabulated.

However the direct response can be accessed now, which will allow the committee to share a preliminary report with the board and with ASLTA members.

Once the data collection is finished, the REHI committee will be able to prepare professional documents based on facts, not guesses. Additionally, the REHI committee will be able to prepare a list of responding institutions and the status of ASL within those academic communities. That list will be published on ASL-TA's website for use by members, educators, counselors, parents, students, and the general public.

The committee would, at this point, like to share some of its preliminary findings.

Remember, please, that the current data being reported represents ONLY

the responses that were directly entered into the SurveyMonkey REHI survey by admissions departments of 4-year colleges and universities. It does not include data from the 58 mailed responses.

This is, by the way, "hot off the press". The last recorded response came in just 14 hours before this article was written.

Totals:

Total sent: 1871 Total returned: 6

Potential respondent base: 1865

Many of these 4 year colleges and universities have more than one site. The response rate may be higher than it appears based on the fact that the main campus may be responding for the entire school. However, that is definitely beyond the purview of this researcher.

Total REHI surveys started: 174
Total REHI surveys completed: 150
(86.2%)

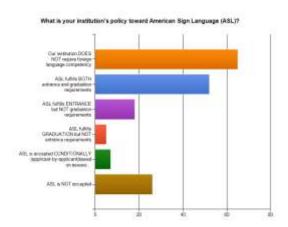
Question 1:

What is your institution's policy toward ASL?

173 respondents

37.6% do not require any foreign language.

47.3% do accept ASL 30% with no reservations 17.3% conditionally. 15% do not accept ASL



Of the 173 institutions that responded to the first question, 42 individuals provided additional comments which have not yet been reviewed in detail as the survey is ongoing.

The second question asked about the existence of a written policy regarding which languages were acceptable (167 respondents). Approximately 45% had a written policy; 42% did not; and 13% didn't know.

The third question asked if other Less Commonly Taught Languages [LCTL's (pronounced "lick-tells")] were acceptable (159 respondents). Approximately 40% said yes; 28% said no, and 32% didn't know.

The fourth question asked about other indigenous languages (161 respondents). Approximately 34% said yes; 35% said no; and 31% didn't know.

The fifth question asked for the name of the institution. Only 21 respondents skipped this question. The

REHI committee will be able to compile a list of at least 153, possibly more than 200 when the paper surveys have been added to this database, different colleges and their current policy toward ASL.

Lastly, 53 institutions provided further comments which will be analyzed when the survey is complete.

Conclusion:

The thing that struck the committee as most reassuring was that ASL *is* accepted much larger numbers than had been suspected.

The thing that struck the committee as most disheartening is that foreign languages, in general, are not as strongly supported in institutions of higher education as hoped.



The preliminary results of 4-year institutions & their policy toward ASL are printed on the following pages. The first page shows those accepting ASL in some form; the second page shows those that do not require and / or do not accept ASL,



ASL fulfills BOTH entrance and graduation requirements

Arcadia University

Azusa Pacific University

Bethel College

Biola University

Brevard College

Bucknell University

California State University, Northridge

Converse College

Cornell College

Cornell College

Emerson College

Franciscan University of Steubenville

Frostburg State University

Humboldt State University

Lamar University

Lenoir-Rhyne University

McDaniel College

Moravian College

North Carolina State University

Northwest Missouri State University

Old Dominion University

Pierpont Community and Technical College

Purdue University

San Diego State University

Scripps College

Southern Oregon University

Stony Brook University

SUNY College at Brockport

Texas State University-San Marcos

Texas Tech University

The Ohio State University

The University of Texas at Austin

The University of Toledo

University of California, Santa Barbara

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

University of Minnesota, Crookston

University of Nebraska - Lincoln

University of North Florida

University of Northern Iowa

University of Oklahoma

University of Oregon

University of South Florida

Whitworth University

ASL is accepted CONDITIONALLY (applicant-by-applicant) based on assessment, length of study, etc.

Georgetown College

Howard Payne University

Iowa Wesleyan College

IPFW (Indiana University Purdue University

Fort Wayne)

Texas Christian University

University of Georgia

ASL fulfills ENTRANCE but NOT graduation requirements

Berry College

California State University, Chico

Colorado State University-Pueblo

Duke University

East Carolina University

King College

La Salle University

Lewis & Clark College

Oregon State University

Saint Michael's College

Shenandoah University

Southwestern University

St. Joseph Seminary College

The University of Rhode Island

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

University of North Carolina Wilmington

UVA-Wise

ASL fulfills GRADUATION but NOT entrance requirements

California State University Sacramento (Sac State)

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Crossroads College

Purdue University North Central

Sul Ross State university

Ursinus College



Our institution DOES NOT require foreign language competency

Antioch University Midwest

Auburn University

Aurora University

Barton College

Boise State University

Carlow University

Carnegie Mellon University

Coe College

College of Wooster

Dallas Christian College

Davenport University

Davenport University

Doane College

Eastern Michigan University

Faith Baptist Bible College & Theological Semi-

nary

Flagler College

Graceland University

Hardin-Simmons University

Harvey Mudd College

Hilbert College

Indiana University Southeast

Kettering University

Keuka College

Lewis-Clark State College

Life Pacific College

Madonna University

Michigan Technological University

Missouri State University

Mount Mercy College

Mt. Sierra College

NAU

Nazarene Bible College

New York Institute of Technology

Nicholls State University

Northern Michigan University

Northern New Mexico College

Northwest University

Oberlin College

PATTEN UNIVERSITY

Presentation College

San Diego Christian College

Southern Wesleyan University

State University of New York College of Tech-

nology at Delhi (SUNY Delhi)

Syracuse University (College of Arts and

Sciences)

The University of Texas at San Antonio

Trinity Bible College

Trinity Lutheran College

University of Maine at Augusta

University of Maryland, College Park

University of Rio Grande

University of Rochester

Utah Valley University

Viterbo University

WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Western Michigan University

Western Michigan University

ASL is **NOT** accepted

Belmont University

Clarke College

College of William & Mary

Hampden-Sydney College

Hood College

Illinois Wesleyan University

Lafayette College

North Central College

Oklahoma City University

Oklahoma Baptist University

Penn State Erie, The Behrend College

Philadelphia Biblical University

Randolph-Macon College

Roanoke College

Saint Mary's College

Slippery Rock University of PA

The College of St. Thomas More

The Pennsylvania State University

The Pennsylvania State University

University of South Carolina Aiken

Virginia Military Institute

Washington College

Wheeling Jesuit University

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LAST DAY TO REGISTER

Feb. 28, 2011

If you want to schedule a Professional Interview in Seattle.

Questions?

Contact Dr. Keith M. Cagle,

Evaluation Chair at

asltaevaluation2003@yahoo.com

D-PAN Judge ... By Melissa Heatwole Former ASL Student Florida

This is the Seminole County (Florida) judge that was shown in one of the DPAN videos. He was the judge that shouted, "Can you hear me now??" This is his public reprimand, three years later.

http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/breakingnews/os-judge-eriksson-reprimand-20100831,0,3695365.story

Editor's Note: This is not captioned. It does not appear that he is being reprimanded for the incident that was filmed by D-PAN. He is being reprimanded for 2 things: a) punished someone for exercising their legal rights and b) penalized petitioner for not knowing the law.



OIC Movies Free registration

See current events discussed in ASL

http://www.oicmovies.com/





New Feature: Spotlight on

ASLTA would like to know what you and/or your schools are doing to promote professionalism in our field.

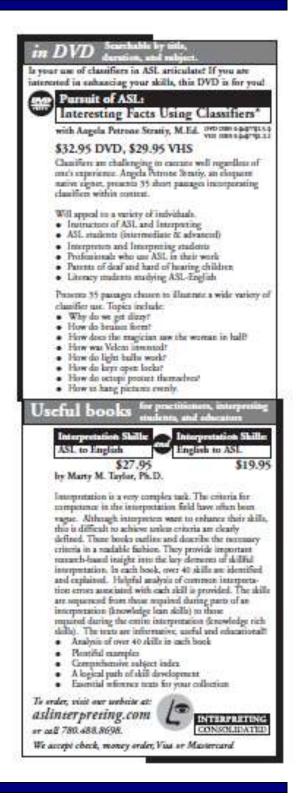
If you've got something to share, send it in. You can email these announcements to the ASLTA News Editor at any time during the year, but issue deadlines are March 1st, June 1st, September 1st, and December 1st.

Email your article to <u>AlysseR@aol.com</u> anytime throughout the year. Please write "ASLTA News Spotlight" in the subject header.

The top submissions will be included in the ASLTA news.

Spotlight On ...







HOW TO CONTACT ASLTA BY MAIL

Did you know that ASLTA now has three (3) different mailing addresses to ensure that we can respond to your needs quickly and efficiently?

#1. Please use the **Florida PO Box address** for membership dues, donations, checks, or bills from now on, effective on March 10, 2010:

ASLTA Treasurer PO Box 20823 St. Petersburg, FL 33742

#2. Please use the **Rochester PO Box** address for <u>letters for any information</u>, <u>inquiries</u>, <u>and requests</u>, effective on March 10, 2010.

ASLTA Correspondence PO Box 92426 Rochester, NY 14692

#3. Please use the **North Carolina address** for <u>all evaluations and certifications</u> as usual.

ASLTA Certification PO Box 39 Newell, NC 28126

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Glenna Ashton, M.Ed. ASLTA Professional Valdosta, GA Boca Raton, FL



We are still working slowly but steadily on completing projects for ASLTA.

- The 2010 bylaws process has been completed with the majority in favor. Please refer to the summer issue for the current version of the bylaws.
- The 501c3 application is being reviewed to make sure everything is correct and in order before submission to IRS.
- The National Standards for ASL committee met in September and will meet one more time. Many people helped us review the draft which was much appreciated. The draft document is in the final revision stage before submission to the Standards Collaboration Board.
- Some committees and programs such as the Recognition of ASL in Higher Education, the ASL Honor Society, and the Certification system have also been working hard, while others have been inactive.

The ASLTA Board will be meeting at the CIT Conference this October 27 – 30 in San Antonio, Texas. We will be making plans for the future including the 2011 conference and committees. If any of you are attending the CIT Conference or are in the local area, please do attend our open meetings or chat with us! Have a great school year!



ASLTA Secretary

Dorothy M. Wilkins ASLTA Professional Rochester, NY



No report at this time.



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www.teachasl.org

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Select the list you want (TeachASL)
Select "Join or Leave"
Add your name; pick your settings!
We recommend:
Subscription: Regular or Digest
Mail-Header: Listserv-style
Acknowledgements: Receive copy

ASLTA Treasurer





Much appreciation to all who responded to the summer postcard reminder to renew your membership for the 2010 year

I expected maybe a 20% return rate on the mail-out, but got a whole lot more! To date, our membership roll is over 500! Thank you.

Remember that membership dues follow a calendar year, meaning it will soon be time to renew for 2011. In this issue is the new membership form for 2011.

My term as Treasurer will be completed by the time of the Seattle conference. I am hopeful that our work on the 501c3 application will be successfully completed also by the time our national conference rolls around. Stay tuned for further updates!

Balance sheet follows ->



ASLTA Financial Balance Sheet As of September 15, 2010

Account	Amount
Bank of America Main Check-	\$52,560.83
ing Account	
Bank of America Savings Ac-	\$10,100.44
count	
Bank of America ASL Honor	\$20,302.66
Society Account	
First National Bank Evaluation	\$ 4,659.44
Account	
Bank of America NPDC'11	\$5,169.34
Account	
Charles Schwab Investment	\$55,531.24
Account	
Total	\$148,323.95



ASLTA Evaluation Chair

Newell, NC





I trust that you had a good summer season.

I would like to discuss a couple of things.

First, the deadline for Professional interview at our next ASLTA conference in Seattle, Washington is February 28, 2011. To begin, just download a package from www.aslta.org Then fill out the forms, and send it with a check of

\$250 to Dr. Keith M. Cagle, Evaluation Chair at PO Box 39, Newell, NC 28126.

Candidate must possess a Qualified certification and have another 240 hours of teaching experience and another 150 hours of professional development (e.g. workshops, courses and seminars). You may count your hours as far as back until vou reach the required numbers. First come, first serve. Interviews will be conducted on Wednesday, June 29th through Sunday, July 3rd.

Next, if you are very much interested in becoming a new evaluator for ASL-TA. You may be an evaluator on only L1, L2 for K-12, L2 for college/university or all.

A candidate must possess a Professional certification. Send a cover letter of interest along with a copy of vitae to Dr. Keith M. Cagle, Evaluation Chair through an email at asltaevaluation2003@yahoo.com

Your application will be reviewed by the Evaluation team, and then make a recommendation to the ASLTA Board for its review and approval. Then the selected candidates will be invited to a training on becoming an evaluator.

Have a wonderful fall semester!"



Chapter Liaison

Colleen Evenstad ASLTA Professional Rochester, NY



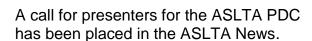
No report at this time.



Professional Development Chair



Arkady Belozovsky ASLTA Professional Framingham, MA





BYLAWS

Yes = 40 No = 1

Bylaws Ratified, Passed



ASL Honor Society National Coordinator Jason E. Zinza, MA

Did you know the ASL Honor Society awards scholarships to college students majoring or minoring in ASL, Deaf Studies, interpreter preparation, and Deaf education? Don't overlook this great opportunity for your students! In addition to the scholarships, the honor society sponsors the annual ASL literature competition, provides grants to ASL teachers, and makes honor cords and medals available to students who meet high academic and community service standards. High schools, community colleges, and college / university programs are welcome to join! Check out www.aslhonorsociety.org to find out how the ASLHS can help you and your students!

Congratulations to the 2009-2010 scholarship winners:

Elizabeth Cox, Phoenix College: Interpreter training / Deaf education

McKenzie Pack, Univ. of New Mexico: Trilingual interpreting

Emily DuBruille, Bloomsburg University: ASL Major

Kimberly Scarola, Nassau Community College: ASL Major



Looking for Work?

Teaching Positions

ASL Teacher for 2011 Navasota High School

Location: about 1 ½ hours from Houston

Non-Teaching Positions ~~ SCOMM, KANSAS CITY, MO ~~

sComm, a growing company who develops, manufactures and distributes UbiDuo, the face-to-face communicator, has the following job opportunities:

(1) Sales Representative

We are seeking an outgoing and energetic candidate with sales experience and proven track record and an understanding of the sales process. The candidate should be familiar and current on availability of technology products and services in the deaf/hard of hearing/assistive technology markets.

(2) Product Managers

We are seeking candidates with administrative, marketing and management experiences, proven track record in managing projects, sales and distribution of services or products, customer support, troubleshooting and fulfillment, delegating, coordinating, and supervising a team of deaf and hearing members.

More details on both job opportunities is available at http://www.scomm.com/jobs

Please submit resume, cover letter and references to:

sComm 6238 Hadley Street Raytown, Missouri 64311 Email: jobs@scomm.com http://www.scomm.com

CALLS:

Florida ASLTA is looking for presenters for its annual conference to be held the last week in February. The conference theme is "*Make It Real!*" For more details go to www.faslta.org.

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6th National Professional Development Conference Renaissance Seattle Hotel

Tuesday, June 28

Afternoon ASLTA Committee & Volunteers

Wednesday, June 29

8:00 am - 9:00 pm Conference Registration

8:30 am -5:30 pm

ASLTA Professional-level Interview

9:00 am - 1:30 pm

Preconference workshop 1, Lunch

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

ASLTA Board & CIT Board Meeting

· 11:30 am -1:00 pm

ASLTA-CIT Boards Luncheon

· 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm Booth Exhibit Setup

2:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Preconference workshop 2, Snacks

 6:00 pm -11:00 pm Welcome Reception, Keynote Speakers TBA

Thursday, June 30

7:30 am - 9:00 pm Conference Registration

7:30 am - 6:00 pm Booth Exhibits,

8:45 am - 11:15 am

ASLTA - General Business Meeting

 11:30 am - 1:00 pm ASLTA Luncheon

1:15 pm - 2:45 pm

Breakout Sessions 1

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Breakout Sessions 2

 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm Eval sheets, Clock Hr Verification Forms, RID CMP CEUS

4:30 pm - midnight Dine out, take a tour, on your own

Friday, July 1

7:30 am - 9:00 pm Conference Registration

7:30 am - 6:00 pm Booth Exhibits

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Chapters Luncheon by invitation only

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Breakout Sessions 4

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Saturday, July 2

7:00 am - 8:30 am

Deluxe Continental Breakfast

7:30 am - 9:00 pm

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7:30 am - 5:30 pm

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Breakout Sessions 8

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5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Plenary Session, Keynote Speaker

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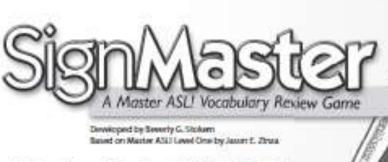
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