



Call to Action!

School's off to a great start! We've come back -- some of us as early as August, a few of us as late as Labor Day -- to find our students eager and excited. Of course, In September, reality set in and both we, the teachers, and they, the students, have done a bit of that "new car" shake down. So now, it's time to shake things up a bit.

First, I want to invite you all to read Dr Jason Zinza's report on the ASL Honor Society. This is a worthy addition to our student's repertoire. Being a member of the ASL Honor Society promotes community service, fosters the seeds for reciprocity, and rewards scholarship. Please send reports about what your ASL Honor Society is doing to NewsletterEditor@asлта.org.

Second, be sure to read Dr E. Lynn Jacobowitz's call for action. ASL, like many other foreign language studies, run the risk of being swept out the educational door along with other "extraneous" programs like the Arts and, yes, even Sports! But real clincher is that we can't just afford to survive. We must thrive! Lynn is setting up a call for action-- and she needs you!

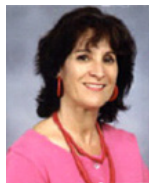


Lastly, I want you to start looking ahead toward the next issue of the ASLTA News which will be coming out before the Thanksgiving Holidays. It will hold the first of three articles written about the ASL National Standards. Having these Standards moved us, as a language teaching community, to a whole new level of respect. Implementing these standards will aid us even more whether we're teaching ASL as a native language or a second/foreign language.

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President Report



Glenna Ashton, Ph.D.
ASLTA Professional
Gainesville, Florida
president@aslta.org

This newsletter is going out a little delayed. Both the Editor and I were busy this past summer getting our paperwork in order so that Alysse Rasmussen and I finally received our Ph.D. In addition, I changed jobs again. I am now at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida still teaching ASL. They are very much a blue and orange town, Go Gators!

Now that I have been in several different places teaching different populations and interacting with different departments and administrations, it makes me realize the need for a better understanding of our field of teaching ASL. The ASLTA board is focusing again on the issue of ASL teacher training programs and recognition of qualified, certified teachers in all settings. There is still a great demand for ASL classes but a continuing shortage of ASL teachers that have the necessary degrees and/or certification required in education. We need dedicated teams in every state to work in several different areas of public relations, education regulations, and legislation to make effective changes. This is due to the nature of all education being under the states' control, thus 50 states to deal with.

The ASLTA Board will be meeting during the Conference of Interpreter Trainers (CIT) in October in Charlotte, North Carolina. We will have board meetings and committee work. In addition, we will be working closely with the host conference committee of NC-ASLTA members. Hopefully, we will see many ASLTA/CIT members there!

ASLTA July 2013 Conference information is posted online on our web site www.aslta.org and

is included in this newsletter. NC-ASLTA is very excited about planning a great conference for all members!

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## Vice President Report



Brian Kilpatrick, Ed.D.  
ASLTA Professional  
Houston, Texas

I hope that you all had a good summer!

Glenna Ashton and I represented ASLTA at the 51st Biennial NAD Conference in Louisville, Kentucky, held on July 3-8, 2012.

The Council of Representative Delegates was conducted during the conference's official business portion. During the conference week, the delegates focused on NAD's Vision 2020 guidelines and action plan for the next two years.

The Downtown Square Market, near the Kentucky International Convention Center and filled with restaurants and entertainment venues, was very pleasant to roam around. Lastly, the famed DeaFestival Kentucky with famous Deaf entertainers was a big hit!

The ASLTA board will be attending the CIT conference in Charlotte, North Carolina, October 17-20 this fall.

I am working on the ASLTA Policy and procedures.

On behalf of the ASLTA board, I thank you for continuing to help ASLTA grow!

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Secretary Report



Dorothy M. Wilkins
ASLTA Professional
Rochester, NY

No report at this time.

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### Treasurer Report



Cathi Bouton  
ASLTA Professional  
Clinton, WA  
treasurer@aslta.org

Happy Fall everyone! Hard to believe it's October already. Here in my little hamlet, the weather is still fantastic, although the winds have kicked up more regularly, causing the leaves on the trees to dance.

Fall is time to harvest and reap the benefits of our hard work. Our new 501(c)3 status and improved bookkeeping system were definitely hard work, but will allow us to be much more efficient and productive moving forward. Fall is also the time to prepare for the following year. We are still diligently working on an online registration system and putting together all the components of next years Professional Development Conference.

Just as the trees need the wind to dance, we need your help to accomplish our goals. Please consider donating your time and expertise to a committee, or for a specific project, or to help with next year's conference. Send an email to any of us on the board, or come dance with me at CIT.

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Professional Development Report



Sharon Lott
ASLTA Professional
NC

ASLTA will have 7th Biennial National Professional Development Conference on July 2-7th, 2013. It will be in Charlotte, NC. The conference theme is ***ASL Education: Today, Tomorrow and Beyond.***

I invite you to submit your Call for paper. The Call for paper proposal information form is on ASLTA website, and in this newsletter. You can fill out call for Pre-conference workshops, Call for conference workshops and Call for poster sessions, as in the past. Only one change we have made is based on the evaluations from the 6th National Professional conference in Seattle, 2011 is that if the workshop is to promote your products you are selling, there is a fee for doing this.

The abstracts / presentations can be either 1.5 or 3 hours. The topics are not limited to the list below:

- Strategies for Teaching ASL Effectively
- ASL/Curriculum Standards for Teachers and Students
- L-1 ASL Teachers or Specialists
- Deaf Studies Curriculum and instruction
- Current Trends in teaching interpreting
- Contemporary ASL Linguistic Research
- Marketing Information (additional \$200.00 fee)

There are some benefits for workshop presenters, if you are selected as a presenter; your registration is reduced to 200.00. Deadline for Call for paper are by Nov. 15, 2012.

Please submit your Call for papers / abstracts paper up to 500 words, or five minutes unrehearsed YOUTUBE unlisted demonstrating in ASL abstract

workshop presentation to ASLTAPD13@gmail.com

Sharon Lott
Professional Development

Chapter Liaison Report



Chapter Liaison
ASLTA Professional

Hope you all had a great summer.

If your chapter hasn't submitted the 2012 Annual Chapter dues with updated officer info, please contact me ASAP for the form. To be considered "active", it is critical that the chapters keep up with these - dues and updates. My e-mail address is: pgbeech@aol.com.

Please contact me if you have concerns about your chapter. Also, please send me news.

Below is some news on various chapters.

Patricia Beech
Chapter Affiliated Chair, 2012-2013

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### Florida ASLTA

The next annual conference (our 24th) will be during February 15-17, 2013. It will be held at the Deerfield Beach Hilton in Deerfield Beach, FL. If you'd like to present (we've got GREAT February weather), the deadline is October 31st.

If you need more information about FASLTA, see:  
<http://www.faslta.org>  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/19781502565/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/florida.aslta>

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### Maryland ASLTA

The 3rd Statewide Conference will be held at Towson University on November 10. The title of this conference is "#ASL Plant-Seed Ripple Effect.". The keynote speaker will be Dr. Samuel Supalla. An election of officers will be held during lunch. The presenter at the dinner reception will be Dr. Alan Hurwitz. After dinner, Dr. Supalla will provide entertainment on "Deaf to Deaf". The registration deadline is October 19.

Registration form can be found at:  
<http://mdaslta.org/conf2012/mdasltaconf2012Registration.pdf>

ASL Studies Lecture Series at Frederick Community College is back - on the 1st Thursday night of each month at the Cougar Grilled (Building H) during 7:30PM-8:30PM. On October 4th, Jamie Tucker will present "Quality of Life: Past, Present, and Future". On November 1st, Greg Hilbok from FCC will talk about "Communication Accessibility: What does it mean to you?" For December 6th, Samuel Sonnestrahl will give "Sam's View".

More information about MD ASLTA can be found at:  
<http://www.mdaslta.org>  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/114837136302/>

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### North Carolina ASLTA

NCASLTA will host its 8th Biennial Conference at Southeastern Community College in Whiteville, NC during November 1-3, 2012. The theme is "Together Everyone Achieves More: Sharing Through Discovery!!!" The keynote speaker will be Dr. Joseph Hill, and he will present "High Demand, Low Supply: Current Barriers to ASL Teaching in K-12 Schools". Workshops listed are:  
\* Dr. Keith Cagle - "Which teaching method works better for you and your students?"

- \* Jay "Sam" Harris - "Teaching Formal ASL to Advanced Students"
- \* Sharon Lott & Beverly Woodel - "ASL Depiction"

For more information about NCASLTA, see:  
<http://www.ncasлта.org>  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/110465025750168/>



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### Ohio ASLTA

The annual conference was held September 28-29, 2012. The theme was "Navigating Various Aspects of ASL". The Opening Keynote Speaker was MJ Shehan on "Secret Ingredients of Effective ASL Instruction and Successful Education". For information on the conference schedule, see: <http://ohioasлта.cfsites.org/custom.php?pageid=40743>.

More information about OASLTA can be found at:  
<http://ohioasлта.cfsites.org/index.php>

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### Veditz ASLTA (Northern Virginia)

On September 15, Keith Cagle gave a presentation on "Dissertation Findings" and "Certification & Evaluation System". VASLTA will have an all-day ASL Blitz on October 13.

URLS for VASLTA are:  
<http://beechasl.net/vasлта/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/61011368098/>



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### Washington ASLTA

The 5th Northwest Regional ASL Teachers Conference will be held during October 12-13 at Pierce College, Puyallup. The theme is "Empowering ASL Teachers: Through Community Collaboration". The keynote speakers will be Carol Carrothers, Larry Petersen, and Ryan Commerston. For more information about this conference, visit WA ASLTA's Facebook page.

URLs for WA ASLTA are:  
<http://www.waasлта.org>  
<https://www.facebook.com/waasлта>

Here are URLs for other chapters:

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### Pennsylvania ASLTA

<http://pa-asлта.org>

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### San Diego ASLTA

<http://www.sandiegoasлта.org>

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Member-At-Large Report



E. Lynn Jacobowitz Ph.D.
ASLTA Professional
Frederick, Maryland

ASL: From Bastardization to Standardization

This is my report as a member-at-large of the National ASLTA board and I was delegated to focus on the ASL Legislation issue. Since beginning my analysis of ASL Legislation in 2001, there has been very little change in the number of state senate and/or representative bills and in the Department of Education requirements for ASL teachers in public, private, state schools for the Deaf, ASL programs, interpreter programs and all other sign language services. As of today, the requirement of obtaining professional ASLTA certification is mostly nil. Florida is the only state that requires ASL teachers to be professionally certified (or complete 18 credits of specific ASL courses). Only the provisional or qualified ASLTA certification is required in a few states (North Carolina and Virginia). Other states do not mention what level of ASLTA certification is needed in their list of requirements. Some states have their own ASL teacher certification procedures (i.e., they often use Deaf community members and/or sign language interpreters to evaluate ASL teachers). Some states require state teacher certifica-

tion (in all or any subjects). A few states require national teacher certification.

This shows our language, ASL, is being bastardized by these deficiencies: no ASL standards for K-12, little or no ASL Proficiency Interview (ASL-PI) rating requirements for securing employment in Deaf educational settings, improper selection of state evaluation committee members, lack of ASLTA certification among ASL/Deaf Studies/Deaf Education teachers, little or no oversight of research and supervision of state and/or national ASL teacher certification and evaluation process (non-ASLTA), and I could easily go on. This has to stop.

How do we, the Deaf community, ASL-users (Deaf, hearing, hard of hearing, CODAs, people with cochlear implants, people who are learning ASL and supporting the Deaf people's birthright language, etc.) push for the standardization of ASL teachers? We need to be proactive and get involved by creating a large movement – organizing state committees to work on a legislation in their state requiring ASL for all people (Deaf, hearing, hard of hearing, CODAs, people with cochlear implants, etc.) and also requiring all ASL teachers to be professionally ASLTA certified (rather than qualified or provisional). The two requirements will definitely help the standardization of our beloved and most cherished language, ASL.



Tami Davidson 2012

ASL: From Bastardization to Standardization

If you are interested in learning more about creating a new Senate or House of Representative bill, contact me (drlynnjaco@gmail.com) and we can form a committee to focus on developing a model bill and bringing the bill to the attention of your local Senator or HOR. This is about preserving, protecting and keeping ASL pure. It's all up to us. The ASLTA board members and I cannot do the ASL legislation work on state level all by ourselves. However, local chapters of ASLTA, CIT, NAD, RID, and Deaf organizations, ASL-friendly/Deaf business owners, your state constituents and you can make this happen. The more people united in the work of standardizing ASL and Deaf culture, the more power we will have. Let's empower ourselves to make this possible. Please do not bastardize ASL and let's standardize ASL instead.

Thank you.
E. Lynn Jacobowitz

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### Contacting 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. For membership dues, donations, checks, or bills.

ASLTA TREASURER  
P.O. Box 38  
Clinton, WA 98236

#2. For letters for any information, inquiries, and requests.

ASLTA CORRESPONDENCE  
PO Box 92426  
Rochester, NY 14692

#3. For all evaluations and certifications as usual.

ASLTA CERTIFICATION  
PO Box 6517  
Annapolis, MD 21401

### ASLTA Membership Report

ASLTA is proud to announce that we have 525 members! The breakdown of categories is in the following chart:

| Membership Category | Total | Comments                                     |
|---------------------|-------|----------------------------------------------|
| Professional        | 79    | Certified by ASLTA                           |
| Qualified           | 55    | Certified by ASLTA                           |
| Provisional         | 100   | Certified by ASLTA                           |
| Associate           | 271   | Currently teaching ASL - not ASLTA certified |
| ASL HS              | 124   | Schools with ASL Honor Societies             |
| Supporting          | 12    | Supports ASLTA - not teaching ASL            |
| Institutional       | 8     | Institutions that support ASLTA              |
| Grand Total         | 649   |                                              |

ASLTA tracks its members using a searchable excel database. The current system is all hand-entered, meaning the membership coordinator manually enters all information from the membership form. Plans are in progress to test a new online system, where members can fill out and submit the form online, as well as, pay dues online! We are excited about this possibility and will let the membership know when it's ready. An online member registry has been implemented. If you initialed the membership form indicating you did not want to be part of this, be assured your name was not included. If you don't see your name and you did not initial the form or if you see any corrections/updates needed, please notify the membership coordinator at membership@aslta.org or asltamembership@gmail.com.

Geographic distribution: The current 516 members of ASLTA represent 46 states, Washington, DC, and 3 members from Canada and 1 from the West Indies.

LaNae Phillips, Membership Coordinator

## Evaluation Program Report



Keith M. Cagle, Ph.D.  
ASLTA Professional  
Annapolis, MD

Several things have happened for good with the ASLTA Evaluation and Certification system.

ASLTA office has moved from Charlotte, North Carolina to Annapolis, Maryland smoothly. The office resumed in one week after the move. The new mailing address for ASLTA Evaluation and Certification is:

PO Box 6517  
Annapolis, MD 21401

We are seeing an increase in a volume of evaluations. Many of them are from Gallaudet University's MA program in Teaching Sign Language which requires them to pass ASLTA evaluation before they could graduate with a MA degree. Another reason is that several applicants do not have a bachelor degree which became a requirement effectively on July 1, 2012, so they sent their evaluations before the effective date.

More and more applicants are sending their scanned evaluation materials and unlisted YouTube or Vimeo videos to the evaluation office. It is much easier and faster to proceed and send their evaluation materials to the evaluators.

For an example, I sent the evaluation materials to the evaluators. In two hours later, one evaluator responded with the evaluation recommendation. Technology does an amazing work for us.

After 12 years of being the ASLTA certification assistant, LaVerne Cagle decided to retire. We want to thank her for all her hard works and dedication to ASLTA Evaluation office. She often spent many hours beyond what was expected

from her to run the evaluation office. See a farewell message from LaVerne in this newsletter.

Tony Ellis became the new assistant. He has an expertise in computer. He has made several new changes for Evaluation office. He has turned all evaluations into paperless submissions. He is scanning new applicants' materials and uploading their videos for sending to the evaluators electronically. Next, he is digitalizing the older applicants' evaluation materials and store them in the hard drive and a back-up hard drive. There are at least 500 files in the filing cabinets. Welcome Tony to ASLTA.

The Provisional evaluation package recently is updated, streamlined and more organized. Now it is on the ASLTA website. Soon the Qualified and Professional packages will be updated. After moving, preparing, and teaching summer school at Gally I will resume my work with Evaluation System Revision committee work soon.

If you have any questions when you are reviewing this chairperson report, please feel free to contact me at [asltaevaluation2003@yahoo.com](mailto:asltaevaluation2003@yahoo.com)

Have a very productive fall semester. I will look forward to seeing you at the convention in July in Charlotte.

To prepare for ASLTA Professional-level interviews in Charlotte, NC during the Professional Development conference, please complete and submit your Professional-level evaluation application package to the ASLTA Evaluation Office by February 28, 2013.

Best regards,  
Dr. Keith M. Cagle, Chair  
Evaluation and Certification

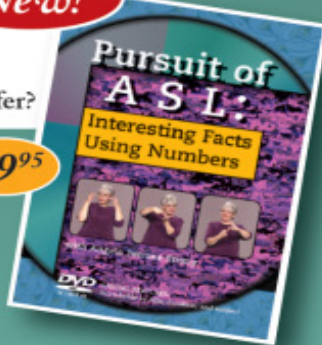
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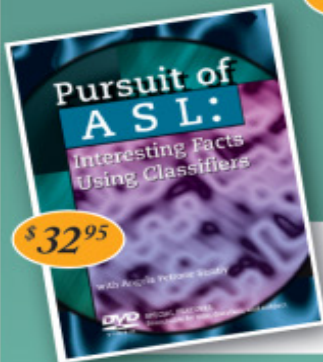

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- What if Barbie was a real woman?
- How far can insects fly?
- How do address systems differ?

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National Coordinator
Jason E. Zinza, Ph.D.

On behalf of the ASL Honor Society, welcome back to a new school year! The ASLHS looks forward to providing you with opportunities to help make the new year a success. Plan ahead for these deadlines:

- ASL Literature Competition entries must be received by April 5, 2013
- ASLHS Scholarship Applications must be received by May 10, 2013
- Final order date for graduation materials is May 24, 2013

Who Can Join?

- College programs can join ASLHS. Gallaudet, Eastern Kentucky U., Western Kentucky U., Madonna U., William Woods U., Valencia College, McDaniel College, and more have ASLHS programs on campus. So what's stopping you?
- High school programs that offer ASL are welcome to join. If you don't have ASLHS on campus, why not? Don't want your students to apply their in-class learning in national competitions? Don't want your students to be eligible to apply for scholarships? Don't want people at your school to take ASL seriously? Raise expectations and make learning ASL a more rewarding experience by joining ASLHS today! College Scholarships!

- Each year, the ASLHS awards several scholarships to high school seniors and current college students majoring or minoring in ASL, Deaf Studies, Interpreter Preparation, and Deaf Education. Minimum scholarship is \$1,000.00.... help your students pay for college! The only way your students can apply for the scholarships is if you have an ASLHS chapter on campus, so join now!

F-R-E-E Money for Teachers!

ASL teachers can apply for mini-grants to help make your life easier! Want money to purchase DVDs, games, or video equipment? We can help! Want money to pay for guest speaker fees or field trips? We can help! Mini-grants up to the amount of \$500.00 are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

2012-2013 ASL Literature Competition Info

The 2012-2013 ASL Literature Competition has two categories for students to participate in. The first category is "Classic ASL Literature" - retell a classic ASL story or poem. Examples include: Valli's poetry, Mary Beth Miller's stories, folklore tales, and more! The second category is "AA-ZZ ABC Story", with a catch. Instead of the typical A-Z format, students repeat the handshapes twice, from start to finish! It'll be a challenge to tell an ABC story from AA, BB, CC, DD, EE.... all the way to ZZ! As always, cash prizes will be awarded to the winners. See the ASLHS website for more details.

New this year!

We are pleased to unveil the official ASLHS Induction Ceremony, complete with pledge and supporting materials. Many thanks to the individuals who worked hard to create a formal ceremony that will make your students feel proud to participate in. Check out the materials and video clips on the ASLHS website's "Induction Ceremony" page.

Keep in Mind

If you haven't formed an ASLHS chapter on your campus, why not? The ASLHS functions just like an ASL club and can do as many activities or as few as you want. Joining the ASLHS brings immediate benefit to you and your students, in the form of teacher grants, scholarships for students, eligibility to participate in the ASL Literature Competition, and eligibility to wear honor cords or medals at graduation. We are here to support you and your students, so let us know what we can do to make your life easier.

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### Long Time Assistant



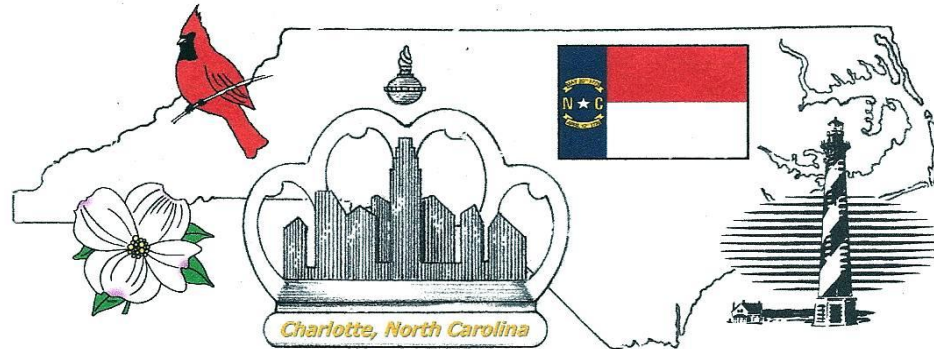
**LaVerne Cagle**

I have served as an assistant for the ASLTA Evaluation office for past 12 years since July 2000. I decided to retire in July. I want to thank all of you and ASLTA for allowing me to serve a growing organization. I have seen many changes happened to the evaluation system. When I started, there were no evaluation package downloads in the website, and I made the copies of many VHS tapes for the evaluators. It has changed to DVDs. Now more candidates are sending their scanned document and YouTube or Vimeo videos through emails. Technology changed the evaluation system a lot. It was a great experience and my enjoyment to serve ASLTA for a long time. I wish ASLTA and its future the best luck.

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This conference is yours to learn and enjoy !!

Member Rate

- Early Bird: July 1, 2012 – October 31, 2012 for \$350.00
- 2nd Deadline Due: Nov. 1, 2012 - Jan. 31, 2013 for \$375.00
- 3rd Deadline Due: Feb. 1, 2013 - May 15, 2013 for \$400.00
- Late / at door: May 16, 2013 – July 5, 2013 for \$450.00

Non-Member Rate

- Early Bird: July 1, 2012 – October 31, 2012 for \$375.00
- 2nd Deadline Due: Nov. 1, 2012 - Jan. 31, 2013 for \$400.00
- 3rd Deadline Due: Feb. 1, 2013 - May 15, 2013 for \$425.00
- Late / at door: May 16, 2013 – July 5, 2013 for \$450.00

Student Rate

- Early Bird: July 1, 2012 – October 31, 2012 for \$300.00
 - 2nd Deadline Due: Nov. 1, 2012 – Jan. 31, 2013 for \$325.00
 - 3rd Deadline Due: Feb. 1, 2013 – May 15, 2013 for \$350.00
 - Late / at door: May 16, 2013 – July 5, 2013, for \$375.00
- Note: (Proof of student valid I.D. is required)

Registration cost include:


- E-program book
- Kick-off reception
- Keynote / Endnote speakers
- Exhibit booths
- ASLTA luncheon
- Breakfast
- Banquet Dinner
- Professional Development Training Workshops



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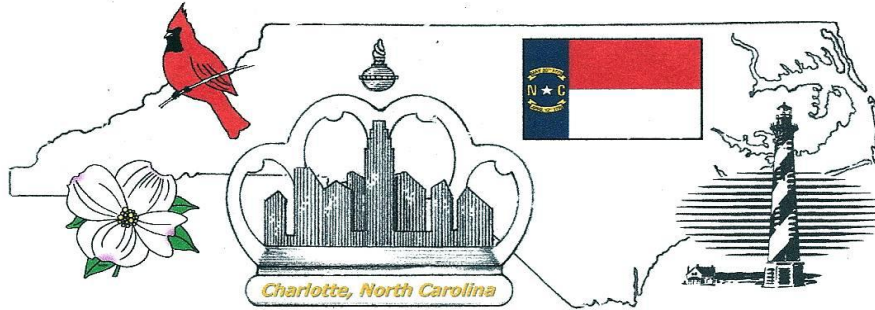
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Cancellation refund policy: Requests for full refund must be in writing via mail postmarked or email by Jan. 31, 2013; for 75% refund by March 1, 2013 and for 50% refund by May 15, 2013.

<p>Name: _____ Date: _____</p> <p>Street Address: _____</p> <p>City: _____ State _____ Zip Code _____</p> <p>Email Address: _____ Member ASLTA ? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Please remit the payment by check or money order with the form to: 2013 ASLTA Conference P.O. Box 38 Clinton, WA 98236</p> <p>Amount enclosed: _____</p>	 <p><u>Hosted by the</u> <u>NCASLTA Chapter</u></p> <p>Questions / Concerns about registration?</p> <p>Contact NCASLTA at ASLTA2013@gmail.com</p>
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<u>Small Company with 3 employees or less:</u>					
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See the website for additional application forms

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Scholarships



It's true that money doesn't grow on trees, but there are scholarship funds out there - especially for those of us interested in pursuing ASLTA Certification.

Professional Development Scholarships



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For the past several years SMI has been donating funds to support professional development opportunities for teachers who wish to pursue ASLTA Certification. Please thank SMI for all it does for ASL / Deaf Studies and ASL teachers!



Each year FLORIDA ASLTA offers 3 scholarships to cover the registration fee for the 2013 Annual Florida ASLTA Conference which will be held in February (President's Day Weekent) at the Hilton Deerfield / Boca Raton, South Florida. For details and registration go to the website: www.faslta.org.

Website for College Students with Disabilities

I would like to share with you the link to the We Connect Now website:

<http://weconnectnow.wordpress.com/>

The website was created while I was a college student with a grant I received from YP4 to develop a website to serve college students with disabilities. The website was developed in an effort to connect and integrate college students with disabilities as a virtual community with a voice on important issues.

The We Connect Now website has been up and serving college students with disabilities since April of 2008. I wanted to share the We Connect Now website with you so that you may post it as a resource in your website or otherwise share it with students that you serve or have contact with. The website has been used as a resource by institutions of higher learning and has been linked to by colleges and universities and groups serving people with disabilities in all 50 states of the United States of America and at least 10 other nations.

Sincerely,
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The Board would like to see each fund reach at least \$5,000 prior to accepting any application for funds. Please help! Your donation will help future leaders of ASLTA.



The Tom Riggs Memorial Fund was established to honor Thomas Riggs who was very involved in ASLTA at the national and chapter levels. The monies will go toward supporting ASLTA affiliated chapters in their activities at a state level.

Examples of supported activities:

- Supporting the state chapter conference via sponsorship, program book, or key presenter
- Supporting the chapter President to attend ASLTA conference including the chapter luncheon, especially for first timers
- Supporting invited officers for the leadership and/or advocacy training opportunities provided by ASLTA
- Other appropriate chapter activities at the state level



The Lawrence Fleischer and Lawrence Forestal (LF2) Fund was established to honor these two former presidents of ASLTA for their support of leadership skills. The monies will go toward supporting leadership and advocacy training for the national and chapter officers.

Training opportunities may include;

- Invited trainers for the ASLTA conference to provide one day pre-conference training in leadership and/or advocacy for invited officers.
- Extended training in leadership and/or advocacy for invited officers in a separate workshop.

Yes!! I am enclosing my donation of \$_____ . I would like this amount to go to (select one or both):

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Open Letter to Chapter Boards

Janice Blum, Member

I use the ASLTA website as my source of contact information. In some cases my Email was returned as undeliverable. How disappointing to find them in my mailbox. It meant I was unable to contact that chapter easily and efficiently as I had hoped.

Please everyone; take just a few minutes to check the ASLTA website to make sure the information for your chapter is current. If it is great, if not, I respectfully request the chapters update their contact information as soon as possible.

Let's keep it real so interested parties are able to reach a chapter when necessary.

Thank you.
Janice Blum

Correction

The ASLTA Evaluation Chair Report should have read Dr. Raychelle Harris at Gallaudet University started exploring the feasibility of establishing a new MA program in teaching Sign Language. She has been instrumental with the new program which has taken off last Summer 2011 with 30 (not 60) students. By summer 2012, the program had 60 students from 1st and 2nd summer cohorts. It kept the MASLT faculty very busy!

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ASLTA's Conference

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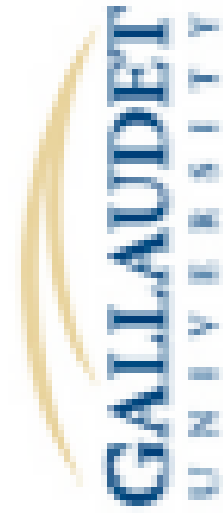
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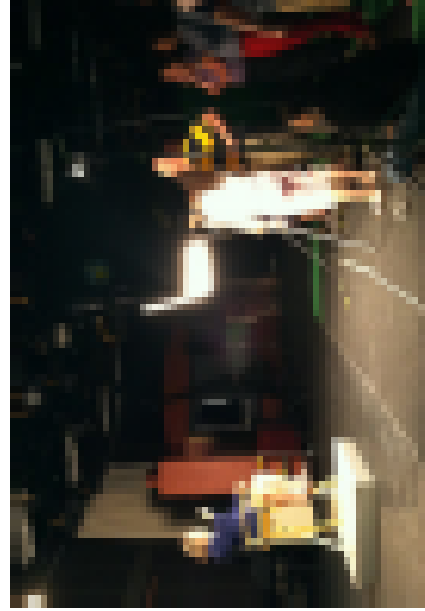
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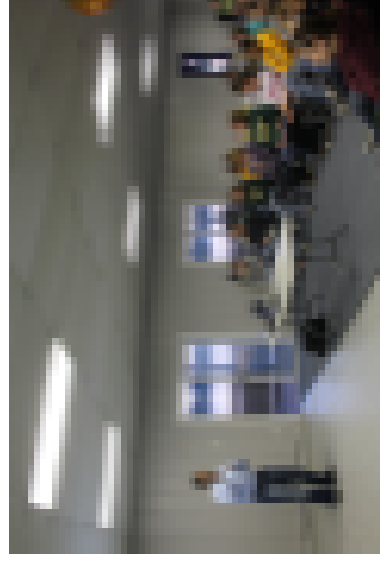
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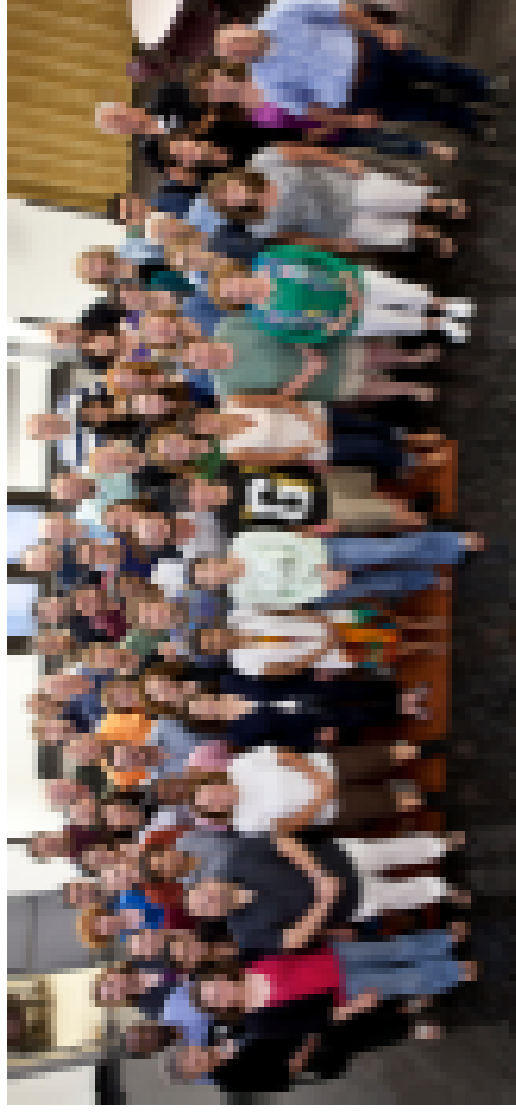
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