

RESNA BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
August 16, 2006
Via Conference Call
Minutes (draft)

Voting members:

Glen Ashlock, MS ATP	Absent
Cathy Bodine, PhD, CCC-SLP, Secretary	Present
Rory Cooper, Immediate Past President	Present
Gary Downey, PE, ATP, CPE	Present
Diane Goodwin, ATP	Present
Glenn Hedman, MS, PE, ATP, RET, President	Present
David Jaffe, MS	Present
Heidi Koester, PhD	Present
Greg McGrew, ME, ATP, RET, President-Elect	Present
Jessica Pedersen, OTR, MBA, ATP	Absent
Anita Perr, MA, OT, ATP	Absent
Kate Seelman, PhD	Present
Rich Simpson, PhD, ATP	Present
Stephen Sprigle, PhD, PT	Present
Jerry Weisman, MSME, ATP, RET	Present
Dave Wilkie, ATP, Treasurer	Present

Non-voting participants:

Tom Gorski, CAE, Executive Director	Present
Ray Grott, ATP, Meetings Chair	Present
Kevin Caves, ATP, RET, Membership Chair	Present
Maryellen Buning, PhD, OTR/L, ATP, PSG Chair	Present
Christine Appert, EdD, ATP, PSB Chair	Present
Karen Milchus, ATP, Education Chair	Present
Alex Mihailidis, ATP, SIG Chair	Absent
Jim Lenker, PhD, OTR/L, ATP, Research Chair	Present

1. Call to Order.
The meeting was called to order at 1:04 pm Eastern.
2. Roll call was taken and a quorum was found to be present.
3. Approval of June 23 Minutes

BOARD VOTE: A motion to approve the minutes from the June 26 (Atlanta) Board of Director's Meeting passed.

4. President Glenn Hedman welcomed the Board and reported the vote by email to accept Gary Downey, PE, ATP, CPE, Diane Goodwin, ATP, and Anita Perr, MA, OT, ATP as appointments to the RESNA Board of Directors. He explained his vision for inviting committee and board chairs to regular meetings as they are each ex-officio members of the RESNA Board. He stressed the importance of the timing of the retreat being planned for October.
5. **Committee Reports**

Bylaws Committee — Greg McGrew presented a series of revisions to the bylaws for consideration which included text to add to the clarity of selected articles, updated information, added committee and board chairs as ex-officio members of the RESNA Board, and returned the authority to members to approve amendments to the bylaws. He also

indicated the section pertaining to the PSB will be reviewed and suggested revisions offered by the PSB.

BOARD VOTE: A motion to accept the bylaws revisions as presented passed.

Treasurer's Report — David Wilke reviewed the July Balance Sheet and Departmental Summary. Highlights: increase in interest income due to higher interest rates, higher accounting and audit expenses, Annual Conf net estimated to be about \$35,000. He reported the Finance Committee's review of the request to hold a Board meeting in October for strategic planning, noting the committee's endorsement as an investment in the immediate future of RESNA. Discussion revealed that a clear plan to increase revenues in RESNA's three main areas (conference, credentialing, and membership) will be an integral part of that meeting.

BOARD VOTE: A motion to accept the Treasurer's report and change the 2006 budget to reflect the cost of the Board meeting (estimated to be \$15-18,000) passed.

Membership Committee — Kevin Caves described one of the greatest challenge facing RESNA member is maintaining member records with an ailing database. He has asked staff to investigate possible replacements and alternative solutions. He also asked the Board to send him their view of what member benefits have the most value to members.

Research Committee — Jim Lenker reported on the ICDR meeting he attended in August where there was a spirit of cooperation among 9-10 editors of research-based, rehabilitation journals. It seems the AT journal does not have the depth of demographic and operational information as does other journals and the Research Committee will work cooperatively with the Journal Board to collect the data.

Education Committee — Executive Director Tom Gorski reviewed the highlights of the proposed AT Journal Quiz Program on behalf of Karen Milchus who joined the conference call later. RESNA will debut a 12-question, multiple choice quiz based on one article for each of the last four journal issues before the end of 2006. The quizzes will initially be worth .2 CEUs, and available on the website and be scored manually. As the website is redesigned and technical capacity increased, the quizzes will be automated. Member price will initially be \$25 and \$39 for nonmembers, a rate similar to other associations.

Meetings Committee — Ray Grott reported the analysis of evaluation forms from the 2006 annual conference was positive with marks closely resembling the scores of the previous year. He has asked several individuals to be part of an exhibitor advisory group to submit and evaluate potential improvements to increasing traffic and participation in the Exhibit Hall. He also has convened a small group to work on enhancing RERC involvement. He and staff will meet with officers from the Technical Assistance office in Phoenix to discuss the possibility of co-locating their meeting with RESNA 2007. The committee is also considering additional ways to capture the content of the conference workshops by requiring presenters to submit some form of text or possibly use audio tapes.

Government Affairs Committee — Kate Seelman submitted a slate of two candidates to fill vacancies on the committee, but the background material was not provided with the agenda. The material will be sent via email with discussion and the Board will be asked to vote by email. She briefly recounted the highlights of the recent GAC meeting in Atlanta.

Journal Board — Newly-appointed AT Editor Rory Cooper discussed the Journal Board's desire to adapt the estimated 200 pages annually into four issues instead of the current two. He also indicated they would limit authors to the equivalent of seven published pages and develop a cost estimate for those whose articles would run over and could not be edited to fit. A plan is being drafted to justify shifting from a publishing schedule of two journals to four

journals in 2007 with mail dates occurring in March, June, September, and December. The Board discussion centered on the need for a written policy on the development and funding sources for special issues.

CONSENSUS: The Board expressed their concurrence with the direction the AT Journal Board is proceeding.

Professional Standards Board (PSB) — Christine Appert presented four candidates for appointment to the PSB: Doug Gayton, ATP, Daniel Lipka, ATS, and public members Trevor Dyson-Hudson, MD and David Williams.

BOARD VOTE: A motion to accept the PSB slate as presented passed.

6. Update on Projects — Tom Gorski reported the progress on the transfer of administrative responsibilities for the TSB standards process to the RESNA office, the task force that is currently reviewing 20 publication titles for potential resale via the RESNA website, and the warm response received from START (Singapore) to the RESNA proposal of services.
7. Board Action Items — Cathy Bodine reviewed the list of outstanding items with the Board and committee chairs. An updated list is attached.
8. New Business — none.
9. The meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm.