



Association of College Educators Deaf & Hard of Hearing

ACE-DHH Newsletter, November 2021

Message from the President-Elect

David Smith, Ph.D.

Like a lot of you, I keep saying “The conference last year in Atlanta” or whatever event took place when it was actually about two years ago. Nonetheless, along with Past-President Julie Delkamiller, who had Omaha all set to go a year ago and put on hold, President Janice Smith-Warshaw, and the rest of the Board are looking forward to seeing you all in Omaha this February. Sure it’s not glamorous like NYC or Atlanta but it is in a great location in the Old Market section with plenty of restaurants, breweries, coffee shops, boutiques, antiques, art galleries, a few museums, and so forth.



As an aside, I went to school at the University of Nebraska down the road in Lincoln and I married a native Cornhusker too. Don’t bother asking where the best steak is because they all say “From my grill in the backyard!”



Getting back to the topic now: We received 49 presentation applications and the generous help of 14 volunteer blind reviewers. You should have received notification during the month of October. Thank you all for your participation and patience.



ACE-DHH 2022 Annual Meeting

February 10, 2022- February 12, 2022

Registration Information

Registration for the ACE-DHH 2022 annual conference in Omaha, Nebraska is now open! To register, 1) complete this google form: <https://forms.gle/wkAA9fNata3SYLjk8>, and 2) submit payment at acedhh.com.



Visit acedhh.com to register for the conference.

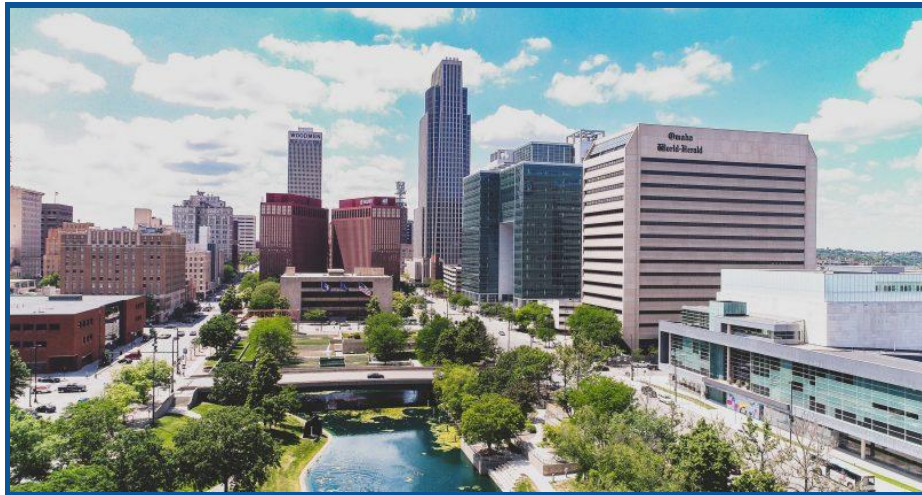
[Please note the new web-address.]

Important Dates

December 10, 2021 - Last day to **reserve a hotel room** at the guaranteed rate of \$129/night.

December 31, 2021 - Last day to **register for the conference** at the following early bird rates:

- University Faculty & Staff, \$350
- Students, Interpreters, K-12 Teachers, Other: \$300



Hotel Information

Reservations at the Downtown Omaha Embassy Suites can be made by clicking [here](#) (full link below). The rate of \$129* for a single/double room is available until December 10th.

- **Rates:** Single/Double Room: \$129*; Triple: \$144; Quadruple: \$159
- **Amenities:** Free airport shuttle (5am-midnight); free shuttle within 3 mile radius of hotel; full made-to-order breakfast; evening cocktail reception; complimentary wi-fi in meeting spaces and guest rooms
- **Parking:** Self-parking is available at 10th & Jackson (~\$19 overnight); valet service is available at the hotel (~\$25 overnight)

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Message from the President

Janice Smith Warshaw, Ed.D.

I want to thank David Smith, the President-Elect, and Julie Delkamiller, the Conference Chair and Past President, and other planning committee members preparing for our annual conference in Omaha in February. We recognize that traveling and attending conferences during the Covid-era may concern some of you, but we want to reassure you that our goal is to keep everyone safe. We strongly encourage everyone to maintain social distancing and wear a facial mask in public spaces.



I hope to see all of you at the conference. The conference in Omaha is a benefit because it is in a central location and will cut down on the long travel time required for our members who live on opposite coasts. The price for the hotel room is reasonable, and it is at a great location in downtown Omaha. We received many conference proposals and are looking forward to a nice variety of intellectually stimulating presentations. I look forward to meeting you and discussing different ways to improve our next generation of teachers of the deaf.

This fall issue of the newsletter is put together to bring you up to date on what to expect from the conference and perhaps, tempt those of you who may still be undecided about attending. We also plan to distribute a winter issue of the newsletter in January, giving you more details about the conference workshop schedules and the presenters' names.

Every year, we need to fill some vacancies on the ACEDHH Board as officers' terms end. We currently need to fill eight vacant positions. Please see page six for a listing of the positions, and email Peter Crume if you are interested in one of these positions.

We have a new structure for the board positions governing the operation of ACEDHH as an organization. I wanted to thank you for your votes to approve the revisions of by-laws during our virtual conference in February 2021. We have two additional board positions, which are Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer. The purpose of these two positions is to help each individual transition in each term to pass on the knowledge of ACEDHH organization operations. I look forward to welcoming each one of you to ACEDHH 2022 in Omaha.



Message from the Past President

Julie Delkamiller, Ed.D., CI/CT

Being President of ACE-DHH during the early days of COVID-19 had unique challenges. The Board decided to plan for the February 2021 conference in Omaha with hopes that the pandemic would be better under control by the fall. However, without the ability to predict the future, we quickly realized that it would not be possible to plan for the conference. We were able to get out of the hotel contract only by rescheduling it for 2022 (and we are now crossing our fingers that we will have enough attendees to meet our contractual obligations).



We also met with a certified Parliamentarian to get recommendations for our Bylaws because there were several deficiencies that needed to be remedied. In lieu of conference planning, the Board used the monthly meetings to discuss the Bylaw changes and to finalize the drafts of the Vision and Mission statements that began their formation at the conference in Atlanta. We also planned a Zoom meeting with a panel for “The Intersection of Deaf Education and Social Justice Education” and then conducted the annual business meeting.

While it was an unusual year, it was very productive. The Vision and Mission statements are important to define our purpose and to ensure that decisions moving forward align with those statements. As an organization that has changing leadership, it is even more important to allow these statements to guide future endeavors.

The Bylaws were approved by members in February 2021. These changes reflected what was already happening in practice and were designed to clarify procedures while also improving the continuity of leadership. Now it is up to all of you to be actively engaged in fulfilling these statements!

Upcoming ACE-DHH Annual Conference Cities

2022 Omaha, NE - 2023 San Antonio, TX - 2024 Jacksonville, FL
2025 Tucson, AZ - 2026 Rochester, NY



2021 Virtual Panel

Thank you to our panelists, Drs. Carla Garcia-Fernandez, Gloshanda Lawyer, Onudeah Nicolarakis, and Khadijat Rashid, for their tremendous contribution to ACE-DHH's 2021 virtual gathering.

The Intersection of Deaf Education and Social Justice Education

Dr. Carla Garcia-Fernandez	Dr. Gloshanda Lawyer	Dr. Onudeah "Oni" Nicolarakis	Dr. Khadijat Rashid
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ACEDHH Vision and Mission

Vision Statement

ACE-DHH is a unified body of colleagues who prepare future professionals in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (D/HH) education field and endeavor to improve the academic outcomes and educational experiences of D/HH students worldwide.

Mission Statement

ACE-DHH strives to provide a space for education professionals to: disseminate research; engage in collaborative dialogues and networking opportunities; and to share resources and current ideas related to the education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals.





ACE-DHH Elections

If you are interested in self-nominating or nominating someone for any of the open positions, contact Peter Crume at pcrume@gsu.edu.

Nominations are due December 31, 2021.



This year we have the following vacancies:

- 1) President-elect
- 2) Treasurer
- 3) Assistant Secretary
- 4) Publications Chair
- 5) Assistant Publications Chair
- 6) Assistant Awards Chair
- 7) Assistant Membership & Elections Chair
- 8) Conference Chair
- 9) Assistant Conference Chair

The President-elect, Treasurer, and all Committee Chairpersons serve on the Board of Directors. A primary goal of the Assistant positions is to promote continuity of the Board. The Assistant positions serve one year as an “officer-in-training” and then presume their full role the following year. The term of office begins at the conclusion of the annual meeting and runs until the end of the annual meeting of their term.

President Elect. The President-elect is the official representative for the President and the successor to the office of President of the Association. Term would be for one year as the President-elect, (2022-2023), another year as the President, and then a third year as Past-President. The duties of the President-Elect include the following:

- Assume the responsibilities of the President in his/her absence.
- Carry out duties and responsibilities as delegated by the President.
- Serve as Chair of the Program Committee
- Plan the theme, manage all elements of program proposals, organize the content of the annual conference, execute the daily details of the conference, and review the conference evaluations.

Treasurer. The Treasurer is the chief financial officer of the Association. The term is for two years (Feb. 2022- Feb. 2024). The duties of the Treasurer include the following:

- Collect the dues of the Association, manage and safe-keep the Association’s funds.



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- Expend and receive funds authorized by the President and the Executive Committee.
- Submit an annual financial report to the Executive Committee and present the report to the membership at the annual business meeting. Prior to the annual meeting, submit to the Executive Committee a proposed budget for the following year.
- Assume the duties of the President in the absence of the President, President-elect, Past-president, and Secretary.

Assistant Secretary. The Assistant Secretary serves as the “secretary-in-training” for one year (2022-2023), and then serves as the Secretary for one year years (2023-2024). The duties of the Secretary include:

- Record, file, and submit the minutes of all business meetings, including the Board meetings to the President and the Board, within two weeks of the annual conference.
- Submit the minutes of the Business and Board meetings to the Publications Committee Chair to publish the minutes in the quarterly newsletters, distributed to members and posted on the Association’s website.
- Handle official correspondence necessary to the business of the Association as instructed by the President and the Board.
- Receive and file the minutes of the committees of the Association, including the Standing Committees, the Program Committee, and ad-hoc committees.
- Assume the duties of the President in the absence of the President, President-Elect, and Past-President.
- Create and disseminate the post-conference evaluations to the Board.
- Acquire and keep all documents related to ACE-DHH in a secure location, whether electronic or print.

The Publications Chair & The Assistant Publications Chair (Two positions). The publications committee is responsible for the overall administration and management of matters pertaining to publications of the Association. The Publications chair shall oversee the committee and serve on the Board for one year (2022-2023). The Assistant Publications Chair serves as “chair-in-training” for one year and then serves as the chairperson and a member of the Board for one year (2023-2024). Responsibilities include:

- Publish and distribute the minutes of the annual meeting in the newsletter, including committee reports.
- Publish and distribute at least three newsletters annually.
- Provide, publish, and disseminate other materials as directed by the Board.
- Provide assistance to the Past President in updating and maintaining the Association website and social media accounts.



The Assistant Awards Chair. The Assistant Awards Chair serves as the “chair-in-training” for one year (2022-2023), and then the following year serves as the chair while also serving on Board (2023-2024). The Awards committee shall be responsible for overall administration and management of matters pertaining to awards given by the Association. Duties include:

- Solicit nominations from Association members for each award monthly beginning four months prior to the annual meeting. Nominations must include a narrative addressing the criteria of the award, as well as a list of ten members who support the nomination. The nomination period will be closed one month prior to the annual meeting.
- Determine award recipients. One month prior to the annual meeting (after the nomination period has closed) and using the nomination narratives, choose one awardee from each of the Association awards. After awardees have been determined, the Committee Chair will order the award plaques. Share proofs of awards with the committee and vote for approval of plaques prior to printing.
- Present awards at the annual meeting.

The Assistant Membership and Elections Chair. The Assistant Membership and Elections Chair serves as the “chair-in-training” for one year (2022-2023), and then the chairperson while also serving on the Board for one year (2023-2024). The committee is responsible for the administration and management of matters pertaining to membership and elections.

Specific responsibilities related to membership include:

- Recruit members for the Association.
- Maintain and disseminate lists of current membership.
- Prepare the registration form for distribution on the Association’s website and disseminate information regarding registration to the Board as necessary.
- Assist the Local Arrangements Committee with conference registration prior to and during the annual conference and meeting.

Specific responsibilities related to elections include:

- Solicit nominations from Association members for each office scheduled for elections.
- Prepare a ballot and disseminate to members with information about each candidate at least six weeks prior to the annual meeting.
- A committee member shall be elected each year for a two-year term of office. Upon the second year the elected committee member will become the Chair.

The Conference Chair and The Conference Chair Assistant (two positions). The conference chair shall be responsible for working with the President-Elect and an ad hoc local arrangements team to plan the annual conference. The conference chair shall oversee the planning of the conference and also serve on the Board. The Conference Chair Assistant serves as the “chair-in-training” for one year (2022-2023), and then the chairperson the



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following year (2023-2024). Duties include the following:

- The committee will keep the records of the past conferences that include the information on the specific items needed for running the conference such as interpreters, audio-visual, captioning services, and food/beverage expenses. The information shall include the duration and number of interpreters that are needed for each event, the specific audio-visual equipment that are needed for each event, and when captioning services are to be provided.
- The committee will keep the copies of different contracts from the past conferences and calculate the average expenditures in the following areas: interpreter services, audio-visual services, captioning services, the food and beverages costs, and the hotel contract. The information will help the committee advise the local planning team.
- The committee will negotiate the hotel contract and solicit sponsorship and donations to help defray the costs of the conference.
- The committee will handle the exhibition which includes soliciting organizations and vendors to set up an exhibit booth and coordinates with the hotel on the exhibit set up.



If you are interested in self-nominating or nominating someone for any of the open positions, contact Peter Crume at pcrume@gsu.edu

Nominations are due six weeks before the annual conference (December 31, 2021).



AWARDS



Early Promising Scholar or Career Award

The Early Promising Scholar or Career Award is to honor a young scholar in the field of deaf education who has shown an early record of a promising career in both teaching and research. Within 5 years of obtaining their doctoral degree, the individual must have: (1) attended 3+ ACE-DHH conferences, confirmed ACE-DHH member; (2) 4+ years teaching in a deaf education teacher preparation program, and; (3) published 4+ peer-reviewed pieces. In addition, the early promising scholar must demonstrate exemplary teaching as evidenced through two annual teaching evaluations and/or letters of support from their academic supervisor. The nominee currently must be a faculty member in a program for preparing educators of students who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Sr. Mary Delaney Honorary Life Membership Award

The Sr. Mary Delaney Honorary Life Membership Award is to honor the distinguished career of an ACE-DHH member in teaching, research and service in the preparation of teachers of students who are deaf or hard of hearing. The nominee currently must be a faculty member in a program for preparing educators of students who are deaf or hard of hearing and must have been an active professional for a minimum of 20 years. All rights and privileges of membership are provided for life to the recipient, without payment of dues.

Innovation in Teaching Teachers with Technology Award

The Innovation in Teaching Teachers with Technology Award is to honor the innovation in design or utilization of technology of an ACE-DHH member in terms of teaching, research and/or service in the preparation of teachers of students who are deaf or hard of hearing. The nominee currently must be a faculty member in a program for preparing educators of students who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Submit your nomination letters, with 10 signatures in support, to the Awards Committee Chair, Jennifer Beal at jsbeal@valdosta.edu



Business Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2021

An overview of the business meeting minutes can be found at [this link](#), with a brief overview of the topics addressed are listed below.

Treasurer Report

Our previous balance was \$43,571.67. At the Atlanta conference we spent \$46,873. With sponsors, we came out in the black and our remaining balance is \$3,301.79.

[Treasurer's report linked [here](#).]

Officer Elections

Janice will become president after this meeting. Lon will move out of his position as past president after this election. Julie will become the past president.

David elected as incoming president-elect. Jennifer Catalano elected as secretary. Jennifer Beal elected as the awards chairperson. Peter Crume for membership and elections chairperson.

Vision/Mission Statements

Julie presents a new vision and mission statement for the organization. The purpose was to anchor ourselves as a program in evolution. We used comments from the members to draft the vision and mission statements, which were published in the December newsletter.

Bylaw Revisions

Julie shares that the vision and mission statements were previously published and distributed to the membership in the December newsletter. Julie explains that we met with a certified parliamentarian who said that previous bylaws were not strong, and they have been revised. Janice moves to close the discussion and Joanna seconds. We vote on accepting the bylaws as amended. It passes with a majority.

Omaha 2022

Next year is Omaha, then San Antonio, Texas, then Jacksonville, Florida, Tucson, Arizona, and Rochester, NY.



CED Update

Reported by Pam Luft and Mark Rust, ACE-DHH Representatives

CED held a virtual fall meeting 10/15/21. CED welcomed a number of new board members: Teri Ouelette for A.G. Bell, Chris Payne-Tsoupros and Malibu Barron for ASDC, Sarah Honingfeld for NAD, and Heather Grantham for OPTION Schools. Each new member identified a mentor to help with orientation to the mission, tasks, and roles of the CED board. Howard Rosenblum is the new Vice President and will become the President in 2022 when NAD assumes the presidency.

The new program accreditation process and forms and are working well. The next step will be to tighten alignment with CEC and CAEP performance and outcomes-based reporting and ensure streamlined and clear reporting elements. This will be summarized at the ACE-DHH board meeting with details presented at a conference session. CED will establish a firm timeline of when programs can expect feedback from reviewers to help with process transparency.

Accreditations: One program's accreditation was renewed and several others are in process. All these renewals will be announced at the ACE-DHH banquet.

Strategic Plan:

- The accreditation/certification committee continues its work to increase national recognition of CED through contacts with CEASD, SEAs, and a journal article in review by the *American Annals of the Deaf*.
- The outreach committee established a CED presence on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook and will continue to expand its campaign. It also is looking into other organizations to join CED.
- The policy committee looked into strengthening contacts with the USDOE regarding funding for teacher training programs, shortages, and related issues.

CED will be surveying programs regarding some possible incentives for new graduates who are certified.

Motions: The board moved to update the CED website this year to include improving its user-friendliness and functionality.