

## **SCIENCE ASSOCIATION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

Annual Meeting, 3/30/94

Anaheim, CA

**Members Present:** Laureen Summers, Don Daugs, Ed Keller, Jr., Ben Van Wagner, John Stiles, Harry G. Lang, Greg P. Stefanich, Brett Moulding, Susan Blizzard, Janet Davies, Cornelia Munroe.

**Call to Order** by Janet Davies at 1:05 p.m.

**Attendance sheets** were circulated.

**Minutes** of the 1993 Annual Meeting in Kansas City were read and approved.

<b>Treasurer's Report</b> showed: 1993 balance of	\$1153.60
expenses of	317.84
leaving a balance of	\$ 834.76

Treasurer's Report accepted.

### **REPORTS:**

#### **I. President, Janet Davies**

A. NSTA has invited officers of CAGS to their summer meeting. The 1994 meeting will be held in Colorado Springs, CO. It is hoped that Ben Van Wagner will attend. NSTA helps support at least one delegate (for around \$300.00) to attend.

B. In Mexico City, leaders learned of Mexico educational system, attended NSTA board meetings concerning redistrict restructuring. They questioned about dropping the affiliate groups, but vote passed to open the membership to include even more affiliate groups.

C. The Chapters and Associated Groups (CAGS) are organizing during this year's convention.

D. Next year's NSTA Convention to be held in Philadelphia, PA March 23-26, 1995.

#### **E. Activities for 1993-94:**

1. Janet has been assisting Ruth DeBuck as Secretary/Treasurer due to Ruth's illness.
2. Janet attended the Denver Area NSTA Convention in Oct. '93. Many of Janet's elementary science students from Colorado Christian University also attended. They reported a positive reaction to the convention and collected many materials.

#### **E. Correspondence to SAPD**

1. One parent of a high school student with speech/language disabilities wanted information about obtaining financial assistance for college for his daughter. It was suggested that the parent contact the junior college admissions office.
2. Persons using dogs experience certain access barriers. There is a support called, "Paws with Claws."

## II. President-Elect - Ben Van Wagner

- A. Attended the NSTA Area Meeting in Denver, CO.
- B. He has set up the NSTA Anaheim luncheon. Attendance is urged. There will be 3 featured speakers.

## III. Secretary/Treasurer - Ruth DeBuck

Ruth was not in attendance. Janet Davies read both of these reports.

## IV. Committee Reports

### A. Nominating Committee - Greg Stefanich

There is one applicant for secretary/treasurer -- Cornelia Munroe. It was decided that her name be sent to the total membership for vote. Janet to include this in the Fall '94 newsletter.

### B. Membership Committee

Janet Davies noted the responsibilities, including updating the membership roll. We need an applicant.

### C. Newsletter Committee

The secretary/treasurer usually heads this committee. Cornelia Munroe is currently producing the newsletters.

### D. Conventions Committee

This committee needs to make arrangements for our annual meeting and our luncheon (with menu) for the NSTA convention in Philadelphia in March '95. Suggestions were made for Jim Gallagher and/or Judy Bazler to be appointed since they both live in the Philadelphia area.

### E. Publications Committee -- John Stiles as Chair

John discussed the status of the *Journal of Science for Persons with Disabilities (JSPD)*. He will look into the cost of multi-mail. There is a possibility of a semi-annual publication. It was moved, seconded, and passed that John Stiles be named as Editor of JSPD. It was also moved, seconded, and passed to take the costs of production and distribution of the journal from our treasury. It was estimated to be around \$400.00.

Ed Keller suggested requiring a hard copy and a paper copy and perhaps page changes.

It was suggested to put a coupon in the newsletter for additional membership.

Laureen Summers volunteered to be on the editorial board.

Jan Davies suggested that dues may need to be raised to help with the publication costs. It was decided to keep the dues the same and see what happens this year.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **I. Becoming an Affiliate of NSTA**

Ed Keller shared with the members on advice that Harold Miller (from New York) gave in the Special Education Advisory meeting about the benefits of becoming an affiliate rather than an associated group. The most important benefit is it gives representation of the NSTA Board of Directors. It was moved (Ed K.) and seconded (Greg S.) and passed to become an affiliate.

Charles Coble, Chair of the Special Education Advisory Committee, suggested that Janet Davies discuss with Bill Aldridge (NSTA Exec. Dir.) steps to becoming affiliated. Greg suggested that NSTA is hesitant to add affiliates for financial and bureaucratic reasons. Janet stated that if SAPD does not push for affiliation, then we will have a much smaller voice in NSTA because the Chapters and Associated Groups (CAGS) are already in process of seeking affiliation and we are just one group under the CAGS.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Constitution changes: It was moved (Greg), seconded (Brett), and passed that the constitution & bylaws be changed to reflect appropriate name of the organization, to be Science Association for Persons with Disabilities.
2. Greg stated that we need to follow the constitution more carefully, especially in the election of officers.
3. Laureen says that AAAS is producing the 3rd edition of the resource directory. They are looking for scientists/engineers with disabilities for inclusion. Also science teachers who are disabled. Send names to Laureen.
4. Items for fund raisers was discussed and samples of hats, mugs, t-shirts, pins shared by Janet from other CAGS groups. Need for a logo and logo letterhead. Don Daus volunteered to ask the instr. tech program at Utah State Univ. to help design a logo.
5. Pre-Conference Report. Greg met with Virginia Sters & Laureen of AAAS. They all thought an extension could include various models of instruction showcased reflecting certain disabilities. Discussion of including representation of cognitively impaired students. Greg to consider this. It was moved and seconded that letters of appreciation be drafted and sent to Greg & Virginia concerning the pre-conference workshop. Don D. suggested

that working papers/manuscripts be distributed to workshop participants prior to conference.

6. CAGS meeting: It was moved (Ed), and seconded (Brett), and passed that SAPD provide \$100.00 towards the financial support of a representative to attend the Summer CAG/NSTA Board meeting in Colorado Springs. It is important to network and voice concerns of people with disabilities on the national level.

7. Science-Abled Luncheon Speakers: It was moved (Ben), seconded (Ed), and passed that SAPD provide \$75.00 (\$25.00 for each of three speakers) reimbursement for travel expenses this year. Perhaps a policy may be needed for this in the future. Sometimes NSTA has helped with luncheon expenses. The speakers this year felt they needed travel help. None were members of SAPD.

8. Secretary/Treasurer: It was decided to appoint Cornelia Munroe as sec./treas. pro-tem until the election (by mail) can be made.

9. Dues and Bibliography expenses. We are currently at the limit for costs of production of bibliography at \$4.00. It was moved (Greg), seconded (Ed), and passed to increase bibliography to \$5.00. Dues to remain the same at \$10.00. Suggestion from Harry Lang to bind and sell the list to NSTA participants through the Science Store in order to generate more revenue or break the bibliog. into individual disciplines for sale. Discussion regarding appropriate distribution for bibliog. -- through ERIC, perhaps. NSTA should take on responsibility of printing costs and selling. Harry L. to edit the list to 2 pages to be distributed at Philadelphia with a membership application on the back.

10. Report on Science Standards: The Focus Group for persons with disabilities has voiced concerns to the committee. The resulting version was disappointing. The Focus Group to meet again. It was moved (Ed), seconded (Greg), and passed that statement read by Janet be supported by SAPD and sent to NSTA BOD, and to the sub-committee of NAS.

11. Updated resource/reference list from Ben Van Wagner passed out to those present.

12. Cornelia Munroe (late because of plane delay) presented plaques of appreciation to Greg Stefanich for being the founder and editor of the *Journal of Science for Persons with Disabilities*, and to Janet Davies for outstanding dedication to science for persons with disabilities.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.