

# ASHA Headlines: EB Meeting Report March 2007

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Hi Everyone:

The ASHA Legislative Council (LC) just finished their successful spring meeting held March 23-25, 2007 in Bethesda, MD. A special thank you goes to Julie Noel, Speaker of the Council and the Legislative Council Governing Board (LCGB) who planned the meeting. During its meeting, the Legislative Council adopted a new ASHA governance structure and process. The new governance model provides designated representation for audiologists and speech-language pathologists on a new Board of Directors and establishes an Audiology Advisory Council and a Speech-Language Pathology Advisory Council that will include 53 members in each Council. You will be hearing more about this change that will have an impact on ASHA's future and how you can get involved. After the LC meeting, the Executive Board (EB) held a meeting. Following is a summary of the meeting. Please let me know if you have any comments or questions. Have a great spring!!

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## ASHA EB MEETING REPORT

The Executive Board (EB) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) met March 26, 2007, at the ASHA National Office following the spring Legislative Council meeting. The following are highlights of the Board's discussions and actions taken during the meeting.

### 1. President's Remarks

President Anderson thanked everyone for a very successful Legislative Council (LC) meeting. She also indicated that ASHA has a lot to do for the rest of 2007--activities on behalf of members, transition to a new governance structure, implementation of ASHA's Strategic Pathway to Excellence, and moving to a new National Office. President Anderson thanked the Board for its continued commitment to moving ASHA forward to better serve members.

### 2. Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director reported on the following:

ASHA just celebrated the first anniversary of our partnership with HighWire Press, Stanford University's hosting platform for more than 1,000 scholarly journals. ASHA members have free full-text access to all four ASHA journals back through 1980. HighWire also offers state-of-the-art searching through our journals and Medline, as well as the opportunity to automatically receive e-mail alerts of new articles by title, author, or complete tables of contents. ASHA journals on HighWire Press can be accessed through the ASHA Web site or by going to: <http://journals.asha.org>.

ASHA is one of a group of HighWire publishers participating in a proposal to the Chinese government to provide online journal subscriptions to Chinese institutions. Plans call for a free trial period this summer after which ASHA will find out

which institutions would like access to ASHA journals as part of their HighWire journals package. HighWire is representing the publishers in these negotiations. Currently ASHA has institutional subscribers in Hong Kong and Taiwan, but none on the Chinese mainland where our discipline is not well established.

ASHA data show that individuals affiliating with ASHA (i.e. members, certificate holders, and/or international affiliates) in 2006 had a slightly higher level of diversity in both ethnicity and race categories than the total ASHA constituents. Three percent of all ASHA affiliates reported their ethnicity as Hispanic or Latino, compared to 5.5% of new affiliates in 2006. Likewise, 7.3% of all affiliates reported a race other than White, compared to 9.6% of new affiliates. This is a positive step in ASHA's efforts to have a membership that more closely reflects the diversity in society.

### 3. LC Meeting

The Board reviewed actions taken by the LC during their March 23--25, 2007 meeting and ratified the following resolutions approved by the LC or one of its Assemblies either during the meeting or via electronic means.

LC 1-2007: Adopt the new ASHA governance model as described in the report on "ASHA's Governance Structure and Process: A Proposed New Model"

LC 2-2007: Approve ASHA membership dues for 2008. NOTE: There will not be a dues increase

LC SLP/SLS 1-2007: Approve Guidelines for Speech-Language Pathologists Providing Swallowing and Feeding Services in the Schools and its Executive Summary.

LC SLP/SLS 2-2007: Approve the document, Childhood Apraxia of Speech: Position Statement.

LC A/HS 2-2006: Approve and publish Preferred Practice Patterns for the Profession of Audiology and rescind outdated Preferred Practice Patterns for the Profession of Audiology (1997)

The Board did not ratify LC 3-2007 resolving that ASHA opposes the California Speech-Language-Hearing Association's (CSHA) published statement regarding who would be the voice of audiologists in California at this time pending further discussion and clarification related to the specific intent and possible impact the requested action could have on the Association. The Board approved a motion for the ASHA President to discuss the resolution with the LCGB and the CSHA to determine actions that could be taken to resolve this issue by June 2007.

### 4. New ASHA Governance Model

The Board discussed the new ASHA governance model approved by the LC. The new governance model was designed to create a governance structure and process that is responsive to ASHA member wants, needs, and trends; serves members and the professions efficiently and effectively; meets current and future governance challenges; and, is satisfying to those members who are involved in ASHA governance activities. The new governance model includes a 16 member Board of Directors and two Advisory Councils, Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology each comprising 53 members---one audiologist and one speech-language pathologist from each state, the District of Columbia, International affiliates, and the National Student Speech, Language, Hearing Association. The EB is looking forward to the work ahead in dealing with the details of the transition to the new ASHA governance. The process of making the transition has already begun – President Anderson and Speaker Noel are working together to establish a Committee on Governance Transition to ensure a smooth transition to the new governance model by 2009. The EB commended the work of the Ad Hoc Committee on Governance Structure and Process, the LC, and the members who provided input into this decision. The EB is committed to keeping the membership informed of the transition process and will do so on a regular basis. A copy of the governance model adopted by the LC can be viewed on the ASHA Web site at: [New ASHA Governance Model](#)

### 5. Speech-Language Pathology Assistants

The Board approved a resolution to establish an Ad Hoc Committee to study and provide direction in addressing a variety of issues related to the training, registration, use, and supervision of speech-language pathology assistants. {/member}

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