

SWOSHA NEWSLETTER

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Meetings, Awards, Workshops, Losses Start 2002-2003

SWOSHA Fall Meeting featured new officers, Honors and Fluency Facts

October 8, 2002 saw SWOSHA members gathering at Jewish Hospital, Kenwood for the Fall meeting of the association. Jennifer Brown, president welcomed old and new members and student members to the beginning of the Association year. Minutes of the Spring meeting and Treasurer's reports were dispensed with. Carol Kortekamp announced that service directories were available for all new members.

Marilyn Baker, Honors chair indicated that Association Honors would be awarded to Tammy Brown, audiologist and Ohio speech and hearing activist at the Spring meeting. Tammy had a

very good reason for not being there which is explained in Marilyn's article about her that appears elsewhere in the newsletter.

The SWOSHA Scholarship winners from Miami and UC were introduced and presented with their awards. The UC awardee, Jen Lucas, received her award from Nancy Creaghead. The Miami awardees were Nicole Bauman and Kate Joseph. They received their awards from Ann Glaser.

Following the meeting, the program featured Diane Games and Irv Wollman discussing Fluency therapy. An explanation of the upcoming Fluency Friday which would take place on November 8 in the College of Allied Health Sciences French Building on UC's medical school campus was provided. SWOSHA provided financial support for this event to cover the costs of lunch on Friday, breakfast on Saturday and

parking for the clients and their parents.



Looking happy to be at the Fall meeting, we see executive council members, back row, left to right: Jennifer Brown, President, Martha Cummings, President-Elect, Molly Polasky, treasurer, Carol Kortekamp, Nominations; Front row, left to right, Carie Chapman, Director, Public Information, Kathy McMillan, Vice Director; Gretchen Thomas, Dir. Professional Service, Kathleen Braverman, Vice-Director; Erin Redle-Creach, Director, Continuing Education, Karyn Kearn Lazar, Vice Director

Public School Affairs Request

Although summer may seem like it is far away, the Public School Affairs Committee is already making plans for a listing of summer therapy offerings. This listing will again be

distributed to SWOSHA members. If you are a service provider and you were not included last year, please contact Erin Redle Creach. The goal is to have as comprehensive of a listing as possible. We apologize to anyone who was not contacted last year and hope to hear from you. If you were listed last year, you will be contacted in March by the committee for information regarding your summer therapy offerings. Erin Redle Creach can be reached at (513) 867-5920 ext. 138 or via e-mail at LabLover32@aol.com. Thank you for your help!

Association Honors for 2002-2003

Submitted by Marilyn Baker,
Honors Chair

SWOSHA is proud to present Tammy Brown with Honors of the Association. Tammy is a tireless worker on behalf of our profession. In Erin Redle Creach's nominating letter, she writes: "Tammy is very involved in not only SWOSHA, but in furthering the profession as well." Her dedication to SWOSHA and OSHLA is represented by her involvement in the following activities: Planning

Committee for 2002 OSHLA Convention; Audiology Caucus; Insurance Advocacy Committee; Camp Emmanuel; and Universal Newborn Hearing Screening legislation. She was honored at the 2002 OSHLA convention as an Outstanding Clinician. She writes the section entitled Audiology Corner in OSHLA's publication Communication Matters. Tammy has served SWOSHA in various capacities including VP of Publicity, Mentorship Chair, and co-presenter at the 2001 Fall meeting. Erin writes, "Tammy is a dedicated clinician...Is well respected in her department at Dayton Children's Hospital and has been the driving force behind starting the Universal Hearing Screenings at the hospital."

Tammy will be presented with her award at the spring meeting since she was unable to attend the fall meeting. Her absence was clearly understood...She gave birth two days after the meeting to Atalie Anne Brown who weighed in at 7lbs 4oz and was 21 1/4" long. We wish Tammy, Atalie and her entire family the best. Congratulations!

September Executive Council Minutes

submitted by Angie Cole and
edited by L. Kretschmer

The September 18 meeting of the Executive Council was called to order by President Jennifer Brown. Members present included: Jan Mauch, Carie Chapman, Kathy McMillan, Erin Redle Creach Sarah Cone, Carol Kortekamp, Linda Huntress, Carol Leslie, Gretchen Thomas, Deborah McGraw, Martha Coen Cummings, Angie Cole.

The reading of the minutes was dispensed with and the **Treasurer's report** was given by Molly Polasky. Accounts status included Gradison Account at \$2240.77, PNC account at \$13, 285.25 for a total of \$15, 526.02. Members were reminded to obtain the tax exempt number from the Treasurer for all purchases. Members with receipts should mail and bring them to meetings for reimbursement. A motion was made to increase the scholarship contribution to each school to \$1250 for this year. It was approved. The proposed budget for 2002-2003 included the following suggestions:

Expenses Revenue		
Assoc. Mang. \$4400	\$3000	
Public Info (no Directory)		
	1500	400
Professional Service		
	4500	600
Continuing Education		
	2750	2800
Totals: \$ 13,150	\$6800	

This proposed budget was approved by the Executive Council.

Janet Coleman, 2001-2002 **Nominations** chair thanked all those who ran and volunteered for project groups. Carol Kortekamp was introduced as 2002-2003 Nominations chair.

The return address for SWOSHA membership forms will be changed to 2068 Stafford Court, Loveland, Ohio 45140 (President-Elect Cummings address).

Public Information Project Groups met in August to brainstorm ideas. **Mentorship** is considering presenting a professional panel for UC students. Members should contact Kathy McMillan if they are interested in participating in the panel discussion or any mentorship activities.

The **Service Directory** was discussed at length. Member assistance is requested in preparation of the directory. It was decided that providers would

be listed at no cost for this year, and that local physicians should not be listed since this is a directory for speech, hearing and language services. The Executive Council approved purchase of a Microsoft spreadsheet to be licensed to SWOSHA for current and future use on this project and the membership lists.

Publicity is working on ideas for distributing membership forms to more professionals in the area. The membership form will be a printable form on the new Web site.

The **Better Speech and Hearing Month** committee is considering several ideas. Carolyn Rudolph suggesting creating and producing restaurant tray liners with speech and hearing information. It was suggested to develop some stories that might appeal to local media such as Michael Flannery. Carol Leslie suggested contacting Cinergy or DoorStore to play flyers in their mailings. This committee will continue to plan for the May event.

The **Marketing** committee is considering the following activities for the year: Community Press articles, creating a What is SWOSHA / What can

SWOSHA do for me document, providing community scholarships, perhaps for NSSLHA students rather than for specific therapy programs.

Professional Services reports began with the **Newsletter**. The Newsletter editor is asking for volunteers to assist with production.

Extended Care and Audiological Affairs had no reports.

Private Practice chair, Linda Huntress is working on formalizing a new list of members in private practice. She is considering a speaker to discuss HIPPA compliance. She will contact Tammy Brown for suggestions.

Scholarship chair, Cindy Speakman requested permission to produce items for the following fund raising activities: Selling SWOSHA notepads with the SWOSHA web site address on them. Selling Reminder pencils with slogans such as "listen carefully" or "use careful speech" on them.

Honors chair, Marilyn Baker asked that Tammy Brown be awarded Honors of the Association. The EC approved this award which will be given at the Fall Meeting. There were no Distinguished Service Award nominees. SWOSHA pins will

be given to all new members. Flowers will be given to the Honors recipient at the Fall meeting.

There was no **OSLHA** Liaison report.

Public School Affairs chair, Erin Creach reported that the committee will do a summer therapy listing again this year. They will also be planning a newsletter article on collaboration.

Continuing Education reported that the Fall Meeting scheduled for October 8, 2002 will feature "Activities and Ideas for Fluency Therapy" to be presented by Diane Games and Irv Wollman. An attendance certificate will be provided.

No **NSHLA** representatives were present at the meeting.

Under **New Business**, **OSSPEAC**, the school organization that is holding their Fall conference in Cincinnati asked for \$500 to support the convention and printing of programs. This amount was approved.

Wayne Secord has requested that **SWOSHA** sponsor a reception to be held for outgoing ASHA President Nancy Creaghead. A gift for her was approved as well as money toward purchase of materials for presentation on Saturday at

the ASHA convention. Carol Kortekamp recommended that new ASHA Fellows who are **SWOSHA** members be recognized with a gift. The motion was approved, with the gift purchase being the responsibility of the Honors committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Meet the New Faculty Member at UC

As part of the push to open a n **A u D** program in Fall, 2003, the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders was pleased to welcome Dr. Douglas Martin, formerly department head of the speech and hearing program at Portland State University in Oregon. Dr. Martin received his education at Fresno State in California, and his master's and doctoral degree in audiology at Wichita State University in Wichita, Kansas. His areas of interest include adult aural rehabilitation and technology applications in speech and hearing. He replaces Don Hayes, a recent UC doctoral graduate who is now working as director of audiology research at Unitron in

Toronto, Canada. We were sorry to lose Dr. Hayes, but we are delighted to welcome a faculty member with the caliber of experience that Dr. Martin possesses. He, his wife and his 3 children are living in the Anderson Township area. His oldest daughter is a freshman at UC.

New Hearsay issue has **SWOSHA** Connection

The Hearsay journal of **OSLHA** is in preparation for publication around the beginning of 2003. The topic for this issue is improving communication of persons in the Autism Spectrum. Guest Editor is Tina Veale, a former **SWOSHA** member who is presently a faculty member at Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois. Tina is providing a research article and 2 columns for this issue. Jennifer Brown, **SWOSHA** President has a reprinted article included. Jo-Anne Prendeville, UC faculty member has written a feature article on the use of **Floor time** as recommended by Sidney Greenspan. Laura Kelly, faculty member at Miami U. has provided her **Hearing and Believing** column

as well as a research article for this issue as well. A special **new** feature of the journal will be its availability for CEU credit through OSLHA. Details about using this issue for self study will be forth coming.

Monica Pershey, Associate Editor will be Guest Editing the 2003 issue with a focus on fluency. We are looking forward to an article about Fluency Friday from SWOSHA authors.

UC CSD Becomes ASHA CEU Provider

With the advent of new ASHA continuing education requirements for renewal of certification, and the on-going need for CEUs for license renewal, the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders has become a provider of CEU credit. The CEU administrator is Jo-Anne Prendeville, telephone 558-5817. She would be happy to talk to any special interest groups or individuals who would like to develop self-study or sponsored independent studies through structures such as journal clubs or other activities.

Evidence or transcripts of any course

work that you intend to offer toward the ACE must have been completed by December 31, 2002 and filed with the ASHA CE office by March 1, 2003. As a clarification, although college course work may still be used to meet the continuing education requirements for your ASHA certification, the ASHA CEU registry will now record only ASHA sponsored CEU activities. As of January 1, 2003, CCC-A holders must have evidence of 3 CEUs or 2 semester hours of continuing education over a 3 year period in order to maintain their CCCs. A packet of information and record keeping forms will be received from ASHA in January. This is not a new issue for Ohio license holders, of course, since a similar requirement has been in place for several years. Further information about ASHA CE can be found at: http://professional.asha.org/continuing_ed or by calling the Action Center at 800-498-2071.

UC has also offered AAA CEUs in the past and would be happy to help interested parties or groups secure that recognition as well.

AuD Degree Programs Approved in Ohio

The Regents Advisory Committee on Graduate Study, a subcommittee of the Ohio Board of Regents, has recommended and the OBR has approved a three year provisional approval for 3 AuD and 1 Doctor of Physical Therapy programs in Ohio. The programs include UC, Ohio University and a combined program with University of Akron and Kent State for the AuD programs and Ohio University for the DPT. Approval of this recommendation was made in mid January which means that these 3 AuD programs can begin admitting students in Fall, 2003. Ohio would be one of 3 states with as many as 3 AuD programs, with Florida and Texas being the other 2. There are presently 28 AuD programs listed in the US, along with 105 ASHA accredited master's programs in audiology. The course work and practicum requirements for entry level national certification in audiology are scheduled to change in 2007.

If you or anyone you know is interested in an Ohio AuD program, they should contact the Audiology program director in the

institution of their choice. Information on the UC program can be obtained from Jo Hargis at 558-8502, or by contacting one of the audiology faculty: Laura Kretschmer, 558-8514, Doug Martin, 558-8601, Susan Stanton, 558-8519 or Janet Stein, 558-8520.

SWOSHA Co-Sponsors Reception for ASHA President

A reception for outgoing ASHA President, Nancy Creaghead was held at the Sheraton North on December 5, with SWOSHA as a co-sponsor. Jennifer Brown, SWOSHA President was there to present a silver tray to Nancy. Short speeches by Wayne Secord and Ken Donnelly preceded a Power Point presentation developed by faculty at UC which featured photographs of Nancy from infancy on. The slides confirmed that she was destined to be an SLP. The same presentation had been given by the Ohio Legislative Council representatives at ASHA in Atlanta. About 60 members of the local professional community attended the reception. Check the photo gallery for some pictures of the event.

November Executive Council Minutes

The Executive Council met on November 5, 2003 at President Brown's house. The following members were present: Jennifer Brown, Gretchen Thomas, Carol Kortekamp, Kathy Braverman, Carrie Chapman, Erin Creach, Linda Huntress, Molly Polasky, Stevie Lawler, Angie Cole. The meeting was called to order at 7:42 PM.

One correction to the previous minutes was made. The **Management Team** was given a variety of suggestions for SWOSHA assistance at a December 5 workshop that is being presented by Wayne Secord. An expenditure of up to \$100 was approved for this activity.

The **Treasurer's** report listed \$10,602.17 in the PNC account, \$2,242.83 in the Gradison Rainy Day account for a current total of \$12,845. There were a total of less than \$200 in outstanding checks and outstanding deposits.

Nominations and **Membership** had no reports.

Public Information reports included: **Mentorship**.

Students at UC and Miami were polled regarding panel presentations with minimal interest received. The UC NSSLHA advisor and president indicated an interest in having SLPs or audiologists come to mid-day meetings for short presentations. Professionals from all settings should contact Carrie Chapman, Kathy McMillan or Candy Rapping if they are interested in providing such presentations.

Service Directory had no report.

Publicity reported that they had prepared a flyer for the Fall meeting that did not get sent out promptly. Lead time for materials sent to the Association Secretary were discussed. The President, President Elect and Treasurer will discuss these issues with the Association Secretary.

Better Speech and Hearing Month committee reported that they were brainstorming ideas. The goal is to inform the public about the efficacy of speech and hearing services and about the professionals responsible for providing those services. Media stories will be one focus. The EC recommended that they

plan screenings during the month as well.

Marketing Committee report was provided by Carie Chapman who indicated that the SWOSHA logo appeared on the cover of the proceedings binder for the OSSPEAC meeting and that an article was written for the Newsletter about the meeting. The committee helped Diane Games contact Community Press to place ads for Fluency Friday Plus.

Roz Sistrunk is continuing to work on the **Web site** with some ideas presented following the last EC meeting but it is not yet ready for marketing. It will include a link to the OSLHA web site.

EC recommended that any remaining ASHA brochures be distributed to school counselors.

Professional Services reports: No **Newsletter**, or report in sight.

Extended Care: Margie Kessel reported that the team is investigating issues surrounding SLP aides.

There was no **Audiology Affairs** report.

Private Practice committee is looking into a speakers on the new HIPPA privacy regulations. Stevie Lawler offered to find the name of the person who spoke to OSLHA on this

topic. A questionnaire was send to private practitioners regarding preferences for meetings.

Scholarship committee is brainstorming ways to get items for an upcoming silent auction. Keychains and notepads will be on sale at the Winter Workshop.

Honors for 2002-2003 will be formally presented to Tammy Brown at the Spring meeting. An article about Tammy is in the newsletter. Ann Kummer was recognized as having been named an ASHA Fellow. A newsletter article on past and present ASHA Fellows who are SWOSHA members will also be submitted to the Newsletter.

SWOSHA OSLHA Liaison, Stevie Lawler, reported on various issues. She attended the OSLHA Legislative Council meeting on October 15, 2002. The annual convention will be March 6-8 in Columbus. The Legislative Breakfast will be held April 9, 2003. OSLHA membership was 2344 as of October 15 of which 667 are within the SWOSHA district. Stevie moved to allot \$1050 to cover advertisement and sponsorship of a table at the upcoming OSLHA convention and \$200 for contribution to

the Ohio Party at the ASHA convention. The motion was seconded by Linda Huntress and approved unanimously.

Public Schools report was given by Erin Redle-Creach who noted that a request for information on summer therapy had been submitted to the newsletter in other to fill out a comprehensive summer therapy directory.

Continuing Education report noted that David Luterman will be presenting on parent/family counseling in early January.

There were no **NSSLHA** or **Spring Meeting** reports.

The **Treasurer** was given authority to select a new bank if she determined that it was necessary.

Under **New Business**, SWOSHA President Brown was authorized to make a donation to ASHA in honor of Nancy Creaghead's presidency. Decreasing SWOSHA membership was discussed. It was recommended that membership forms should be available at all meetings with a followup letter to all members who do not renew. The topic will be discussed further at the next EC meeting on January 8, 2003. The meeting adjourned at 9:05.

Minutes written by Angie Cole,
Secretary and abstracted by L.
Kretschmer

Winter Workshop featured David Luterman

January 10, 2003 saw about 95 SLPs and audiologists gather in the auditorium of the Old Jewish Hospital to hear from David Luterman, Ed.D., a long time parent support group advocate and Professor Emeritus at Emerson College in Boston. The topic of Dr. Luterman's workshop was counseling parents and clients with communication disorders.

David, whose style is thoughtful but definitely laid back discussed his experiences with support groups for parents of children who are deaf but the applications of his ideas to parents of any child with a communication problem were clear. His 30 years of experience with parents has reinforced for him the need for listening to parents and helping them to listen to and learn from each other. To him that means avoiding the medical model of counseling, characterized by giving information to people who are not ready to receive it, or

the Persuasion model of telling people what to do but what he termed the Humanistic model that realizes that the wisdom to use information as well as you can comes from within. Authentic responses, listening and accurately reflecting parents or clients perspectives are paramount.

His principles for collaborative diagnosis (breaking bad news about hearing status) were particularly interesting and are included below:

1. Allow the client and family to tell their story. An open-ended questions such as "what brought you here today?" is usually helpful.

2. Conclude the intake with a clearly stated contract as to what is to be accomplished as a result of the testing. Then enlist the family as co-diagnosticians. Empower them with a statement such as: "You are the expert on this child and will be the expert on testing".

3. Involve the family and client actively in the testing procedures. The client should have choices where possible, and the family can be active in eliciting or scoring responses. Credit what the family knows. If need be

have them demonstrate a response for the child.

4. Have the client and the family fully participate in the final diagnosis. In an ideal situation, they will make the diagnosis.

5. After the diagnosis is made, empower them with a question such as "What do you need to know now?". Let the family guide you on how much information to give. Most families cannot handle a great deal of information immediately after the diagnosis is made.

6. Listen deeply to the family and respond to their affect. Give clients a chance to talk about how they feel in an unhurried caring atmosphere. If there is a time limit then tell the family this at the onset. For example, "I have 15 minutes before my next appointment; how can I be helpful to you?"

7. Set up another appointment. If this is not possible then set up a phone contact and help them locate additional support in the meantime in the form of peer counseling (another family with similar circumstances and a child who is deaf, who has agreed to be contacted).

The audience seem to enjoy Dr. Luterman's presentation which he peppered with question periods, video tape, and

personal stories about his life experiences. For those interested in Dr. Luterman's humanistic counseling philosophy, you might want to read [The Young Deaf Child](#) 1999, York Press written with Kurtzer-White, or [Early Childhood Deafness](#), 2001, York Press, also with Kurtzer-White.

Local Professional Community Suffers Heartbreaking Losses

Within the last 6 weeks, the local professional community has suffered two tragic losses with the sudden deaths of Derek Dunn, Ph.D., research audiologist and administrator with the US Public Health Service and Stephanie "Stevie" Lawler.

Derek, the first doctoral graduate from the Communication Disorders Program at UC, died December 20, 2002 following surgery for an aortic aneurism.

Stevie Lawler, an SLP with Winton Woods school district and a long time member of SWOSHA and OSLHA and a driving force in the Winton Woods School District Teachers Association was found dead on January 15, 2003. Stevie received the Honors of

SWOSHA in 1987 and had returned to service, so to speak, recently to be the SWOSHA Liaison to OSLHA and the OSLHA Legislative Council representative for Region 4.

Her husband Jim can be reached at 1031 Waycross Road, Cincinnati, 45240-3023.

A scholarship in Dr. Dunn's honor for graduates of Walnut Hills High School has been established by the College of Arts and Sciences at UC, while the student scholarship program for Winton Woods High School graduates has been named for Stevie.

Rest assured that further tributes to these two extraordinary people will be forthcoming.

SWOSHA has made a donation to the Stevie Lawler scholarship fund.

January Executive Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Brown at 7:35 on January 7, 2003. The following members were present: Jennifer Brown, Molly Polasky, Angie Cole, Karen Kern-Lezar, Kathy McMillan, Carie Chapman, Erin Redle-Creach, Gretchen Thomas, Carol Leslie.

Management Team reports included approval of the minutes with corrections, and a **Treasurer's** report with a total of \$10,962.17 available in the PNC and Gradison accounts. **Nominations** chair, Carol Kortekamp sent a report that the committee's work would begin immediately. **Membership** lists have been sent to OSLHA in order to maintain our affiliation.

Public Information reports: **Mentorship** committee is booking short presentations for the UC NSSLHA meetings in February and March. Candy Rapping will contact Miami University to determine if they would like speakers as well. Audiology presenters are needed and local audiologists as well as audiologists at Children's Hospital will be contacted about presenting.

Mentorship is also submitting an Affiliate grant proposal to OSLHA to support a round table discussion and reception to celebrate the end of the school year. Kathy McMillan will prepare the grant and contact Stevie Lawler regarding procedures for grant submission.

Service Directory preparation work is beginning with Angel Ball and Carol

Kortekamp heading that effort again.

The **Publicity** committee made the decision to duplicate the Winter Workshop flyer at Staples and mail it first class in order to have it available in a timely fashion. OSLHA labels were also purchased for mailing to members in Butler, Hamilton and Warren counties. The membership list was not available from the secretary so Carie Chapman re-created the list on a data base and made labels for our membership. The flyer was available at the Wayne Secord-Nancy Creaghead workshop on December 8 and sent via a Listserv to the Ohio Supervisory network of SLPs and Audiologists. It was also sent to UC and Miami faculty and via the SWOSHA listserv. Programs for the hearing impaired and psychologists also received the flyer via email.

The **Graphic Design/Print Shop** at Hamilton County Educational Service Center is interested in bidding on printing and mailing future flyers and newsletters. This would be a very convenient and dependable means of handling future jobs for Ann Slone, Committee chair. A copy of a newsletter and another mailing will be sent to the

print shop for a cost estimate. It was also recommended that they be asked if they would do bulk mailings.

BSHM committee had no report.

Marketing committee provided an update on the Website. It can be viewed by going to the web at: www.swosha.org/index.htm

The web page opens with What's New? and Announcements and there are links to: About SWOSHA, Events, Resources and Contacts. To add information to the website contact: Roz Sistrunk, 8015 Blairhouse Drive, Cincinnati 45244, telephone 474-9066, email to <smro@email.uc.edu>

With the help of the **Publicity** committee, the **Marketing** committee will continue to enter membership information in their data base but not overlap with the efforts of Sarah Cone, membership. The data base will be expanded to mark field names so as to sort, i.e. SLP, Aud, Private Practice, etc. There are also plans to add non-members and agencies in order to increase publicity of events. Such data bases can be shared with a printer for improved efficiency of mailings.

The **Newsletter** will be completed after the Winter Workshop. Carie Chapman offered to begin working with the editor.

No reports from **Extended Care**, or **Audiological Affairs**. The **Private Practice** committee is planning a meeting in March.

The **Scholarship** committee obtained letterhead for solicitation of items for the silent auction. Key Chains were sold at Fluency Friday and were also available along with memo pads at the Winter Workshop. The committee is meeting on January 8 to brainstorm raffle and fund raising ideas. Winners of the raffle will be announced at the Spring Meeting.

No report from **Honors**.

OSLHA Liaison Stevie Lawler reported that she had conveyed information to Kathleen Hutchinson about SWOSHA's sponsorship of the Ohio ASHA party. She had contacted Gail Whitelaw about political action and contacted various employers about putting advertisement in Communication Matters. The OSLHA Convention is scheduled for March 6-8. Registration can be done on line. Be sure to mention OSLHA when making your

hotel reservation to insure the best rates.

Public Schools affairs committee is working on the following items: An article for the newsletter about the Blue Book and highlighting the differences between educational and medical models for therapy; contacting working with other organizations regarding salary supplement in the schools; providing summer therapy listings.

Continuing Education reports: **Winter Workshop** has approximately 95 persons registered including 35 students. This should allow for expenses to be made and some profit. Next year, KSHA should be contacted for a mailing list.

NSSLHA had no report.

Spring meeting plans are not yet finalized but it will be scheduled for late April or early May to allow for nominations and election ballots to be send out.

Old Business: The Treasurer reports that PNC has agreed to drop certain service charges if the balance drops below a certain level so the account will not be moved.

New Business: It was reported that Jean Rothenberg was in the

hospital. A plant was sent to her.

Budget concerns and use of a secretary were discussed. The Treasurer noted that we are spending more than we are taking in through membership dues. We have increased our scholarship amounts, and increased our monetary support for OSLHA/ASHA and increased the amounts spent to honor members achievements. Our current large expenses include newsletter publishing and secretarial fees.

President Brown has spoken with Karen Bergen about issues of timeliness of mailings, returned phone calls, etc. She is still interested in providing service but need everything 2 weeks before the date of mailing especially for bulk mailed items. The problems of timeliness and expense might be solved by EC members providing some of these services, such as maintaining a data base, bidding printing to sources such as Hamilton County, purchase of a laptop to maintain the data base, etc. Carie Chapman and Molly will investigate various options and report back in March. Ideas on increasing membership were also brainstormed, including ways

to publicize benefits of membership, sending follow-up letters and phone calls to members who do not renew, resend letters that are returned by first class for incorrect addresses, sending a confirmation letter or welcome letter to new and renewing letters. Send letters to students upon graduation, offer discounted membership or free membership for the first year to new graduates.

Finally, it was noted that the by-laws require a minimum of 2 nominations for each elected position. It was suggested that a new by-law be drafted. President Brown offered to under take this task and to report on it at the March EC meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 PM.

Submitted by Secretary Angie Cole and abstracted by Laura Kretschmer



Literacy in the 21st Century

SWOSHA Well Represented at OSSPEAC Conference

SWOSHA members represented the organization well at the 2002 OSSPEAC Conference, held October 28-29 at the Kingsgate Conference Center on UC's campus. Many SWOSHA members were in attendance and some even served as conference organizers and presenters! This year SWOSHA made a donation to OSSPEAC to help off-set the cost of the event. In return, our logo was printed on the front of the proceedings binder and a SWOSHA membership form was included in every binder. The pictures below are only a small representation of SWOSHA members present. Unfortunately, not everyone could be photographed or mentioned, but please know you are appreciated!



SWOSHA President-Elect Martha Coen-Cummings poses before her presentation.



Dr. Sandra Grether was an OSSPEAC presenter as well.



Susan Givler and Sarah Cone have a chance to catch-up as they enjoy the continental breakfast.



Sandra Tattershall presented a popular session on vocabulary expansion.



Candy Rapking browses through the Exhibitor's Hall. Candy was a conference co-chair for publicity.



Irv Wollman, Tricia McConnell-Stephen, Diane Games and Patricia Fisher presented on fluency techniques.