

The Academy of Rehabilitative Audiology Twenty-five Years or So

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It was June, 1991 and many of us were assembled in the dining room at the Beaver Run Resort in Breckenridge for the annual Summer Institute of the Academy of Rehabilitative Audiology (ARA). While enjoying a gourmet entree, Patti McCarthy asked if I had a large basement. This was a strange comment for the occasion. My response was affirmative regarding the size of my basement. I dismissed the dialogue without additional thought. Later in the evening, Pam Jackson approached me to extend greetings. Her conversation continued by stating that John O'Neill was stepping down as Archivist, "Would you like to be the Archivist since you have a large basement?" I realized that O'Neill had a large basement in Illinois and that qualifications for the Archivist had to do with basement size. Pam said that she needed to know my response because the business meeting was going to begin soon. After careful deliberation, I responded affirmatively. Prior to leaving Breckenridge, Don Sims, Editor of the *Journal*, mentioned that it would be nice if we could have a special article on the 25 year history for the 1992 issue. That leads us to this article on 25 years or so of highlights for ARA. This manuscript is not a history of the Academy; it is intended to present highlights that have affected our growth during the past 25 years. For a history of ARA, the reader is referred to O'Neill (1984) and Skalbeck (1984). These articles present our history through 1976.

In reviewing six boxes of documents, accumulated through the past 25 years, I realized that ARA had become a significant catalyst for rehabilitative audiology. Thousands of sheets of letters, memorandums, announcements, booklets, financial reports, and so forth revealed activities which have provided us with a heritage for aural rehabilitation. Hundreds of names of our colleagues surfaced in this search through the boxes, the names of persons who have provided grass

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roots aural rehabilitation services to hearing-impaired persons, as well as the names of those who expended numerous hours in professional involvement. This involvement carved a niche for us in the history of audiology. I wish it were possible to mention the names of everyone. It is not possible to write about every significant event in the space allocated. Perhaps there will be an extended history written from 1976 which will be all inclusive.

On January 29, 1965, Herbert Oyer wrote a letter to John O'Neill. Oyer was at Michigan State University and O'Neill was at the University of Illinois. His letter stated:

Today this letter is going out to the following people to invite them to become members of the group that should develop into the ACADEMY OF REHABILITATIVE AUDIOLOGY: Francis Blair, Freeman McConnell, Charlotte Avery, Deno Reed, Richard Krug, Robert Frisina, and June Miller.

The purpose of this letter is to determine your interest in becoming a member of a nucleus group that would develop into an ACADEMY OF REHABILITATIVE AUDIOLOGY. Four of us, John O'Neill, Mary Rose Costello, Jack Rosen and I have spent considerable time discussing the need for such a group. . . . seems as though many in clinical audiology have become preoccupied with diagnostics and research almost to an exclusion of aural rehabilitation and habilitation.

. . . Our hope is to interest eleven leaders in the field into the academy. They would comprise the Board of Directors. Our thinking thus far has been as follows relative to purposes, membership, etc.

1. To stimulate scientific research in the area of rehabilitation of auditory handicapped children and adults.
2. To provide a forum for exchange of information and viewpoints important to rehabilitative audiology concerning:
 - A. Rehabilitative research findings.
 - B. Current clinical and educational procedures.
 - C. Case findings.
 - D. Programs for auditory handicapped.
 - E. Relationships with allied professions.
 - F. Relationship of diagnostic findings to rehabilitation.
 - G. Etc.

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership will be on an invited basis to individuals from a variety of settings actively engaged in rehabilitation audiology.

MEETINGS:

To meet once a year for one day prior to or during annual convention of ASHA.

DUES:

\$5.00 per year (to cover costs of mailings, meeting room rental, etc.)

STRUCTURE:

Board of Directors (11) to select a chairman.

Officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer

Would you be so kind as to give a yes or no answer by February 15, 1965 as to whether you are interested in becoming a member of the academy. I frankly think it can prove to be an exciting venture.

Cordially,

Herbert J. Oyer

The letter by Oyer seems to be the initial written impetus that led to the eventual establishment of ARA. On August 5, 1966, another letter from Oyer to O'Neill indicated that letters were sent out to persons who were being invited to the first professional meeting of ARA to be held at Gallaudet College on November 18, 1966. Invitations were sent to 58 persons around the country. For this historic occasion, it is appropriate that we mention the names of those individuals who were invited:

E. Mencke; H. Weber; M. Burton; B. Sprouse; J. Alpiner; B. Anderman; M. Ansberry; R. Bralley; D. Calvert; R. Dixon; C. Goetzinger; J. Good; B. Graham; W. Grim; H. Haskins; E. Hardick; M. Hardy; L. Hedgecock; F. Kodman, Jr.; D. Markle; I. Nichols; J. Peterson; M. Ross; S.R. Silverman; A. Simmons; A. Streng; P. Rosenberg; J. Teegarden; D.E. Yenrick; F. Withrow, Jr.; J. Willeford; H. Nober; R. Winchester; W. Hodgson; J. Rosenstein; E. Lowell; F. Nasca; P. Yantis; L. DiCarlo; M. Bergman; G. Haspiel; R. Stream; C. Cooper; J. Bangs; E. Harford; R. Roach; C. Hayes; L. Hartman; R. Shutts; K. Horton; M. Downs; R. Maas; W. Graunke; J. Jeffers; R. Merklin; J. Utley Lehman; R. Goldstein; and K.O. Johnson.

I am sure you will recall many of these names. They may have been your instructor, your advisor, the author of your text book, your supervisor, your colleague, and probably your friend.

The routine procedures of an organization emerged. In 1967, a business meeting of ARA was held at the Illinois Eye and Ear Infirmary in Chicago. The meeting was called to order by President Herbert Oyer. John O'Neill gave the membership report and indicated that there were 47 members. A Program Committee was appointed: O'Neill, Bergman, and Alpiner. Program suggestions were made including the need for an open forum of position papers, research papers, and extension of time at the annual meeting to allow for a forum or workshop.

With an organization came the need for funding. In Denver, on November 5, 1968, Francis Blair gave the Treasurer's report. After expenditures, there was a balance of \$923.14. ARA kept track of pennies in those days. Just look at our expenses! ARA spent \$5.20 for a gavel so business could be conducted. Membership cards cost \$6.83, and there was a speaker's expense of \$108.69. L. Deno Reed, President, presided at this meeting. This meeting also saw Margaret Fleming become the 76th member of the Academy.

Many persons will remember the old Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago; many conventions were held at this location. In 1969, O'Neill presided as ARA President. A report from the Membership Committee indicated that there were 93

members. The Executive Committee voted to retain the limit of 100 members. President O'Neill presented an address, "Where are We Going?" O'Neill commented,

. . . First have we accomplished many of the things we had hoped to accomplish? . . . We have accomplished a few things. We have started a clustering of individuals who are truly interested in the rehabilitative aspects of audiology. Also, the term, Rehabilitative Audiology, is beginning to appear in professional conversation. . . . still a great deal to be done. The editor of the newsletter has not received one article this year. Over the past few years I have heard many clinicians say that you just can't get people to accept clinical articles. . . . it is time to stop the chant.

A letter from Frank Lassman to Freeman McConnell, dated March 23, 1970, continued sentiment about contributions to the *ARA Newsletter*. Lassman wrote,

I have just been re-reading O'Neill's remarks at the fourth annual meeting. It occurred to me that perhaps the selfish needs of the average contributor would be served better if our newsletter had a title which would appear more impressive on the contributors list of publications.

O'Neill, in a letter to McConnell dated April 6, 1970, suggested,

I wonder if we shouldn't make the big step and go to a journal. All we would have to do is change the title and increase the number of articles and add items such as book reviews and some additional sections.

A May 4 memo from Alpiner to the ARA members reported that there would not be a 1970 Summer Institute since most members said they would not be able to attend. The regular 1970 meeting was held at the New York Hilton on November 19. President McConnell presided over the business meeting. One of the presentations was "Rehabilitative Audiology – Fact or Fiction." Jeffers addressed the fact issue and Ross the fiction side of the case. To this day we are still debating this issue. Give us another 25 years!

In 1971, two resolutions were submitted to ASHA President Robert Goldstein. A response was sent to ARA President Alpiner from Jerry Freeman, who was Vice President for ASHA Clinical Affairs. Freeman reported that the resolution on the use of supportive personnel was being sent to the appropriate ASHA committee. The resolution regarding hearing aid dispensing was sent to the ASHA Legislative Council; the intent of the position paper favoring dispensing was acted on favorably. It was indicated that it would be necessary to develop a set of working guidelines before being submitted for vote. Treasurer Kay Horton reported that ARA had a balance of \$2298.66. David Goldstein was presented the gavel as the incoming President.

The Summer Institute was back in Winter Park, Colorado. The Executive Committee met on July 6 at the High Country Inn. Members used to say that looking out the large window overlooking the majestic Rocky Mountains, at the Inn, served as an inspiration for the group. The program included a presentation

on Programmed Instruction by Binnie of Purdue University, Torr of Gallaudet College, and Vaughn of the University of Alabama, Birmingham. Richard Dowling of ASHA was a presenter on licensing, federal legislation, and third party payments. An Executive Committee meeting was held on September 30, 1972 at O'Hare Inn in Chicago. A lengthy discussion took place during the meeting relative to where the Academy and the profession are going. This included possible structural changes to provide membership sections with ARA for teachers of the deaf, private practitioners, and levels of membership. The 7th annual business meeting was held November 17 in San Francisco. Goldstein turned over the gavel to the incoming President, Claude Hayes. A letter from Kenneth G. Stockdell, Sr. provided some requested input on directions for ARA and ASHA:

1. Establish more speechreading programs throughout the country.
2. Consider greater use of auditory training.
3. An area of additional interest in industrial audiology.
4. Promote commercialization of the audiologist. . . . audiologists should be allowed to dispense hearing aids.

We can say with certainty that ARA has met from coast to coast through the early years as well as from border to border. The year 1973 found the Executive Committee meeting in Detroit on October 11. President Hayes announced that for the first time ARA had been recognized nationally by a request for testimony before a Senate Committee. O'Neill testified on older Americans and Medicare. John Cooper was thanked for his excellent contribution for local arrangements at the summer meeting in Bandera, Texas. Bruce Siegenthaler sent a letter to Oyer to be used as a statement for the Texas meeting. One of his statements follows: "Licensing of audiologists is a necessity. Licensure will not assure professionalism at an adequately high level. On the other hand, licensure will accomplish at least to some extent the purposes of defining an audiologist and making him accountable."

President Diane Castle convened the 9th annual meeting in Las Vegas on November 6, 1974 at 9:00 P.M. It is not known if the late start was due to some ASHA function or the call of Las Vegas after dark. A search of the records fails to provide an answer. Joan Erickson announced a balance of \$2238.29, enough to cover the cost of the *Journal* and postage. Jan Jeffers was elected President-Elect. Jeffers requested that the combined task force on hearing aids and auditory trainers be continued. Roger Kasten was appointed Chairman of the auditory training group. Discussion also took place regarding the dispensing of hearing aids by audiologists. There seems to be a controversial issue as to whether or not one can sell products and remain honest. ARA developed a resolution to be sent to ASHA addressing the issue of professional quality of care rather than economic factors. Castle turned the gavel over to incoming President Ed Hardick.

The Executive Committee met on April 28, 1975 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Concern was expressed over membership requirements for ARA. Some mem-

bers felt that membership should be open to all professionally trained interested persons with no restriction as to the number of members. The Secretary-Treasurer was concerned about the organization being on a fiscal year rather than a calendar year. Other members were concerned about the method employed in nominating candidates for office and the election process. This was the year of venting feelings – everything you wanted to complain about – but were afraid! The Summer Institute was held at Greenwood Lodge in Soquel, California, nestled in the majestic redwoods of the Santa Cruz mountains. At this meeting, there were 34 members, 25 nonmembers, and 7 students. ARA took in \$475 in registration fees. Dr. Luterman presented a workshop on counseling for hearing impaired children and adults. There was considerable role playing done in this workshop and some of our members went through emotional experiences as they became “parents of deaf children.” Ed Hardick sent a memorandum to members regarding the licensure law for Pennsylvania. There was feeling that colleagues in Pennsylvania were making a terrible mistake by defining a hearing clinician as someone separate and distinct from an audiologist. The annual meeting was held at the Shoreham Americana in Washington, D.C. The 1976 Summer Institute was to be held in Winter Park. Giolas, Hayes, and Stein were appointed to determine 1977 and 1978 sites.

The 1976 general meeting was held at the Hyatt Regency in Houston. The meeting was opened by President-Elect Roger Kasten in place of Jan Jeffers who had been flown back to Los Angeles due to illness. Reports from standing committees were the major part of the agenda. Most chairmen reported difficulty in completing the committee work by mail. I am not sure when we actually replaced “chairman” with “chairperson” or “chair.” All of these terms are being used in interchangeable fashion and refer to contemporary terminology chairperson or chair. Anyway, Hardick provided a report on hearing aid evaluations. He related his experiences as an expert witness, giving testimony before the ENT Committee of the FDA on standards on auditory training. The most important aspects he recommended were deleting the term “wearable” aid from the ANSI standards, returning all repaired aids to the original specifications as at time of purchase, and licensing providers of auditory trainers the same as hearing aid dispensers. Bruce Graham reported on a follow-up hearing aid evaluation study of 583 patients. Of the 196 who responded, 86% had actually purchased an aid. Vented molds proved important for functioning well in noise and groups.

Monticello, Illinois at the Allerton House was home to the 1977 Summer Institute of ARA. The Executive Committee discussed a statement made by ASHA for PSB that approved language therapists to do aural rehabilitation. It was suggested that Kasten write a letter from ARA rejecting the position and state that aural rehabilitation be limited to audiologists and hearing therapists. Hayes suggested that copies also be sent to ABESPA. New members approved for membership were:

Marilyn O'Neill, Gretchen Skalbeck, and Wayne Staab.

Ethel Mussen reported that there was a storage problem with old journals. Don

Johnson wrote a letter dated May 16 which indicated that he had valiantly tried to contact Alpiner to let him know that ARA could still be considered for a program at the 1977 convention. He indicated that he had placed Alpiner's name on the program hoping that he would not be "put out." There was a deadline. Johnson had to present topics as if they were papers to be delivered but in actuality, they were ARA ad hoc committee presentations. We made the deadline for the Chicago convention!

The 1978 Summer Institute was held at Winter Park, Colorado in June. Musen reported that because ASHA had control of all meeting rooms in the convention hotels until 5:00 P.M., and would not allow use of these rooms for non ASHA program related meetings, we were not able to have our business meeting in the same room as formal papers being presented by ARA committees. President Don Johnson presided over this meeting.

O'Hare Inn in Chicago again was the site for an Executive Committee meeting on April 28, 1979. Kasten reported that two meetings were held with Sertoma during the past several months, one at Boys Town and the other in Washington, D.C. He reported that Sertoma was attempting to encourage national associations interested in the hearing impaired to organize in order to minimize duplication of effort. One of the proposed efforts was to establish a National Council for Better Hearing and Speech. Joe Rizzo of the Better Hearing Institute was serving as chairman of the steering committee to develop such a council. National associations were being asked to contribute \$600 in order to fund the Council. There was consensus among Executive Committee members that \$600 was too much for an organization as small as ARA. Following a thorough discussion of possible programs for the fall meeting, the Executive Committee unanimously agreed to have Julia Davis make an emotionally charged presentation concerning audiological rehabilitation. Davis agreed to make such a presentation. Richard Stream expressed concern about the recent change in the name of ASHA as well as the name from speech pathologist to speech-language pathologist. These changes may lead to the inference that audiologists do not have a role in dealing with language problems associated with hearing loss. At the ARA meeting in Atlanta in November, Johnson reported that Dean Garstecki had been elected President-Elect and Richard Stream had been elected for a second term as Treasurer. The Summer Institute for 1980 would be at the High Country Inn in Winter Park. The rate, including meals for the conference for 3 days, was \$99.50 per person for double occupancy. O'Neill reported that Bob Traynor had negotiated with Sertoma for \$1700 in prize money for articles written by students.

Membership applications were approved in 1980 for the following new members:

M. Burke, W. Brown, M. Carlin, M. Eccarius, B. Edwards, D. Fry, M. Hardin, E. Harless, W. Hinkle, C. Hutton, H. Keiser, O.T. Kenworthy, J. Lubinsky, J. May, W. McFarland, E. McHugh, R. Novak, L. Palmer, J. Peterson, E. Peterson, R. Parker, D. Pitcher, and L. Scott.

Julia Davis was President; Dean Garstecki, President-Elect; Bob McLaughlin, Secretary; Richard Stream, Treasurer; Hugh Beykirch, Editor; and Frank Caccamise, Associate Editor. New names now mingle with those of an earlier generation, with new blood and new goals, but one objective, that is, promoting rehabilitative audiology. President Davis received an offer from the Maryland School for the Deaf to provide complimentary printing for the Academy. Davis also received requests to contribute to the HEAR Foundation as well as to send a representative to the meeting of the newly formed National Council on Communication Disorders. It was decided, after much discussion, that the 1981 Summer Institute would be held in our favorite place, Winter Park. "We left our hearts in Winter Park." The theme would be "Assessment and Habilitation of Problems Related to Hearing Impairment in Children and Adults." A double session mini-seminar was scheduled for the convention in Detroit. The topic was "What Training is Necessary to Provide Aural Rehabilitation Services?" Presenters were Jan Colton, Cheryl DeConde, Gene DelPolito, Bill Haas, Gerri Kahn, and John O'Neill.

As I reviewed the documents for this article, I noted the following statement from O'Neill,

In my role as archivist I would have to say, on the basis of the material that Dean Garstecki turned over to me, that he kept the best organized files of any of the past presidents. The materials were organized by topic, they were in chronological order and they covered the majority of activities in which he had been involved.

It is appropriate to salute our colleague from Northwestern. Garstecki was President in 1981. The Summer Institute was held at Lake Lawn Lodge in Lake Delavan, Wisconsin. A number of graduate students from Wisconsin and Illinois attended this meeting. It was recommended that only one issue of the *Journal* be published each year and that it include proceedings from the Summer Institutes. The American Association of Retired Persons requested that the Academy provide information about audiologists. Ed Hardick was appointed Parliamentarian and Don Johnson was appointed as Chairman of the Procedures Handbook Committee. A continuing problem was that of committee structure and the need to restructure the committees as well as a need for comment from the membership. The first Literary Awards were made at the ASHA convention meeting in the fall.

ARA was at Big Canoe in 1982. Georgia was the location for this Summer Institute. Rehabilitative audiology has been North and South, East and West. The Academy has met in many beautiful locations in the USA. The theme was "Audiologic Rehabilitation: Retrospection (10) Year Projection." Castle, Garwood, Oyer, and Wilber reviewed progress over the past 10 years. McLaughlin served as Chairman. Caccamise, the new *Journal* Editor, set up a 13 member editorial board which would conduct blind reviews of articles. As stated by O'Neill, the ARA *Journal* cracked the "big time" in that articles were being abstracted

in *dsh Abstracts*. The *ARA Journal*, however, has outlived the abstracts journal. The fall meeting was held at the ASHA convention in Toronto and Rich Stream became the first International President of ARA, that is, presiding over the business meeting outside of the United States. Gwynth Vaughn was 1 of 10 individuals to be named one of the 1982 Outstanding Handicapped Federal Employees. One of the continuing topics was ways in which to get committee members to be more productive!

Winter Park once again was the home for the 1983 Summer Institute. ASHA continuing education credit was available for the first time, through the auspices of the Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Ron Schow had a guest, a hearing aid dealer, who served as a panelist. The dealer indicated that it was possible to develop high sales volume by using Art Linkletter in the process. The Executive Committee considered a proposal to increase dues by \$5.00. The motion was unanimously defeated. Read our lips – “no more dues increases.” Three thousand copies of a membership brochure were printed to be used as mailers. This mailer was the first one for ARA. Graduate literary awards, co-sponsored with Sertoma, were awarded: Carol Babcock of the University of Illinois for a paper on “Mother-Child Interaction and Deafness During the Pre-School Years” and Wendy Rizzo of Wayne State University for “Attitudes and Knowledge Acquired by Parents of Hearing-Impaired Children During the Aural Rehabilitation Process.” Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Sertoma, Dorothy Stein, and Robert Traynor. The first Award of Honor was presented to Ed Hardick. New members were named:

C. Asp, R. Carmen, R. Dunlop, L. Eisenberg, D. Evans-Krieger, K. Fragassi, R. Greene, I. Hosko, R. McCombs, R. McCroskey, J. Nassberg, R. Roeser, P. Rohland, and J. Schupbach.

President McLaughlin introduced President-Elect John Cooper. Secretary was Jaclyn Gauger and Treasurer was Miriam Henoeh.

The 1984 Summer Institute found itself, for the first time, in Tennessee at Watts Bar Dam. John Cooper was President. According to O'Neill, Cooper had an administrative style that was different: he did not enjoy long, drawn out philosophical discussions – discussions that usually do not lead to resolution of problems. That is a style many of us like to follow! Emphasis at the meeting was the use of the computer in rehabilitative activities. Jim Jerger and Len Kopra gave presentations. Entertainment one evening consisted of a band (one person). The man in this band used toes, knees, elbows, hands, and mouth. Caccamise found a snake on the porch of his cabin. Swimming and fishing were major social activities. Caccamise submitted his resignation as Editor of the *Journal*. He reported that there were 356 subscribers to the *Journal*. Psi Iota Xi provided \$3000 to support the publication. The fall meeting was held in San Francisco. New members were:

S. Ackley, J. Carrier, L. Davis, M. Demorest, S. Erdman, A. Grimes, C. Jackson, D. McDonald, A. Montgomery, M. Montgomery, G. Mueller, J. Plant, R. Sedge, E. Sheeley, S. Turek, B. Weinstein, and R. Wilde.

Richard Stream reported that the 1985 Summer Institute would be held at Lake Arrowhead, California. Cooper reported that two groups were preparing state-of-the-art papers for publication. The digital hearing aids group was chaired by Smaldino and the computer-assisted instruction in aural rehabilitation group was chaired by Sims. Miriam Henoch was introduced as the next ARA President. She presented a presidential plaque to Cooper. Brixey reported that there was a current balance of \$11,478.73 in the Treasury. Discussion regarding the 1986 Summer Institute indicated some requisites: a major airport, a minimum of two members in the area to handle local arrangements, and preferably not a "dry" county.

Carol DeFilippo was named as the new Editor of the *Journal*. Mary Pat Moeller was elected President-Elect and Gretchen Skalbeck, Secretary. It was announced that the fall workshop would be held at North Texas State University in Denton. A report was given on the success of the Sertoma-ARA workshop held at Northwestern University. At the Lake Arrowhead, California summer meeting, Brixey reported a balance of \$16,266.96. Turek questioned the size of the balance since ARA is a small, educational organization. Current membership was 211 persons. Knox Brooks awarded a (symbolic) size 17 running shoe to Schupbach, Local Arrangements Co-Chair for the 1986 Summer Institute. David Hawkins gave the keynote address, "Amplification, Validation, and Performance." T.C. Smedley and C. Mathiesen of Idaho State University presented a paper on "The Use of Amplification in Young Children with Mild Conductive Hearing Loss." C. DeConde-Johnson contributed a paper on "School Hearing Aid Performance Profile." Fifty persons attended the Summer Institute. Washington, D.C. was the site of the fall meeting. Laura Wilber was elected as President-Elect and Sharon Fujikawa, Treasurer. President Henoch informed the membership that the proposed By-Laws changes had passed. This revision allows the Executive Committee to separate the responsibilities of membership from the Treasurer's position. McLaughlin accepted the appointment as Membership Chairperson (please note the change from chairman to chairperson); I believe that this is the first time the terminology appears in ARA minutes. President Henoch was presented a plaque by incoming President Moeller.

The summer business meeting was called to order by President Mary Pat Moeller on June 6, 1986 at Interlaken, Wisconsin. ARA now had 206 paid members and 12 life members; we were getting older. New members approved were:

Judy Abrahamson, Dale Bonnycastle, Jean-Pierre Gagné, and Carol Flevaris-Phillips.

Nancy Brixey was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for her exceptional service to the Academy as Treasurer as well as her efforts for pursuing a tax exempt status with IRS. We probably could all use Nancy for this purpose. The Honors of the Academy were presented to Donald Johnson for exceptional service to ARA as Past President and "Loyal Presenter" and "participant." Joanne

Schupbach announced that she and Pam Jackson would be signing and sending the extra large running shoes to the next Local Arrangement Co-Chairs to continue a tradition initiated by Fujikawa and Brooks at the 1985 Summer Institute. These shoes obviously have something to do with much hard work and dedication. President Moeller reported that Sertoma continued to provide financial support for the continuing education series, Management of Hard of Hearing Children. The latest workshop was held at North Texas State University under the direction of Henoach and Stream. At the ARA Executive Committee meeting in Detroit, November 20, 1986, Jay Lubinsky reported that plans had been finalized to hold the 1987 Summer Institute at Mt. Summit Inn in Pennsylvania. Because Lubinsky had been elected President-Elect, the position of Time and Place Chair was filled by Joanne Schupbach. John O'Neill received the Honors of the Association.

The following persons were recommended for membership at an Executive Committee meeting in 1987, called to order by President Laura Wilber:

Jean Boggess, James J. Dempsey, Jill L. Elfenbein, Linda Gottermeier, Laura J. Kelly, Charissa R. Lansing, Nicole M. Lalande, Ellen B. Pfeffer, Carol Galvavy Sommer, and William Yust.

Balance in the Treasury was \$18,662,91, considerably more money than 10 years ago but we continued to count pennies. An outline of the forthcoming *JARA* special issue on Language Evaluation of Hearing-Impaired Children was distributed. Editors were Laura Wilber and Richard Kretschmer. The Editor of *JARA* suggested that an update of the Academy history be planned for the 25th anniversary issue of the *Journal*. An ARA business meeting was called to order by Wilber at Mt. Summit, Pennsylvania. Moeller announced that she, Mary Joe Osberger, and Noel Matkin had agreed to prepare a text in pediatric audiology for College-Hill Press. She requested input from members concerning the project. Jane Madell announced a position available at the New York League for Hard of Hearing for a Senior Audiologist with special interest in pediatrics. Wilber announced that there would be no dues increase this year and attributed this situation to the much appreciated generosity of Psi Iota Xi. ARA was now included in the *Source Book on Health Care Organizations*. This is an international list of organizations produced by Economics America. The Executive Committee approved the 1988 Summer Institute to be held at the Iron Horse in Winter Park, Colorado. The theme for the Summer Institute was to be "Beyond the Hearing Aid: Rehabilitation with Sensory Aids." The possibility of changing the name of ARA to reflect the participation of non-audiologists in aural rehabilitation and to encourage membership in the Academy was presented. Laura Wilber suggested Aural Rehabilitation Academy. Reactions were varied and it was agreed that broad input from the membership should be sought.

An Executive Committee Teleconference was held on March 24, 1988. Lubinsky opened discussion about possible mechanisms for honoring the memory of our colleague, Ed Hardick. Kasten would write the necrology for Hardick and

also for Rollie Houchins. DeFilippo reported that seven of nine manuscripts for the monograph had been submitted. The summer ARA business meeting was held on June 17, 1988 at Winter Park. President Lubinsky presented the recommendation of the Executive Committee that \$500 be contributed to ASHA Foundation Ed Hardick Fund. The recommendation was approved. Lubinsky reported that the Long Range Plan was under consideration by the Executive Committee. He described BARBARA (Bring a Rehabilitation Buddy to ARA), a free Summer Institute registration to the member who brought the most guests to the ARA reception at ASHA in Boston. The fall business meeting was held on November 18 in Boston. Harry Levitt of City University of New York gave an invited presentation on digital signal processing of video signals. New officers would be President-Elect Bob Traynor and Pat Kricos, Secretary. Pam Jackson reported that there was a balance of \$25,121.47 in the coffers. It was reported that a meeting was held at ASHA (Scott Bally attended for ARA). A marketing plan was presented and the plan to establish divisions and interest groups was discussed. ARA's list of concerns was presented and included promoting research in aural rehabilitation, availability of aural rehabilitation programs for adults, and increasing educational programs in rehabilitation. General themes that emerged from the presentation of Related Professional Organizations (RPOs) were doctoral programs, need for research in each area, and recognition of special competency. Lubinsky read a solicitation for nominations for Fellowship and Honors in ASHA. It was suggested that those who have received ARA Honors be considered as nominees for ASHA Fellowship.

President Joe Smaldino called the ARA business meeting to order on June 9, 1989 at Lakeway, Texas. Results of the By-Laws changes were reviewed. It was explained that the intent of changing the By-Laws was to remove the need for a letter of sponsorship and to create two new membership categories: associate (members in related fields) and student. All individuals from allied fields who were regular members at the time of the change would retain their regular membership status. Membership dues would be increased to \$30 for regular and associate membership and \$15 for student membership. There would no longer be an "early bird discount." Pam Jackson gave the financial report and indicated that ARA now had 284 paid members and 25 life members. Ninety-five individuals were being processed as new members, 79 of whom applied as a result of a mailing by Traynor. The following new members who were present at the Summer Institute were introduced:

Terri Bellis, Ken Bouchard, Linda Dye, David Holmes, Gary Jacobson, Ben Kelly, Carol Lambert, Jennifer Lenich, Suzanne Long, Nancy Marshall, Lori Mathieu, Catherine Palmer, Shelley Rogers, and Sharon Beall Rapp.

Schupbach reported that the responsibilities of the Local Arrangements Chair would be merged into those of the Time/Place Committee Chair since the latter had more experience planning Summer Institutes. Smaldino reported that, as the American Auditory Society did, the videotaped proceedings of the ARA

Summer Institute would be available for purchase. Hopefully, everyone would be photogenic. Just like when C-Span started doing Congress. Following David Goldstein's presentation during the summer meeting, Smaldino would ask for a straw vote regarding the membership's feelings about ARA taking a formal position on the AuD Degree. The fall business meeting was held in St. Louis on November 17, 1989. Smaldino called the meeting to order. Schupbach announced that the Summer Institute in 1990 was to be held at Mission Inn Golf and Tennis Resort, Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida. Lydia Birkle and William Brown were approved for Life Membership. A laptop computer was purchased for the Secretary. The new President-Elect was Pam Jackson and Patti McCarthy was the new Treasurer. The total income for the year was \$19,610.52. McCarthy started out with a little nest to invest.

Florida was the location for the 1990 Summer Institute, more precisely the Mission Inn, on June 8-10. The theme was "Deafness: Culture or Condition." You will recall the \$15.00 rate at Winter Park in the 1960's. The present rate at Mission Inn was \$95.96 per person, per night, double occupancy. There has been a noticeable increase in the use of credit cards by our members! It was reported that there were 480 members of ARA, an increase of 260% in the last 18 months. New certificates were presented to Chris Evans, John Mascia, and Mary Ann Consella-Myers. The keynote speakers were Harlan Lane, PhD, of Northeastern University in Boston, and Mark Ross of the New York League for the Hard of Hearing. The fall meeting was held at the Sheraton Hotel in Seattle. Carol DeFilippo received a Certificate of Appreciation for her contributions as *JARA* Editor. Patti McCarthy developed a computerized data base for the Office of Treasurer. Jerry Northern wrote to Bob Traynor to propose that ARA share the National Office with AAA. Several other audiology groups were also being contacted. The proposal would involve sharing of office expenses. AAA was asked to prepare a formal proposal providing more information. Pam Jackson reported that the 1991 Summer Institute was to be held in Breckenridge, Colorado. It was to be a special occasion since it marked the 25th Anniversary of ARA. The theme would be "Aural Rehabilitation: A Look Back – A Leap Forward." Pam Jackson introduced Cheryl DeConde-Johnson, who represented the Educational Audiology Association, whose group met simultaneously with ARA in Breckenridge. Marilyn Demorest was President-Elect and Sharon Dandridge was to be Secretary.

In 1991 only bits and pieces of information are available at this point in history. I want to note that John O'Neill's notes and boxes were extremely helpful in compiling these highlights. President Pam Jackson of Northern Illinois University presided over the Academy. One of my first tasks as Archivist was to request information from ARA officers. We know that the Summer Institute was held in Breckenridge. It is interesting to read some of the responses received from my request. O'Neill wrote that he was being relieved as Archivist. It is not clear whether or not he meant that he was relieved. DeFilippo reported that she sent out membership applications, received membership packets from pro-

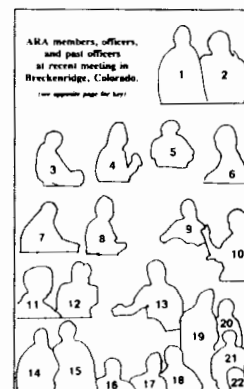
spective members, forwarded checks to the Treasurer, prepared the membership directory, and mailed membership certificates. She remembered that the summer meeting resulted in the first time concurrent sessions were used; "she didn't like them." She also thought that Garstecki did a great job roasting past presidents. Traynor wrote that he had more ARA coffee cups to sell to members; he also felt that Garstecki's roast was the best ever. Sims indicated that he was able to get the second monograph started (Research in Aural Rehabilitation). Editors are Gagné and Tye-Murray. He also implemented new sections in the *Journal: PROGRAM AND PROJECTS* and *FORUM*. Sims said that one of the things he remembered happening at the summer meeting was being true to his image as a "macho" swinger in that he attended the convention with his 85-year-old Mother. And the *Journal* Business Manager, Hugh Beykirch, reported that "there is nothing to report from this office that would be noteworthy to be placed in the Archives." The fall meeting was in Atlanta. President Marilyn Demorest took us into 1992 with Sharon Lesner, President-Elect; Sharon Dandridge, Secretary; and Carol DeFilippo, Membership Chair. Demorest had an Executive Committee meeting in October at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb. Budget, By-Laws revisions, nominations, and other items were on the agenda. Demorest leads us into a future of excitement, innovation, and collegiality. So many items await us such as the clinical doctorate, hearing aid innovations, organizations for audiologists, computerization of the profession, and what else: "who are audiologists and what is aural rehabilitation?" I want to thank a prospective ARA member who helped me by reading this manuscript, Kristen Kaufman. We look forward to her application. We will write again with an update in a few years.

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| 3. Sharon Lesner | 14. Deno Reed |
| 4. Allen Montgomery | 15. John O'Neill |
| 5. Judy Montgomery | 16. Bob Traynor |
| 6. Carol DeFilippo | 17. Jay Lubinsky |
| 7. Jerry Alpiner | 18. Patti McCarthy |
| 8. Nancy Brixey | 19. Joe Smaldino |
| 9. Miriam Henoeh | 20. Pam Jackson |
| 10. Ethel Mussen | 21. Carol DeFilippo |
| 11. Charissa Lansing | 22. Sharon Sandridge |



**ARA members, officers,
and past officers
at recent meeting in
Breckenridge, Colorado.**

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