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## IAL Finances Continue to Improve

By Charles C. Moore  
Editor, *The IAL News*

The organization is steadily moving to firmer financial ground, IAL leadership told club delegates gathered in Durham during the June Annual Meeting.

Both president Bob Herbst and vice president Wade Hampton painted a positive future for the delegates, representing approximately 8,000 members.

The 2012 Annual Meeting and Voice Institute attendance met and then exceeded all attendance expectations, said Herbst.

"Our best estimate of attendees range between 302 to 306."

Herbst said that once again Board of Directors expenses have basically been reduced to a fraction of previous costs.

"This is due to the fact that many of the Board members are taking little or no reimbursements for travel and hotel room expenses."

He also said activities planned for those attending were a huge success.

"The Friday night trip to see the Durham Bulls vs. the Scranton Yankees was enjoyed greatly by 110 of us. It was a glorious night under the stars in a beautiful stadium. "



**IAL President Bob Herbst addresses IAL delegates June 9 in Durham, N.C....(Photograph by Charles Moore)**

**A complete financial report for 2011 can be found on pages 15 and 16.**

Herbst also said the Voice Institute faculty members had also absorbed much of their own expenses.

"That enabled us to leave Durham in the black and not in the red," he said.

In conclusion, Herbst said the Durham Sheraton Imperial AM/VI appeared to be a great success on many levels.

"Our Vendors almost unanimously said they had not experienced a better attended AM/VI or a more interested gathering in many years."

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**I** suppose the first thing I should do is introduce myself. I am Charles "Buck" Moore from Lancaster, S.C. Married for 50 years. Eight years in the Navy and three years at the University of South Carolina. We had two sons until an aortic dissection took our eldest at age 40 eight years ago.

I am a retired journalist and agreed to edit The IAL News after being asked by two IAL friends and elected by the IAL Board of Directors.

That's me, except for our two grandchildren, computers, building slide shows, photography, watching our grandson pitch, reading our granddaughter's writings, my books and my beloved South Carolina Gamecocks and Georgia Bulldogs.

Like most of you, the surgery changed my life, letting me know how much I loved living in the process. Hopefully we will get to know each other better through this little corner.

In the meantime, my email address is on Page 3. If you have a story idea, please send it to me. While we can't run them all because of space limitations, I can guarantee all will be read and considered. For many we will "make" space if it impacts enough readers.

That's me and an idea of what I believe about the IAL News. We are here to serve you the best we can.

Until November,

Charlie

## Take 110 or so To The Ballgame

**By Charles "Buck" Moore  
Editor IAL News**

It was chaos. It was mayhem. It was fun. It was wonderful. It was a party.

The Durham Bulls vs. the Scranton Yankees, and a bunch of larys, SLPs, students, teachers and families crammed into the section set aside for groups.

The section is called the "Bullpen," and it is right behind the visitor's real bullpen.

**(Slight interruption here to thank Bruce Medical for the entrance fee and transportation.)**

The section has tables and very nice seating...And the buffet was simply great.

Alas, the Bulls lost 3-1, but that did not dampen anyone's spirits.

Perhaps Susan Bolt, a University of South Carolina SLP graduate student summed it up best. "I came for the social aspect and have enjoyed myself immensely. These are simply wonderful people. Why wouldn't anyone want be here around them."

**The IAL's Terrie Hall and little Candace Lyle each captured a baseball.**

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# Voice Institute Pronounced Huge Success

By Charles Moore  
Editor, The IAL News

It would be hard for Voice Institute Director, Philip Doyle, Ph. D., to be more pleased.

"Feedback has been very positive on all fronts," he said, speaking of the 2012 edition of the IAL Voice Institute that concluded in June.

And no wonder.

This year's edition boasts an attendance of upwards of 150.

Fifty-four of the attendees were students, 30 from Canada.

There was a laryngectomee who came all the way from India.

Dr. Doyle thinks this is a record for the number of students attending.

"I think for students yes, and overall, it was the most successful meeting I have been involved with over the past 10 years.

"In my own opinion, I think this year's program was exceptional.

"In addition to the basic program, we had three new lectures added this year; one on extended surgical reconstruction, one on head and neck cancer and the human papilloma virus (HPV), and one on clinical distress monitoring. A very strong showing by students."

Trish Cavanagh, SLP, Veterans Administration Medical Center, San Francisco, CA., added more praise.

"The IAL/VI is a unique opportunity for SLPs, graduate students and laryngectomees to receive didactic and hands-on instruction in areas pertaining to the Speech Pathologist's care of the laryngectomee," she said.

"However, since the program is over the course of several days, the SLP and graduate student participants also have opportunities to interact with both the laryngectomees and their spouses/families in discussions and problem-solving sessions. We as professionals have much to learn from the experiences of the laryngectomee and their family



IAL Photograph

**Jodi Knott, M.S., CCC/SLP Clinical Coordinator of Speech Pathology and Audiology for the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, lectures during the 2012 IAL Voice Institute. She is also a member of the Voice Institute faculty.**

members. Typically, the lessons we learn from patients are gained after several years of practice, but the IAL/VI program provides an excellent opportunity to have so much in just a few days. To my knowledge, there is no other course that offers the variety of learning experiences in the care of the laryngectomee patient like the IAL/VI program."

From Carol Stach, SLP, Veterans Administration Medical Center, Houston, TX.

"From my vantage point, the educational, clinical and social experiences offered at IAL/VI provide unparalleled opportunities for laryngectomees, family members, speech pathologists, and graduate students.

"Attendees join *together* to learn about current laryngectomy rehabilitation. Many presentations are enhanced by live or recorded demonstration and hands-on experiences. Opportunities to share knowledge and seek input regarding alaryngeal speech clinical dilemmas are made available throughout the conference. I know of no other venue to provide such a unique array of training experiences in laryngectomy rehabilitation. There really is something for everyone at IAL/VI."



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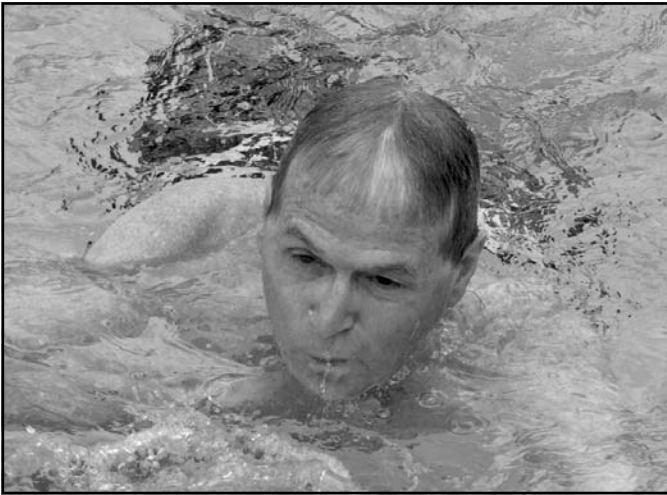
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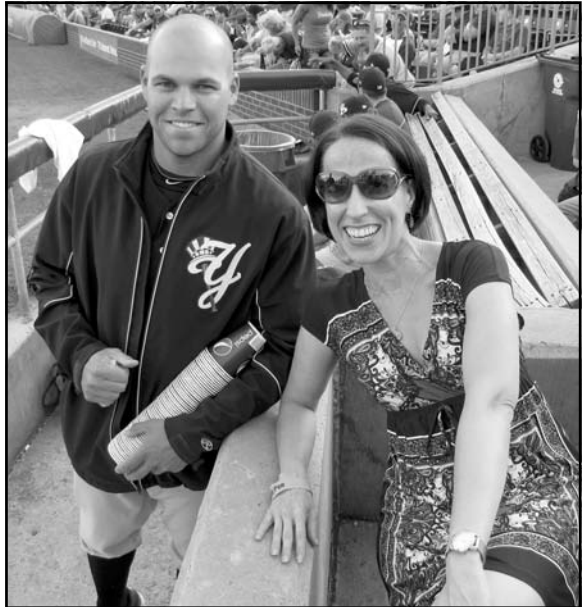
For those who have mastered swimming, it becomes more than a source of exercise...IAL News Photo



Laryngectomees swimming was a popular hour. Some can also dive.....IAL News Photo



The Durham Bulls' "Bullpen," The site of a terrific party .....IAL News Photo



After coaxing, a Scranton Yankee posed with grad student, Susan Bolt.....IAL News Photo



Dance Floor Was Full for IAL Banquet  
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# 2012 IAL Annual Meeting In Photos



**Hank Luniewski poses with the ball that hit his forearm at the Bulls game. "It happened so quickly I didn't have time to catch it." Hank is okay. And he got the baseball.**

*Luniewski Family Photo*



**The Voice Institute's breakout one-on-one sessions were well attended. They were designed to give VI students a chance to talk with laryngectomees Speaking here is Joe Smith of California.... *IAL News Photo***



**Dr. Jeff Searl does a hearing evaluation.**

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**From chewing gum to books, the IAL Auxiliary is ready.....IAL News**



**Tony Talmich demonstrates the different means of speech, while President Bob Herbst looks on with a grin.**

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# Spokane, Wash., to Host 2013 Annual Meeting

## IAL Staff Reports

Spokane, Washington, has been chosen as the site for the 2013 annual meeting of the IAL.

IAL President Bob Herbst announced the selection at the June 2012 annual meeting in Durham, N.C.

"In my many years as a IAL Board of Directors member, I have never seen a community more excited to host an IAL/Voice Institute meeting, he said.

"We hope to see everyone who can get there do so. It is a very beautiful part of the world and the Red Lion Hotel is situated directly in the heart of downtown on the banks of the Spokane River."

Spokane was incorporated in 1871, but had existed as a trading community for decades. Its metro population is approximately 610,000,

according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

"Spokane provides the same opportunity in 2013 as Durham in 2012, said IAL Vice President Wade Hampton. "We are looking forward to the new challenges and the support of Ed Chapman and the local community."



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Interim treasurer, Wade Hampton, who also serves as IAL vice president, reported a profit of \$12,204 for 2011.

"The IAL has been frugal and collected on invoices to keep our books balanced. The net gain points out the ability to manage the IAL in tight economic times."

The IAL also has two CD's totaling \$105,290.55. These funds provide under \$500 yearly towards the funding of Batten Scholarship, said Hampton.

"The IAL has protected these funds, though there are no restrictions placed on their use," he said.

Hampton also praised the work done by IAL workers in preparing the Durham meeting and predicted another superb meeting next year in Spokane, Washington.

"The host club, The Western Piedmont Speak

Easy Club did a tremendous job with organizing and registering our guests, he said. Sapp Funderburk (board member) and Terrie Hall's club (Speak Easy) provided staffing for this difficult task. The members filled in, ran errands and generally provided a welcome support to the 2012 AM/VI. Thanks!



**Wade Hampton addresses delegates.....IAL Photo**

"Our journey to Spokane provides the same opportunity in 2013. We are looking forward to the new challenges and the support of Ed Chapman and the local community."

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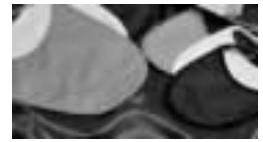


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**International Association of Laryngectomees, Inc.**  
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 January - December 2011

	<u>Total</u>
<b>Income</b>	
<b>AM Income</b>	
AM Registrations	7,437.50
Auxiliary-Raffel/Auction	917.08
Banquet Dinner	150.00
Program Advertising	3,050.00
Vendor Registration	4,100.00
Vendor Sponsorship Account	9,440.00
<b>Total AM Income</b>	<b>\$ 25,094.58</b>
<b>Donations</b>	
Company Donations	5,240.00
Personal Donations	21,246.28
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>\$ 26,486.28</b>
<b>General Fund Income</b>	
<b>Dues</b>	
Associate Member Dues	240.00
Club Dues - 2010	15.00
Club Dues - 2011	3,559.00
Club Dues - 2012	170.00
<b>Total Dues</b>	<b>\$ 3,984.00</b>
<b>IAL News Income</b>	
IAL News Ads	21,706.69
IAL News Ads 2010	11,507.65
<b>Total IAL News Income</b>	<b>\$ 33,214.34</b>
<b>Total General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$ 37,198.34</b>
<b>Voice Institute Income</b>	
VI Registrations	17,480.00
<b>Total Voice Institute Income</b>	<b>\$ 17,480.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 106,259.20</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 106,259.20</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
<b>AM Expenses- CoCo Keys Hotel</b>	8,212.12
AV Equipment	775.40
Lodging	4,660.52
Postage/Freight	629.74
Printing & Reproduction	1,439.81
Special Events	510.00
Travel	3,870.55
<b>Total AM Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 20,098.14</b>
<b>General Fund Expenses</b>	
Audit/Tax Returns	225.00
Bank Fees	1,072.92
Clerical Support	7,180.85
Executive Director	4,795.03
Freight & Postage	1,575.43
Grants Restricted	750.00

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**Delegates Elect 2  
 New Board Members;  
 President, Treasurer  
 Vice President Elected  
 By Acclamation**

**IAL Staff Reports**

Delegates re-elected president Bob Herbst, vice president Wade Hampton and Chuck Rusky during the IAL Annual meeting in June.

Chuck Rusky was elected treasurer.

All were by acclamation.

Candy Moltz and Sapp Funderburk were re-elected by ballot to their respective posts.

Two newcomers, Noel Best and Charles Moore, were also elected to the board.

Chuck Rusky is a Huntington Beach, California, accountant.

He formally succeeds Wade Hampton, who had been serving in that capacity in addition to his duties as vice president.

Rusky is also an Enrolled Agent licensed by the Internal Revenue Service since 1992.

Noel Best, 62, and wife, Majella, have been married for 40 years. She underwent a laryngectomy 10 years ago.

They live in Oshawa, Ontario, Canada.

The Bests have attended IAL annual meetings for the past 10 years.

"We have made many friends over the years. I have made two presentations at IAL on Skype, and have helped at elections counting ballots and other jobs as required"



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<b>Total General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 27,481.46</b>
<b>IAL News Expenses</b>	
Office Supplies	200.44
Postage	11,628.41
Printing/Reproduction	16,611.06
<b>Total IAL News Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 28,439.91</b>
PayPal Fees	446.76
Prohaska Fund	200.00
<b>VI Expenses</b>	
bus transportation	695.00
Fees	550.00
Lodging	797.44
Professional Fees	4,500.00
scholarship	2,490.00
Awards supplies	394.15
staff expenses	2,768.00
Travel	5,204.10
<b>Total VI Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 17,398.69</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 94,064.96</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>\$ 12,194.24</b>
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## WebWhispers President Pleased With Banquet

### IAL Staff Reports

One-hundred fifty attended this years WebWhispers banquet at the IAL Annual Meeting, said president Pat Sanders.

Jan Lewin, Ph.D., section chief of Speech Pathology & Audiology at the M.D. Anderson, Houston, Tx., was the keynote speaker.

"She made a wonderful contribution to our knowledge of staying healthy after laryngectomy, dedicating the lecture to the memory of our Founder, Dutch Helms," said Sanders.

"The reception held by Bruce Med was fantastic, as always, and we love Richard Najarian for what he does every year to kick off our dinner," she said.

## Florida Laryngectomee Association To Hold Annual Meeting

The Florida Laryngectomee Association will hold its annual meeting at the Holiday Inn at the Walt Disney World Resort, at Lake Buena Vista. The hotel will assist attendees in planning a vacation around the annual meeting.

Dates are September 28th-30th, 2012. Room rates are \$85, single to quad occupancy (plus room tax of 12.5%). Under normal circumstances the hotel will honor this rate 3 days prior and 3 days after the meeting. Reservations can be made directly to the hotel by calling the toll free number, 1-877-394-5765 and referring to the group code FLL.

This year is the 60th Anniversary of the Association.

Pre-registration is required by September 17, 2012. Check-in and late registration will be held on the pre-function area of the hotel.

The faculty will consist of veteran speech pathologists with Ph.D. and masters level education with more than 100 years of combined experience servicing laryngectomees.

Additional information can be had by calling Kenneth Taylor (813-715-4560 or Cell 813-713-0753). Or Bob Smiley, FLA VP Cell 321-536-0831 E-mail: [smiley\\_robert@bellsouth.net](mailto:smiley_robert@bellsouth.net).

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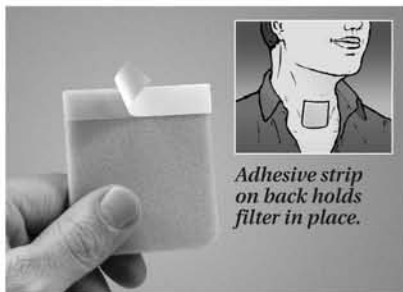
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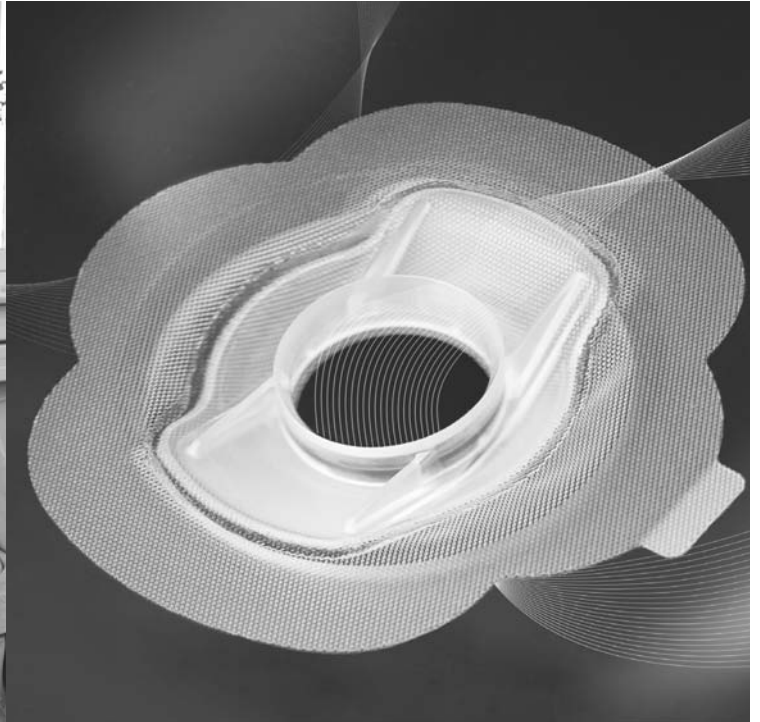
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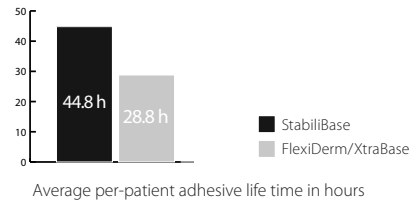


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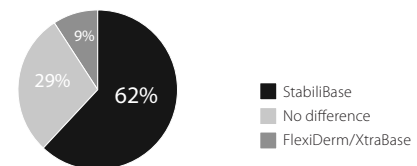
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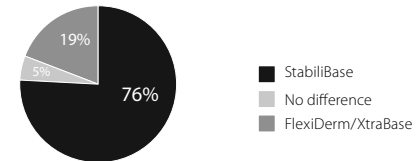
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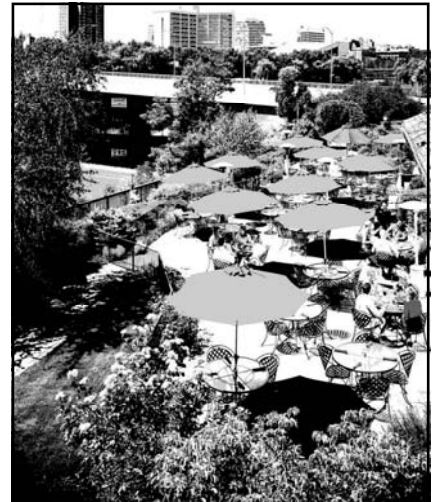
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