

# ASANC News Flash JUNE 2009

## **The Budget cuts**

A proposal by the North Carolina General Assembly to consolidate The Governor Morehead School with the two North Carolina Schools for the Deaf. Under the proposal, no new students would be enrolled at GMS for the next two school years and the school would then be prepared to close. Also, under the proposals the GMS Outreach program would be cut along with some vacant positions. The text of the specific items affecting GMS are attached in a word document. If you would like to review the entire report, which includes proposals for reducing spending for all Health and Human Services agencies visit the following website. Please note the document is a PDF file and is 135 pages long.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE REPORT](#)

If you would like to contact a member of the General Assembly to voice your concerns please use the following link to contact your legislator.

<http://www.ncleg.net/GIS/RandR07/Home.html>

## **The International Self-Determination Convention**

There were 142 attendees for the Pre-Conference and 278 attendees for the main part of the conference. There were 32 states as well as Cameroon, Pakistan and Ireland represented.

Of the overall number of attendees, there were roughly 40% that identified themselves as self-advocates or family members. Of the 68 overall sessions presented, approximately 35% of those presenters were self-advocates and another 20% were family members so the majority of presenters were self-advocates and family members. During the conference a documentary commissioned by the North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities was being filmed and several attendees were interviewed over the two days.

The conference had the distinct honor of being able to "sneak peek" a new documentary called "A New Kind of Listening" as part of the Monday night reception which was very well-received by those in attendance.

## **ASANC New Officers for 2009-2011**

<b>President</b>	<b>Eric Chavis</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Debbie Kolesar</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Sherry Durant</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Needham Bryan</b>
<b>Past President</b>	<b>Skip Byrd</b>

**These were the winners from the convention when ASANC had its elections at the annual con-vention . They will serve a two year term.**

## **Advancing Strong Leadership**

Please help us spread the word by forwarding this announcement to any lists or individuals who may have interest. These nationally-recognized speakers will be discussing important trends in the provision of supports to people with disabilities and their families. Each session is open to and appropriate for: directors and administrators, supervisors, direct support professionals, family members, self-advocates and anyone else who has interest in these topics. These are tough economic times; we've kept the registration costs extremely low. These progressive and renowned speakers are not to be missed! Register online at <http://www.nccdd.org/pages/leadership/leadership.html>! In today's environment of major budget cuts, we've got to come together to explore innovative ways of providing services and supports to people with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Please join us for these important conversations. Each workshop will be led by a renowned speaker from the DD field; each has years of experience leading organizations and aiding systems transformation.