

# Minnesota Cue News

## President's Letter

By Sarah Druley

We are setting out for another year of cueing in Minnesota. The use of Cued Speech can provide a way for deaf and hard of hearing people to acquire English literacy skills and communicate with English fluently.

This past year, there were many who contributed to sharing information about how Cued Speech is valuable and important. Individuals volunteered to serve on committees to advocate for Cued Speech. The state of Minnesota, through Metro ECSU, provided funding for training transliterators. School districts offered classes and gave presentations. CSAM held its annual summer Cued Speech classes for beginners to learn how to cue, for skill

development to build fluency, and for the specialized skills transliterators need. These courses will be offered again in August 2015.

We still have need for parent connection groups, cued speech practice groups, or anyone desiring to help put together Cued Speech camps/retreats. If you have any desire to contribute volunteer hours or funding to help to meet Cued Speech needs in Minnesota please let us know. Our email is [info@cuedspeechminnesota.org](mailto:info@cuedspeechminnesota.org)

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**CSAM Attends 2015 Deaf Awareness Day, White Bear Lake**  
**By Janet Figueroa,**  
 CSAM Treasurer

What a day!  
 I had the opportunity to set up a NCSA (National Cued Speech



Association) table at Deaf Awareness Day. In doing so I placed 400-500 pieces of literature. I also came to realize there is a tremendous amount of interest in Cued Speech (CS). On the other hand I encountered many in the field that have never heard of CS or had misconceptions about it.  
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### Current Board Members

Sarah Druley, President  
 Janet Figueroa, Treasurer  
 Angela Zellen, Secretary  
 Kitri Larson Kylo, At-Large  
 Joan Boddicker, At-Large  
 Carina Figueroa, At-Large, Newsletter Editor

### Board Positions Available

Presidential Nominee  
 Activity Planner  
 Board Member at Large

### Join us for the next CSAM Board Meeting:

**When:** June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
 at 6pm  
**Where:** The Tin Fish  
 (Lake Calhoun Café)

# Cued Speech Association of Minnesota Membership Application



**Send form and check made out to CSAM to:**  
 Cued Speech Association of Minnesota  
 5056 3<sup>rd</sup> ST NE  
 Fridley, MN 55421

**Membership in CSAM includes annual newsletter, and discounted admission to CSAM sponsored events excluding Cue Camp Minnesota.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (v/tty): \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Category:**      \_\_\_\_\_ **New Member**      \_\_\_\_\_ **Renewal**

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual \$20.00      \_\_\_\_\_ Family \$25.00      \_\_\_\_\_ *First time family = 1<sup>st</sup> year free!*

\_\_\_\_\_ College Student \$10.00      \_\_\_\_\_ School/Organization \$25.00

**Please list family members to be included on this membership.**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Deaf or Hard of Hearing</b>	<b>Student? (Pre/Grade/ High school)</b>
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____

# Cued American English Classes

Sponsored by the Cued Speech Association of Minnesota



Beginning Cue Class	Cued Speech Skills Class	Transliterator Cue Class
Introduces the handshapes and vowel placements of Cued American English. Participants will leave this class with an introduction to cueing single words, short phrases, and sentences.	This class is for those who have already learned the handshapes and placements for Cued American English. This class will sharpen your skills for cueing words, phrases, and sentences as you continue to work towards developing your fluency.	This class is for those who are working towards continued fluency in transliterator skills. Activity will be primarily through focused skill development stations and large group discussions.

Location	Time (classes are all offered at the same time)
Gideon Pond Elementary School 630 E. 130 <sup>th</sup> Street Burnsville, MN 55337 (Follow signs for room location)	Monday and Tuesday, <b>August 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015</b> 9AM to 4PM (12pm to 1pm: <u>lunch on your own</u> )

Questions or Request for Accommodations
<a href="mailto:info@cuedspeechminnesota.org">info@cuedspeechminnesota.org</a> or 763-502-6737

CEUs are Offered
<p>Beginning Cue Class is pending approval for 1.2 Professional RID CEUs at “little/none” content level.                      Cued Speech Skills Class is pending approval for 1.2 Professional RID CEUs at “some” content level.                      Transliterator Cue Class is pending approval for 1.2 Professional RID CEUs at “some” content level.                      MRID is an approved sponsor.                      Transliterator Cue Class is pending approval for 12.0 CEHs from TECUnit, Inc.</p>



Registration form (fill out and detach)

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Class** (Check one)

Beginning Class

Cued Speech Skills

Transliterator Cue Class

**Cost** (Check one)

CSAM Member - \$60

Non-Member - \$75

**Send check payable to “CSAM” and this form to:**  
 CSAM, Attn: Sarah Druley  
 5056 3<sup>rd</sup> St NE  
 Fridley, MN 55421

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I was able to answer hundreds of questions and here are some I encountered:

### **Can you explain what Cued Speech is?**

Cued Speech was developed to provide complete visual access to spoken language(s) in real time. That's right, not just the phonemes, but the language itself! Though CS is not a language, true, it does provide complete visual access to the language. Cued Speech has been adapted to more than 60 languages and dialects.

### **Why would anyone want to use Cued Speech?**

Cued Speech was developed by Dr. R. Orin Cornett, in 1966, to promote literacy by putting a tool in the hands of hearing parents that allows them to visually give their spoken language to their deaf children. It gives deaf kids access to the spoken language of the

home.

### **Do you think Cued Speech is going to replace ASL?**

Of course not, ASL is the language of the deaf. CS is for providing visual access to spoken language(s). Persons deaf or hard of hearing are expected to learn to read and write English. CS provides visual access to English, making a way for English fluency in reading, writing and communicating.

**More questions were;** Where can I learn to cue? How does it work? Can you show me? What is Cued Speech for? You're still around? Who uses Cued Speech? Why don't we learn about this in deaf education classes?

I met high school students taking ASL classes, professionals already in the field and others just entering into the field, parents, CODA's, and people from the deaf and hard of hearing community. I was really impressed with the warmth and genuine curiosity as well as the patience with my limited signing knowledge; the frank honesty of the questions was especially refreshing! Though I didn't have time to see much of the fair myself, I truly enjoyed the experience!

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## **National Cued Speech Association (NCSA) visits Minnesota**

The NCSA held their board meeting at the Commons Hotel on the University of Minnesota Campus May 1st & 2nd, 2015.

The current NCSA Board is made up of nearly 50% native, deaf cuers! One presenter is working with Melanie Metzger, Ph.D, Chair & Professor at Gallaudet, on an online beginning Cued Speech class. They intend to have the Gallaudet class available worldwide for college credit, by the fall of 2015.

During the meeting, the board also made a conference call with members from Hands & Voices (H&V) Headquarters. NCSA hopes to collaborate with H&V towards the goal of helping raise more awareness of Cued Speech around the U.S. (especially in states of active H&V chapters) so parents may know C.S. is a valid communication option.

Another focus for the board is to create better access and greater advocacy in colleges and universities around the country. There have been several students who have encountered numerous issues with their school not providing CLT's (Cued Speech Translitterators) for their classes (as an option).



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<https://www.facebook.com/cuedspeechminnesota>

## Upcoming Activities:

In the future, NCSA plans to have board meetings on college campuses. They hope colleges will provide technologically acceptable rooms for their classes and that it may also help Cued Speech become a more visible entity in education. The next board meeting will be held in Dallas, TX. The following meeting will be in San Francisco, CA where they look forward to meeting with the Korean community whom has shown a great interest. They plan to invite interested ones from Hawaii to attend their available NCSA classes in California.

**NCSA piloted a class on their visit: CLEAR (Cuers for Leadership, Education, and Advocacy Retreat).**

Fifteen local students attended with complete access via their cueing instructor, Aaron Rose, and the Translitterators that were provided. The retreat is designed to bring native teen and young adult cuers who are deaf and hard of hearing together to network, and collaborate on projects that promote Cued Speech as a communication option

for the deaf and hard of hearing. They were also able to enjoy hearing from some local adult native cuers, (thanks guys!).

(For more on info on CLEAR, go to: <http://www.cuedspeech.org/connect/clear>).

Learn more about NCSA at <http://www.cuedspeech.org/>

### Cue & Game Night

CSAM is hosting an informal free get-together for all cueing families and families interested in Cued Speech. Bring a dish to share!

**When:**  
Thur. July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
5pm to 8:30pm

**Where:** Eagan, MN

**Contact Janet to RSVP and receive location details:**  
[janvalfig@gmail.com](mailto:janvalfig@gmail.com)  
(651) 450-9521

### Practice Cue Clutch With Sarah Druley

Come practice cueing! All skill levels welcomed!

**When:** Fri. June 26, 2015  
11:30am-12:30pm

**Where:** Cherry Berry  
925 E County Rd E  
Vadnais Heights, MN 55127

### 2015 Cue Camps Camp Chi-Cue-Go

(Jacksonville, Illinois)  
**July 23-25, 2015**

Experience two fun-filled days of learning and practicing Cued Speech. Come socialize with old and new friends! Our camp is a family-friendly camp for children, individuals and families at the Illinois School for the Deaf in Jacksonville, Illinois. Cued Speech classes for all levels are provided. Additionally, presentations, speakers, fun activities, and socialization/networking opportunities are held each day!

Online brochures/registration available soon. For more camp information, contact Karla Giese at [karla.giese@agbms.org](mailto:karla.giese@agbms.org)

Or go to the National Cued Speech website at [www.cuedspeech.org/cue-camps](http://www.cuedspeech.org/cue-camps)

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## 2015 Calendar of Events

### June

**Cue Clutch:**  
June 26<sup>th</sup>

### July

**Cue & Game Night:**  
July 16<sup>th</sup>,

**Camp Chi-Cue-Go:**  
July 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>

### August

**Cued Speech Classes:**  
August 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>