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Letter from the President

By Melissa Link-Cole, OSHA President

Spring is a time for renewal and rebirth; plants grow, flowers bloom, and we take in the beauty around us. It is also time for graduations to happen. People begin a new chapter of their life with the completion of the previous one. I would like to congratulate all of the students in our three SLP programs that are graduating this year. In total between Pacific University, Portland State University, and University of Oregon, we have 114 new colleagues joining us in our work! You have worked so very hard and accomplished much during your graduate program, especially in a time when there were many uncertainties as we continued to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. I wish you all the best as you embark on your career and I hope you are welcomed by seasoned colleagues who support and mentor you. Welcome!

Best wishes,

Melissa



ASHA Grant

By Melissa Link-Cole, OSHA President



In early February 2022, OSHA applied for a grant from ASHA to cover some of the expenses for our lobbyist, Nicole Palmateer-Hazelbaker. Since the members of the OSHA Board are strictly volunteers, it is crucial to our success with legislative efforts to have a lobbyist working for and advocating for the more than 2,000 speech-language pathology and audiology professionals in the State of Oregon. On March 4th, ASHA awarded OSHA \$5000 to help pay for our lobbyist this year. Thank you, ASHA! Additionally, OSHA is very grateful to our membership whose dues also assist in paying for not only the lobbyist, but our administrator, and expenses associated with the fall and spring conferences we host each year.

Oregon Higher Education Representative Updates

U of O (Jayme Sloan)

We had a great time returning to the world of in-person conferences at CAPCSD! We just wrapped up a successful admissions season and are looking forward to welcoming our new cohort this Fall. All of our current 2nd years are in their full time externships as they gear up for graduation and begin to enter the field. We are proud to announce that Dr. Lauren Cycyk has received a new R01 grant from the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, entitled, "Addressing Structural Disparities for Children with Early Communication Disorders." This multiple PI project emerged from a collaboration established with Katie Zuckerman (pediatrician at OHSU) as a result of the UO-OHSU Collaborative Seed Grant the team was awarded in 2018. We are also thrilled to announce that our doctoral student, Sabreen NoorAli has received a P.E.O International Peace Scholarship. We are looking forward to a busy summer term which includes the return of some of our in-person camps!

Pacific University (Jordan Tinsley)

As graduation approaches, 5/21/22, our second-year graduate students are wrapping up their externships and looking toward their clinical fellowships! We are so proud of this graduating class and the adversity they have overcome through a pandemic, social unrest, wildfires, and ice storms to earn their master's degrees. We look forward to celebrating graduation again in person. Our first-year students are completing their second semester and first community placement in a variety of school settings. They are going to be involved in a rigorous summer simulation program focused on assessment skills, using both guided virtual simulations as well as in-person simulations with simulated patients. Additionally, they will have other community clinical experiences. Pacific faculty had a good showing at the Council of Academic Programs in CSD (CAPCSD) annual conference which was held in Portland. Kerry Mandulak was an invited pre-conference speaker and shared information on the holistic admissions process. Pacific's graduate program turns 10 this year! We are working to plan a weekend of celebration, continuing education, and social events. More details to come. Admissions season has wrapped up and we look forward to welcoming the class of 2024 soon!

PSU (Maria Kapantzoglou)

PSU SPHR will be offering a 100% online undergraduate degree (BS/BA) option starting in Fall 2022. This is in addition to our CSD Certificate program for post bacc students which is already 100% online.

The Pacific EarClinic (PEC) is now up and running on the Portland State University campus. This new audiology clinic offers audiologic services to our community and acts as a training facility for Pacific University audiology graduate students. Services include:

- Diagnostic hearing evaluations for adults and children
- Hearing aid fittings
- Hearing conservation, including custom musician's earplugs and in-ear monitors
- Hearing Assistive Technology Systems (HATS) and Assistive Listening Device (ALD) consultations

Please contact the PEC for more information:

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Dr. McGill was the guest editor for a LSHSS special issue on telepractice interventions which was just fully published this week.



Carolyn Quam, Assistant Professor of Speech and Hearing Sciences, PSU, co-edited (with lead editor F. Sayako Earle) a special issue of Brain and Language, entitled, "Perceptual flexibility for speech: What are the pros and cons?" The special issue can be accessed here (several of the articles are open access). The Introduction, written by Earle and Quam, is available for free download before May 25th. Dr. Quam will be on sabbatical next school year.



DO YOU PROVIDE CARE FOR A FAMILY MEMBER WITH PARKINSON'S DISEASE?

*Help us better capture the
challenges of caregiving.*

If you are at least 18 years old and a family caregiver of someone living with Parkinson's disease, researchers at the University of Oregon and McMaster University invite you to participate in a study. Your participation would involve a brief 10-15 minute online survey.

For more information and the link to participate, please contact us at sshune@uoregon.edu



Have you or a loved one been diagnosed with dementia?

**Nutritional intake can be a challenge.
Help us better understand your needs
and potential solutions!**

Volunteers in the Portland area are invited to participate in a research study investigating a new snack-food intervention for individuals with dementia.

You may qualify if you currently live at home and have a diagnosis of dementia or probable dementia.

Compensation and full nutritional and swallowing assessments will be provided.

For more information, please contact us:
(541) 346-7494 or sshune@uoregon.edu



OSHA Board Position Openings

OSHA would like to announce that the **Website Chair** Board position will be open in June, 2022. Deidre Galvin-McLaughlin is resigning from this position because she is moving out of state. Thank you, Deidre, for the time you've volunteered with OSHA and for the work you've done as website chair. You will be missed, but we wish you well!

The role of the Website Committee, headed by the Website Chair, is to ensure updated and accurate information is available to members and to the public on the OSHA website.

Responsibilities of the Website Committee Chair include:

- Serve as a member of the Communications Committee.
- Recruit committee members and convene committee meetings as needed; document proceedings of committee meetings.
- Report to the OSHA Board on the activities of the Website Committee.
- Solicit and generate material for the Association website.
- Plan, organize, design material on the Association website.
- Update website as needed.
- Coordinate with Advertising Chair for acceptance and placement of advertisements on the Association website.

OSHA would like to announce that the **SLP Clinic-Based SLP** Board position is vacant. Please read the responsibilities below and email oshaoregon@gmail.com if interested.

The role of the Clinic-Based SLP Professional Affiliate is to provide guidance to the OSHA Board on matters relating to the clinical practice of speech-language pathology, facilitate continuing education activities specific to the clinical practice of speech-language pathology, and provide information regarding issues of clinical practice relating to quality assurance, standards of practice, clinical outcomes and licensure.

OSHA would like to announce that the **STAR** Board position is vacant. Please read the responsibilities below and email oshaoregon@gmail.com if interested.

The State Advocates for Reimbursement (STARs) are ASHA-member audiologists and speech-language pathologists who advocate in their states for improved health care coverage and reasonable reimbursement. https://www.asha.org/practice/reimbursement/private-plans/reimbursement_network/

OSHA would like to announce that the **Speech-Language Pathology Assistant Professional Affiliate** position is vacant. Please read the responsibilities below and email oshaoregon@gmail.com if interested.

The role of the Speech-Language Pathology Assistant Professional Affiliate is to provide guidance to the Board on matters relating to speech-language pathology assistants, facilitate continuing education activities specific to speech-language pathology assistants, and provide information regarding issues of practice for speech-language pathology assistants.

Responsibilities of the Speech-Language Pathology Assistant Professional Affiliate include:

- Advise the OSHA Board on issues pertaining to speech-language pathology assistants.
- Assist the Conference Committee in developing the Fall Conference continuing education activities specific to the needs of speech-language pathology assistants.
- Assist the Association lobbyist and Vice President of Governmental Affairs with preparation of testimony for governmental entities on issues affecting the practice of speech-language pathology assistants.
- Gather and report information regarding speech-language pathology assistants to the OSHA Board and to the membership at the annual business meeting, newsletter, etc.
- Recruit committee members and chair meetings as needed to fulfill the duties of the position, and maintain appropriate records of committee meetings.



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