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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Dr. Laretta Manning

I am truly honored to be the 2014 president of Oregon Speech and Hearing Association. This year's lively business luncheon at the convention in Salem showcased the legacy of leaders who have shaped our profession as well as OSHA.



The enigmatic guest speaker, former governor Barbara Roberts, as well as a video presentation of Warren Johnson, Louise Feldman and Joann Smithpeter (thank you John Tracy) outlined the historical perspective of the implementation of licensure. These professionals highlighted the important work that a group of dedicated individuals can accomplish, and made me proud of being a speech-language pathologist, as well as a member of OSHA. It also raised the question - what next?

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Celebrating 40!

by Linda D'Onofrio

Who knew there were so many sexy old men in OSHA? Not me, I tell ya!

If you were in attendance at the 2013 OSHA Conference Business Luncheon, you learned that our own Don Nelson (OSHA President 1975) has won the heart of our beloved former

Legislative Update

by Karen Aguilera, Legislative Committee Chair



The Oregon legislature had a busy year during 2013. Our lobbying team has been working hard with OSHA to respond to proposed legislation and administrative rules in order to support and protect our patients, clients, students, members, and the professions of speech-language pathology and audiology.

[Click to read about the bills we have been working on.](#)

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governor, Barbara Roberts. And no one in attendance will ever forget the moment when Warren Johnson (OSHA President 1965) took the stage to lecture us on being dumbbells and to remind us that, even at 86, you can't beat sex!

For those members who were unable to attend our Friday business lunch, you can still be a part of the experience. [Click here](#) to read the Governor's speech.

by Amy Costanza-Smith, 2013 Program Chair

Thanks to everyone who joined us for the fall conference in Salem. This year's conference was a great success with 445 registrants! I am very excited to report that, among them, were more than X0 student attendees, which is an amazing turnout. We are especially grateful to our many student presenters who joined us this year. Many thanks to all of you who attended and made our conference such a success!

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THE GLOBAL LEADER IN BIRTH TO 21-YEAR-OLD PROGRAMS!

2013 Award Recipients



by Nancy Fulton

Congratulations to our 2013 OSHA award recipients! We awarded a total of seven awards, including one Honors of the Association. New this year was the connection of the Outstanding Student awards to OSHA scholarship money. Each of the student awardees received a \$500 scholarship. [Click here to find out who the 2013 award recipients are!](#)

Closing in on Universal Licensure for Oregon

by **Wendy Gunter, Ashley Northem & John Tracy**

The executive board of the Oregon Speech-Language and Hearing Association (OSHA) is taking further steps to move speech-language pathologists to a single license to practice in any venue. The core of this strategy is educational in nature. In light of this, the Board sent out a letter to all school district and education service district (SD or ESD) human resources and special education directors to inform them that it only takes a policy change on their part to allow employment of speech-language pathologists licensed by the Oregon Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology. [Read More](#)

News from University of Oregon

by **Lezlie Pearce-Hopper**

- **U of O Represented at ASHA:** Six poster presentations by University of Oregon students have been selected to present at the [ASHA Convention in Chicago, IL on November 14-16, 2013](#). [Click here to learn more about the presentations.](#)
- **U of O Represented at OSHA:** Three five hundred dollar scholarships were awarded at this year's OSHA Friday luncheon to a student selected by U of O, PSU, and Pacific. 63 students from the programs were in attendance at that event. At Saturday's luncheon the 50/50 raffle tickets sold by OSHA past presidents raised nearly \$500 for the student scholarship fund.

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The OSHA Board Welcomes New Members



Vicki Edwards, OSHA Secretary

Hello fellow SLPs! I am excited to be a part of the OSHA board and look forward to my new role as secretary. I feel this is a great way to learn more about state issues that affect our profession, get to know other SLPs outside of my work environment and have fun.

[Read more about Vicki](#)



Karen McLaughlin, OSHA Vice President of Scientific & Educational Affairs

As the incoming Vice President of Scientific and Educational Affairs, I look forward to serving the OSHA membership and planning next year's conference. This work is, in fact, done by committee and I am grateful to those who have already offered to help. I am also very appreciative of Amy Costanza-Smith's offer to mentor me as I learn the ropes. I will put forth my best effort to continue the emphasis on high quality, evidence based, clinical decision-making, which has characterized the annual OSHA conference.

[Read more about Karen](#)



Corinne Thomas-Kersting, OSHA Region 1 Representative

I am pleased to join the OSHA Board as the representative for Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, Washington, Yamhill, Polk, Lincoln, and Benton counties. I have enjoyed being a speech-language pathologist for over thirty years and have served students in the public





schools as a direct service provider, augmentative communication consultant and administrator.

[Read more about Corinne](#)



Kathy Ware, OSHA Public School SLP Representative

Kathy is looking forward to the challenge of representing public school SLPs at the state level and to working with the many talented and inspiring SLPs on the OSHA Board.

[Read more about Kathy](#)

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In Memoriam

Joan McMahon, 1931-2013

Joan McMahon, Associate Professor Emerita of Communication, was born August 29, 1931, in Waco, Texas and died July 26, 2013 in Portland. She leaves a highly regarded legacy of achievements and accomplishments in the field of speech and hearing sciences. Colleagues in various PSU departments and professional organizations highly respected her productivity, problem solving abilities, and dedication to the mission of preparing future speech-language pathologists and audiologists. [Read More](#)



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