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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Dr. Lauretta Manning

Dear fellow SLPs, Audiologists, SLPAs and soon-to-be professionals,

On January 26th, (with gavel in hand!), I had the pleasure of chairing the first Oregon Speech-Language and Hearing Association Board meeting of 2014 with a robust roster of committee and affiliate members. As a volunteer organization, we are so fortunate to have commitments from many gifted individuals, including higher education



representatives and students from all three Universities!

Working in a school district, I have a tendency to become myopic about professional issues of speech-language pathology, so being involved in OSHA reminds me of the diversity and scope of our great field.

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## Honor an Unsung Hero

by Linda D'Onofrio

We work with brilliant clinicians and talented educators. We admire dedicated administrators and those working in the trenches. We should give shout-outs to our outstanding colleagues who go the extra mile. And it's so easy!

OSHA wants to honor the SLPs and

## **Legislative Update**

by Karen Aguilera, Legislative Committee Chair



The short 2014 legislative session will be running throughout February, and our OSHA lobbyists have been busy searching for legislation of interest to OSHA. Last year, OSHA successfully lobbied for an SLP position on this board, that will help craft... Click to read about the bills we have been working on.

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audiologists that are moving our profession forward and working to secure high quality services for the children and adults that depend on us. Nominations are now accepted all year long on our website: Oregon Speech-Language & Hearing Association. Contact Linda D'Onofrio at Iinda@donofrioslp.com for more information.

Please refer to the article below for more details on nominations.

Click here to view article

#### by Karen McLaughin, 2014 Program Chair

I am pleased to announce the 2014 OSHA Conference will be held October 10-11 at the Hilton Hotel in Eugene, Oregon. It has been seven years since the conference was last held in Eugene, and I hope the membership will enjoy returning. The Eugene Hilton has undergone a significant renovation. The rooms and open spaces are

comfortable and inviting. In addition, there are large meeting spaces to hold our most popular sessions. **Read More** 

## **New CPT Codes and Home Health**

by Nicole Collings, Healthcare Committee

#### New CPT Codes:

Implementation of the four new CPT (current procedural terminology) codes for speech-language pathology evaluations went into effect January 1, 2014. The codes are intended to be more specific and **replace** the old 92506 evaluation code...

ASHA will be releasing another article about the use of codes in the March ASHA Leader. In the interim, go to the ASHA website for more information and FAQs: <u>ASHA Website</u> <u>Read more about Healthcare</u>

## **Telepractice in Oregon**

by Ashley Northam, SLPAC Advisory Member

Telepractice has become a hot topic in healthcare and the field of speech pathology lately. The services, technology and regulations are continuing to change at a rapid pace. It is important to be knowledgeable about your responsibilities and requirements if you do choose to provide therapy services through telepractice.

There are several pure telepractice companies that are trying to expand this market. Making services more accessible for clients/patients/students is a very good thing. However, one size does not fit all. The client/patient/student should be making progress and should be engaged in the session in some way <a href="Click">Click</a> here to read more about Telepractice in Oregon







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

## **ASHA** Journals

by Ashley Northam, SLPAC Advisory Member

Remember when getting the ASHA Journals used to be a huge pain? This required you to remember a separate password and separate website. The good news is, that your ASHA password can now access all of these resources in one place. The ASHA Wire was launched in December to streamline these resources and offer a

digital publication library. Click here to read more about ASHAWire.



## Your OSHA Ethics Committee is at your service!

**Medical Settings**: Please contact Caitlin McDonnell, Assistant Professor of Clinical Education at Pacific University. Caitlin specializes in Pediatric Feeding and Craniofacial/Cleft Palate. She is happy to provide assistance with issues in hospitals, rehab centers, skilled nursing and other medical sites. Caitlin can be reached at <a href="mailto:caitlin.mcdonnell@pacificu.edu">caitlin.mcdonnell@pacificu.edu</a>, 503-352-1596.

**Private Practice and Tele-therapy Settings**: Please contact Patricia Grady, SLP in private practice and with Presence Learning. Patricia will help with private practice, independent contracting, and tele-therapy questions. Patricia can be reached at **tricia.grady@presencelearning.com**, 541-357-7586

**Schools and Educational Settings**: Please contact Teresa Roberts, Assistant Professor of Clinical Education at Pacific University. Teresa has experience with Special Education Law and service provision. She will provide support with concerns relating to SLP services in schools. Teresa can reached at **t.roberts@pacificu.edu**, 503-352-1524

## Historical Clips about Oregon Speech-Language & Hearing Association

#### by John Tracy

This column will bring forward and describe some of the historical events that shaped the professions of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology in our state. Besides describing the event, I will offer what effect it had on the professions. The content will be a mixture of achievements in the political arena along with significant new strategies that were introduced in the past.

Speaking of history, if you missed the video "Celebrating 40 Years of Licensure in Oregon", shown at the Fall Conference of the Oregon Speech-Language and Hearing Association (OSHA) this year, here Click here to read more about the History of OSHA

## **Practice Portal**

by Ashley Northam, SLPAC Advisory Member

Do you know about ASHA's Practice Portal? It is an awesome resource available for members on the website. The Portal provides resources to assist in Evidence Based Decision Making pertaining to clinical and professional issues. The portal resources are organized by topic. Other tools such as Professional Issues, Evidence Maps, Handouts, and Templates are also available. More topics are being added as the site grows. Visit the ASHA Practice Portal

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#### The OSHA Board Welcomes New Members



#### Sarah Harris, Student Rep - Pacific U

I graduated from Fontbonne University in St. Louis, Missouri with a bachelor's degree in Speech Language Pathology in May of 2013. Shortly thereafter, my family and I moved to the Pacific Northwest in order for me to attend Pacific University in August. Read more about Sarah



#### Naomi Magid, Student Rep - U of O

My name is Naomi Magid and I am a senior at the University of Oregon, in my last year of studies in Communication Disorders and Sciences. I am from Santa Cruz, California, and I am an avid lover of the ocean. As a current Eugene resident, I have found that it's easy to love the rich greenery of Oregon, a beautiful gem in its own right. This year I will serve as the Undergraduate Read more about Naomi



#### Claudia Meyer, Higher Ed Rep - PSU

Claudia Meyer is excited and honored to join the OSHA board. Claudia has worked in the graduate program at Portland State University since 2006 and is beginning her third year as the Clinic Director. She loves working with graduate students and <a href="Read more about">Read more about</a> Claudia



#### Oneida Trainor, Student Rep - PSU

Oneida Trainor is a first-year graduate student at Portland State University (PSU) and is honored to serve as the student representative for PSU. Her initial interested in speech and hearing sciences began while working as a paraprofessional **Read more about Oneida** 



#### Emma Reznic, Publications Co-Chair

I am very excited to join the OSHA board as one of the co-chairs of Publications! I have worked with both pediatrics and adults since graduating from the University of Pittsburgh in 2008. Currently I am working for Northwest regional ESD with <a href="Read more about Emma">Read more about Emma</a>

## Closing in on Universal Licensure for Oregon

### by Wendy Gunter, Ashley Northam, & John Tracy

Although the Board of the Oregon Speech-Language and Hearing Association (OSHA), adopted a light touch, evolutionary approach to universal licensure at its October meeting, based on the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Universal Licensure; there was a nod to continue the effort to eventually achieve universal licensure. This small committee continues its efforts toward this end. Click to read more about Universal Licensure for Oregon

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