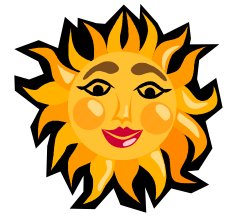




# WSHA NEWS

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**From the desk of**  
**Christiane Dechert,**  
**President Elect:**

It's time to mark your calendars and register for the upcoming 2007 Wyoming Speech and Hearing Association Annual Convention!

The Casper home team and I are looking forward to welcoming all of you in Casper, at the comfortable Holiday Inn "Casper On-the-River" on F Street on September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. When you arrive on Wednesday, the 26<sup>th</sup>; please join fellow WSHA members for dinner at selected restaurants, or attend the WSHA board meeting from 6:00-8:00.

Following the board meeting, you are cordially invited to attend a dessert reception for exhibitors and WSHA members, from 8:00 to 9:00 pm.

This year's convention, which will run two full days, will give participants the opportunity to earn up to 1.5 CEUs in addition to attending sessions on topics of interest and networking with other SLPs and audiologists.

We are looking forward to learning from a variety of excellent presenters, including Barbara Moore-Brown, a nationally recognized expert on Response to Intervention, and Florence Baker, the well-known pioneer on Vocal Cord Dysfunction. In addition, there will be a presentations on Apraxia by Julie Wambaugh, a professor at the University of Utah and researcher on adult neurogenic issues with the Salt Lake City VA Medical Center; on Pediatric Audiology by Elizabeth Runnion of Boys Town National Research Hospital; on Pediatric Dysphagia by Angela Haas of the Feeding and Swallowing Program at the Children's Hospital in Denver, and on the Lidcombe Method for treating stuttering by my esteemed colleague and University of Wyoming Clinical Educator Marcia Kelley. Tom Thunder, who holds an AuD and is an

environmental noise engineer, has been referred to as the "Silent Knight" by Chicago Magazine – despite his last name. He will present on hearing conservation. Several WSHA members have generously agreed to facilitate round tables on high interest topics such as cognitive retraining and literacy based language treatment.

The main social event on Thursday evening will allow ample opportunity for networking, socializing, visiting, and extraordinary dining. We will meet at the Nicolaysen Museum at 6:30 pm, enjoy food catered by the Herbadashery, and then engage in learning the traditional folk dance of clogging – right at the museum!

The hometown team, under direction of Emily Trujillo, has been collecting fabulous donations for WSHA's silent auction. May I invite you to bring a gift for the silent auction from your hometown?

We look forward to seeing you in Casper at the end of September!

### **PTSB and Changes in Certification\***

\*taken from e-mail correspondence from Dr. Connie J. Pollard, Executive Director of the Professional Standards Teaching Board (PTSB) dated 4/25/07

In May, a concerned WSHA member approached the Executive Board about addressing the upcoming deadline by which K-12 speech-language therapists are required to have completed an MA or its equivalency by January 2008 to renew their teaching certificate. PTSB originally passed this requirement in 1992. According to Dr. Pollard, there are over a dozen SLPs that are up for renewal prior to January 2008 who have not yet submitted documentation that they are in compliance with the 1992 requirement. She reported that the PTSB *may consider* allowing individuals to apply for an Exception Authorization when they renew. These

Exception Authorizations will be new starting June 1, 2007.

According to the information received by this concerned WSHA member, the PTSB **will** enforce the deadline. SLPs who do not currently meet the deadline have until the end of this calendar year to complete the 1992 requirement. If there are questions, please contact Dr. Connie Pollard at [cpolla@state.wy.us](mailto:cpolla@state.wy.us) or 307/777-7291.

As discussed at the last WSHA board meeting on June 12, 2007, the executive board is in full support of PTSB enforcing their original requirement for all K-12 SLPs to have their master's degree or equivalency to practice in the schools. This requirement is commensurate with the ASHA standards for certification and promotes the highest level of education and training for its professionals.

WSHA thanks its members for bringing these important issues to the forefront for discussion. If you have issues that would be appropriate for WSHA to address, contact **any** executive board member to request that the item be placed on an upcoming agenda. The next WSHA business meeting is scheduled for the 2007 WSHA Convention in Casper on September 27-28.



## **IMASH 2008**

There is now a website address for you to get the latest information on the 2008 Intermountain Area Speech and Hearing (IMASH) Convention in Salt Lake City. Contact: [www.robertcraven.com/imash.htm](http://www.robertcraven.com/imash.htm) for hotel and program information. In January, 2008, the IMASH committee will issue a call for papers. Strongly consider presenting at this regional event about all the great things that professionals in Wyoming are doing. If you have ideas about what YOU would like to see for this special event, contact the IMASH team at the above address as soon as possible OR better yet, consider becoming one of the many volunteers needed for the conference itself.

## **Stroke Support Group Kicks Off in Laramie**

By Sarah Rose Beddes, 2<sup>nd</sup> year Graduate Student

Mr. & Mrs. Tom and Sandra Rardin and the Division of Communication Disorders at the University of Wyoming would like to announce and invite you to join a support group for families and victims of stroke. Tom suffered a stroke on November 11, 2005, after which his ability to communicate was severely diminished. The repercussions of this sudden struggle with communication were social, emotional and physical. Tom and Sandra would like to share their experiences with you as well as have you share your experiences with them, in an endeavor to form a network of support and friendship with victims and families with similar experiences. It is our hope to provide information and resources that will help educate you and your family throughout your recovery process, as well as provide you with a social outlet.

Monthly meetings are being planned for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the College of Health Sciences 4<sup>th</sup> -floor social area at the University of Wyoming in Laramie. The next meeting is scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to attend or need more information, contact Sarah Rose Beddes at [rosiered@gmail.com](mailto:rosiered@gmail.com). We look forward to meeting you.

## **ASHA Legislative Council News**

from Tempe Murphy:

### **ASHA Elections**

Please encourage members in your state to vote. Voting opens August 1 and closes on August 31. Information on the Elections including bios of candidates is posted on the ASHA Web site at <http://www.asha.org/about/leadership-projects/election/default>.



### **Electronic Communication**

Remind your delegation and your constituents that electronic communication is THE LC mode of communication. Thus, you should make clear to your constituents and members of your

delegation to carefully watch for email communications from ASHA and to check-out the frequently updated Governance Web pages at

<http://www.asha.org/about/Leadership-projects/>.

### **Update on the Transition to the New Governance Structure**

The following information is provided by Lisa O'Connor, Chair of Education and Communication, Legislative Council Governing Board. Should your constituents have questions regarding the new governance structure, please refer them to Lisa via email ([lisa4asha@hotmail.com](mailto:lisa4asha@hotmail.com)).

#### 1. Governance Transition Committee:

- a) The revised Bylaws were posted on the LC Web Forum and the comment period ended on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Over the next three weeks the Governance Transition Committee (GTC), will address the comments received, make any appropriate modifications to the proposed Bylaws and they will then be submitted to LC for a vote sometime in August.
- b) The Governance Transition Committee has developed the following documents to facilitate transition to the new governance structure:
  - Roles and responsibilities of Advisory Council Members
  - Position description for the Advisory Council Chairs and Vice Chairs
  - BOD process for obtaining, using and responding to input and issues identified by Advisory Councils, members and other entities.
  - Process for the Advisory Councils to discuss and rank issues of concern.
  - Process for the Advisory Councils to review ASHA's budget.
  - Process for the Advisory Councils to participate in the formal peer review of all ASHA policy documents.
- c) The GTC has also provided recommendations for the:
  - Development of a Communication Plan to inform members and other ASHA entities about the new governance structure.

- Development of an evaluation plan to determine the efficiency and effectiveness of the new governance structure.
  - d) The GTC will continue development of policies and procedures needed for a smooth transition to the new governance model that has been designed to be responsive to ASHA member wants, needs, and trends.
2. The Executive Board/Board of Directors will be completing the following activities:
    - Determine need for any new ASHA standing committees/boards (e.g. planning)
    - Determine committee/board assignments for members of the BOD
    - Develop a process for the BOD to consider resolutions
    - Develop a process for members to develop and submit resolutions to the BOD
    - Develop procedures for the BOD, in collaboration with the Advisory Councils, to conduct a Membership Forum at the ASHA convention where members may present issues face to face to the BOD and representatives of the Advisory Councils.
  3. National Office Staff is establishing an electronic system that will be available on a continuous basis for all ASHA members to provide information on issues of concern and provide input on issues being discussed by the BOD.

Please contact Tempe with any questions or comments at 307-752-7346 or [tempe@fiberpipe.net](mailto:tempe@fiberpipe.net).

### **CAREER CENTER at WSHA**

The WSHA website is pleased to announce a brand new link for those wishing to post job opportunities and/or search for jobs around the state and beyond. Click on 'Career Center' from the side-bar menu which takes you to

JobTarget.com. This is an Internet-based company that specifically targets professional state associations in helping them to connect those needing to hire professionals and those needing a job. The company works with state associations to help them with potential revenue-making profits for the association. There is no cost to WSHA for setting up this service and there is the potential for WSHA to make a small profit depending upon which companies use the service. There is a separate link to this page that looks exactly like the rest of the WSHA website but is managed completely by the staff at JobTarget.com. The WSHA Executive Board has agreed to give this service a minimum of 6 months from the launch date to determine if it is meeting the needs of the members and those interested in finding professionals to work. If you know of someone who would like to post a job opening to the WSHA website OR if you are looking for a job, the Career Center is the place to go. Check it out!

### **Timothy Kowalski speaks on Asperger's**

On July 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, speech-language pathologist and author of the book, *The Source on Asperger's Syndrome* (Linguisticsystems) presented to a capacity crowd at the University of Wyoming for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Barbara Kahn Lecture Series hosted by the Division of Communication Disorders. Fifty-seven attendees, including school educators, counselors, ComDis graduate students and practicing SLPs from around the state were captivated by Mr. Kowalski's interactive and engaging presentation. Speaking about asperger's syndrome from the viewpoint of the recent hit movie, *Napoleon Dynamite*, Mr. Kowalski presented on everything from assessment to valuable treatment methods.

In addition to this presentation, attending SLP's were entered into a raffle at the start and end of his presentation and at each break. Not only did this get the crowd back into their seats on time but it allowed the Division to acknowledge and give a small, "thanks" to the SLPs who have supervised graduate students over the past several years.

Raffle prizes included copies of Mr. Kowalski's book, The Test of Narrative Language (TNL), and various treatment materials. The lucky winners were: Cindy Anderson, Diana Seabeck, Cindy Townsend, Leah Horst, Cathy Ross, Stephanie Sailors, Kathy Jones, Kim Lewis, Kelly Shamblin, Martie Brown, Susan Carpenter, Barb Jairell, Amy Kent, Melissa Gardner, Anna Anderson, Amelia Medina, Mary Streib, Cindy Lentsch, Ramona Beach, Shirla Loutas, Jennifer Keeler, Eileen Ziemann, Katherine Kifer, Lani Kersenbrock and Amy Bracken. Congratulations and thank you for your continued support of our graduate students!

Please consider joining other WSHA members next summer when Shelley Velleman will present on Childhood Apraxia on July 7, 8 and 9<sup>th</sup> 2008. As with this conference, the only advertisement and registration information will be posted on the WSHA website, in the WSHA newsletters and on the Division of Communication Disorders web page. Save the date today on your calendars!

### **ASHA Reinstatement Opportunity for Past CCC Holders in Audiology**

On January 1, 2007, ASHA implemented the new Standards for the Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) in Audiology. The Council for Clinical Certification is offering all those whose CCC has lapsed due to non-payment of annual fees or personal resignation the opportunity to reinstate under the old, 1993 standards.

Anyone who falls in the above category and has not recently received an invitation to reinstate through the mail may call the Action Center at 1-800-498-2071.

This offer will expire on **December 21, 2007**. After that date the policy is as follows:

1. If lapsed less than 5 years – submit a reinstatement application form, the fee and evidence of professional development hours based on the number of years lapsed.

2. If lapsed more than 5 years – submit a new application for certification with the appropriate fee, obtain a passing score on the Praxis series examination within 5 years of application of reinstatement, complete a modified Clinical Fellowship (12 weeks duration), and accumulate 30 contact hours of professional development for the 3 years prior to the application for reinstatement.

Information on the 2007 Standards of the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology can be found on the ASHA web site at [http://www.asha.org/about/memberhsip-certification/certification/aud\\_standards\\_new.htm](http://www.asha.org/about/memberhsip-certification/certification/aud_standards_new.htm). ASHA encourages all those who are providing services to take advantage of this special offer. If you have any further questions about this offer contact Barbara Schuetz at [bschuetz@asha.org](mailto:bschuetz@asha.org) or 301/897/5700 ext. 4292.

