



# WSHA News



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## 2004

### **ANNOUNCING ELECTION WINNERS!**

Thanks to many, many WSHA Members voting, we have two newly elected Board Members stepping into the positions of President Elect and Treasurer. On November 14, 2003 Shane Hunsaker was voted President Elect and Ramona Beach was elected Treasurer. Thank you to all the WSHA members who took the time to vote in this important election! Congratulations, Shane and Ramona! I know these two will serve WSHA well!

### **GOODBYE!**

Dear WSHA Membership,

As my year as WSHA president comes to an end I would like to thank and recognize many important individuals in our membership. First, thank you to ALL the volunteers that make our organization viable! This includes many, many SLP's and audiologists from all over our state. Thank you to the volunteers that were lead by Tom Rowley for putting on the great convention in Casper this past October. A team effort such as the one Casper pulled together indicates that we have a strong, and alive organization!

Thank you, also, to all of the WSHA Board members, who often go un-thanked, for their volunteer time to keeping WSHA afloat. This includes all of our Regional Representatives; Christa Vandervort, Heather Zupan, Ann Van Trump, Lisa Pauk, Debbie Kinniburgh, Ruby Zubrod, and Lynda Coyle. It also includes newsletter editor; Jeanne Raney, Parliamentarian; Shane Hunsaker, Secretary; Kati Sherwood, Licensing Representative; Cindy Paylor, Legislative Counselor; Nena Germany-Greer, Continuing Education Chair; Tempe Murphy, and President Elect; Cathy Ross.

Several WSHA Board Members have indicated the need to step down from their positions. I would like to thank those WSHA Board Members that will end their tenure on the WSHA Board in 2003 and their volunteering replacements: Anglea Luper was Region 2 Representative and has been replaced by Patti Drui of Jackson. Heather Zupan was Region 3 Representative and has been replaced by Mary Jo Petras of Cody. Lisa Pauk was Region 5 representative and will be replaced by Tom Rowley of Casper. Debbie Kinniburgh is Region 6 Representative and will be replaced by Caty

Draper of Rawlins. Region 7 has been open all year and now filled by Mary McCarty of LaGrange.

A special thanks to the tireless efforts of Treasurer Judee Leugers, WSHA's income and expenses have been kept organized and always efficiently reported! Judee works with Christa Vandervort, the Membership Chairperson, to organize and keep yearly membership renewals on track. Judee will end her tenure as WSHA Treasurer December 31<sup>st</sup> and be replaced by the newly voted Ramona Beach. Ramona has big shoes to fill, but has past experience volunteering on the WSHA Board and will transition into her new position effortlessly!

Ann Norwood, current Past President, will be moving off the WSHA Board, but not out of the WSHA scene. Ann has been working on the giant task of securing non-dues revenue for WSHA. This is a very difficult area of work and Ann has been a great volunteer for our organization. I will replace Ann as Past President and Cathy Ross has assumed the leadership of WSHA as President. Cathy is a hard working, organized, driven individual that always gets things done! WSHA is fortunate to have her stepping

up to the wheel! Cathy will be replaced as President Elect by the newly voted in Shane Hunsaker. Shane assumed the role of President Elect in January 2004. Plans are already underway, thanks to Cathy, Shane and Tom Rowley, for our convention 2004.

WSHA will have a new Parliamentarian step onto the board as Marcia Kelly takes over this position previously held by Shane Hunsaker. WSHA continues to have open positions on our board, including Public Awareness Chair and the NSSLHA Representative for 2004. Please let Cathy Ross know if you are interested in being appointed to any of the open positions mentioned here.

I have learned so much over the last year as WSHA President. Thank you to all those who supported me and made my year better because of their involvement!

Mary



Hello!

I'm excited about the possibilities this year holds for our association as I take over the position of President. I appreciate the leadership skills that I've observed in the past two years from Ann Norwood and Mary Streib. I hope that I can measure up to

their example as I attempt to lead the organization in 2004.

I want to take this opportunity to highlight some of the board decisions from our meeting on January 10 in Casper. Most board positions have been filled and I believe we have a motivated group of leaders who want to work together to build WSHA. The board decided:

- 1) to allow the University of Wyoming NSSHLA, under the direction of Lynda Coyle, to plan for the WSHA's public awareness of May is Better Speech and Hearing Month
- 2) to allow our treasurer set up a contingency fund with financial advice from our bank for best options for investment.
- 3) To dispense with the summer conference since it is poorly attended and we offer 2.0 CEUs at our fall convention. We support the continuing educational offerings of the University of Wyoming. We can apply the budget for this conference to other areas.
- 4) Fund the SEAL position to attend a national SEAL conference.
- 5) Fund more money towards the CSAP (Council of State Association Presidents) conference so that 3 officers may attend. This is an excellent way of encouraging leadership within our organization.

- 6) Increase our student scholarship fund from 2 scholarships of \$250 to 3 scholarships of \$500 each. This is WSHA's commitment to the future of speech-language pathologists and audiologists in Wyoming. WSHA will continue to challenge members to contribute to our scholarship fund.
- 7) To participate in the Tri-State 2005 convention with Utah and Idaho (see "Save the Date" article for more information)
- 8) Established a Volunteer of the Year committee. Members are Mary Streib, Patti Drui, and Mary McCarty. If you know of a volunteer who deserves recognition, please submit your proposal to Mary Streib at [marys@rams.fremont2.k12.wy.us](mailto:marys@rams.fremont2.k12.wy.us)

Your regional representative will be contacting you to include you in regional activities and to participate in WSHA initiatives. Please encourage others who are not members of WSHA to join you. Let's reach out and show non-members why we need them in our association. I challenge each of you to be a leader in your community and workplace. Be an example of the professionalism and networking possibilities that are offered by WSHA.

Submitted by Cathy Ross,  
WSHA President.

## HELP WANTED



Now seeking interested members for the SEAL (State Education Advocacy Leader) Position for WSHA. The mission of the SEAL's network is to enhance advocacy, leadership and clinical management skills of school-based members at the state and local levels to influence administrative and public policy decisions that affect the delivery of speech-language pathology and audiology services in school settings.

The recommended term of office is three years. Seal meetings are held at ASHA conventions and if the SEAL is unable to attend ASHA, regular conference calls are scheduled several times a year. SEALs can also receive information from the SEAL listserv on a regular basis. NEW THIS YEAR: The WSHA board has budgeted funding for the SEAL to attend one of the SEAL conferences. One of these conferences is held during the ASHA schools conference.

SEALs are asked to develop a state action plan to guide them in their activities throughout the year. If you have any questions regarding this position or would like more information please contact:  
Debbie Kinniburgh  
[dkinniburgh@crb2.k12.wy.us](mailto:dkinniburgh@crb2.k12.wy.us)

or at home  
(307)-326-5527 or you can contact Cathy Ross at [cross@teton1.k12.wy.us](mailto:cross@teton1.k12.wy.us)

## WSHA Student and CF Sponsorship Program

At the WSHA October 3<sup>rd</sup> board meeting, the board approved a proposal for a student and clinical fellow member sponsorship program. Please consider sponsoring a student or CF when you mail in your membership renewal for 2004. If you have already renewed your membership for 2004, you can still add a sponsorship by filling in the information on the membership renewal form.

The WSHA Student and CF Sponsorship Program enables professional speech-language pathologists and audiologists to provide full sponsorship for WSHA memberships to students majoring in communication disorders or clinical fellow candidates.

To sponsor students or clinical fellows, members should indicate the amount of their contribution on their membership application or renewal. The fee for sponsoring a student is \$20 per year. The fee for sponsoring a clinical fellow is \$40.00 per year.

To qualify for a sponsored student membership, a student must be currently enrolled in a communication disorders program at the University of Wyoming.

Students must complete a WSHA membership application, note "Student Sponsorship" on the application form, and obtain the signature of the Division Chair.

To qualify for a sponsored CF membership, the CF candidate must be currently employed at a job site in Wyoming. Clinical fellows must complete a WSHA membership application and note "CF Sponsorship" on the application form. The CF supervisor must sign the application.

Sponsored student and CF memberships depend on membership's generosity and are assigned on a first-come-first-served basis. A member may request a specific student or CF candidate or may choose to be an anonymous sponsor. The WSHA Board would like to encourage members to mentor students and Clinical Fellows as a way of encouraging the future of our profession and our association.

## Convention 2003 Notes



- Number of people who attended: 128

- Total money raised from Silent Auction: \$1057.50
- UW Health Sciences Building/Division of Communication Disorders fund: \$281.00
- Total donations to student scholarship fund: \$270.00
- 50/50 Raffle: \$138
- Raffle ticket sales: \$523.00
- Early payment of 2004 dues: \$2230.00
- Mary Streib won Exhibitor bingo.
- Tammy Fausett, a graduate student at UW, won the 50/50 raffle.
- To show our appreciation for their hard, time-consuming work, WSHA donated a pizza party for the students of Kelly Walsh High School Work Study Program who assembled our convention binders and handouts.
- Congratulations to Christa Vandervort and L. Kay Collins. They are the winners of the Early Registration Contest. Judee Leugers, WSHA Treasurer, announced their registrations for the 2003 convention tied for earliest received. They will

receive free registration to the 2004 convention!

## For your information regarding ASHA CEUs-

ASHA CE would appreciate it if you could help us get this message out to members by publishing the information below in your association newsletters and/or web sites.

ASHA CE recognizes the concern members have regarding using their social security number when applying for ASHA CEUs. In an effort to eliminate that concern, we are phasing in the use of ASHA or NSSLHA account numbers. Beginning early in 2004, ASHA CEU Participant forms will no longer ask for social security numbers. Please read the important information below.

**IMPORTANT:** ASHA Continuing Education Registry Users Attending a continuing education course offering ASHA CEUS?

You will need your ASHA or NSSLHA account number. Bring your account number with you to complete the required form to earn ASHA CEUs. This number is most easily found on your membership card. You can also get your account number by contacting the Action Center, 800-498-2071 or by e-mail at: [actioncenter@asha.org](mailto:actioncenter@asha.org)

## Courses

Sheridan college is offering the continuing education class "Learning Language and Loving It" for 8 weeks from 6:00PM to 8:00PM in Buffalo. The course is STARS Accredited. I will be the instructor. For further information, or to register, contact Kira Wages: 684-7774 or [wages@vcn.net](mailto:wages@vcn.net).

## Cleft Palate

The Cleft Palate Team will be meeting in Riverton on May 13 and 14, 2004 at the Public Health Nursing Office. Call Trish O'Grady at Dental Health in Cheyenne at 307 -777-7947 if there is a person under the age of 18 who may need the team's services.

## UW Corner



**New Faces.** Dr. Krisztina Zajdo joined the speech-language pathology faculty in August 2003. Dr. Zajdo received her Ph.D. from the University of Washington and recently completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Texas at Austin. She will teach courses in Normal Speech and Language Development, Language Disorders, Phonetics and Multicultural Issues.

**Goodbyes.** Dr. Cecyle Perry Carson and Dr. Yang Chen will

be leaving UW at the end of the Fall 2003 semester. Dr. Carson accepted a position at Central Florida University and Dr. Chen will be joining the faculty at Duchesne University in Pittsburgh. We wish them the very best in their career.

### *Future Summer*

**Workshops.** The Division is planning to offer several workshops and one-week courses in Summer 2003 that may be of interest to the WSHA membership.

Topics/speakers include:

### *Workshop/Courses*

#### *Speakers Tentative Dates*

Auditory-verbal therapy  
Dr. Donald Goldberg  
7/14/04 – 7/16/04 (3 days)

Vestibular Assessment  
Dr. Kamran Barin  
6/7/04 – 6/11/04 (1 week)

Comm Develop Infants & Toddlers  
Dr. Krisztina Zajdo  
7/19/04 – 7/23/04 (1 week)

Augmentative/Alternative Comm TBA  
7/5/04 – 7/9/04 (1week)

Dr. Goldberg's workshop in Auditory-Verbal therapy will run 3 days (5 hours/day) and will be offered for ASHA CEUs. Registration information for this workshop will be sent out in the Spring.

**ASHA Open House.** The University of Wyoming joined WSHA in hosting an ASHA Open House at the annual convention in Chicago on November 15<sup>th</sup>. The Wyoming Open House was a rousing success, with approximately 50 Wyoming/UW alumni present. The large attendance reinforced the idea that *if you build it, they will come!* Thanks to all who attended the affair and assisted in making it such a huge success!

## WSHA Website

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submitted by Cathy Ross,  
WSHA President-Elect

Check out our improved WSHA website. Please note that this is a new address for WSHA-it was moved in January 2002. Bookmark the new address so you can check the site frequently as new information is updated every month. The benefits of the website are access to WSHA communication and information.

Your computer needs to have Adobe Reader software installed in order to access some materials on the website. This is a free download that you can add to your computer by clicking on the "Adobe Reader" icon on the home page of the WSHA website. Many internet

websites require Adobe Reader to open documents, so you will find this a useful program if you don't already have it installed. If you are experiencing difficulty accessing the website, please email or phone Cathy Ross for help at [rossfamily@wyom.net](mailto:rossfamily@wyom.net) or 733-8287.

Here is a listing of some of the information contained on the site:

- WSHA mission statement and contact information.
- Membership and dues information and form.
- Past newsletters since January 2003.
- Professional links.
- Executive Board contact information and pictures.
- Calendar of events of interest to WSHA members.
- Code of Ethics
- Continuing Educational opportunities.
- Board meeting agendas and minutes.
- WSHA announcements.
- Speech-language pathology and Audiology positions available.
- Photos
- Regional News.
- Archives
- Convention information
- Volunteer recognition
- FAQ about licensure and CEUs

# Save The Date

## March 10-12, 2005

WSHA board has voted to participate in the 2005 Tri-State Convention March 10-12. The location of the convention will be in Salt Lake City and the possible site will be Little America Hotel. State associations participating in planning this convention are Utah, Idaho and Wyoming. We have heard from SLPs and audiologists in eastern Nevada, northern Arizona, and western Colorado who are also interested in attending this multi-state convention. The working title is Mountain Area Speech and Hearing (MASH) Convention.

You may need to start planning now for longer travel time for this convention, but the planning committee believes the opportunities will be worth the extra time. We expect the registration fees will be somewhat less than our usual WSHA convention fees. WSHA will not offer a fall convention for 2005, but we may offer a small one-day conference in the fall. The MASH convention is proposed as a one-time-only offering although it may be repeated in 5-10 years if requested.

History: Ann Norwood proposed the idea of a multi-state convention in 2001. Mary Streib and Cathy Ross discussed the idea with presidents of Utah, Idaho, and Montana in May 2003. The WSHA board considered the options at the June 2003 meeting. WSHA members were informed of pros and

cons at the fall 2003 WSHA convention. Cathy met with presidents of Utah and Idaho at the Fall ASHA convention for preliminary plans (Montana declined to participate in plans). On January 10, 2004, the WSHA board voted unanimously to participate with Idaho and Utah in this convention. On January 17 in Salt Lake City, Cathy met with the advance planning committee made up of members from Idaho, Utah, and Wyoming.

The planning committee members are excited about the possibilities of a multi-state convention. Preliminary plans are:

- Wednesday: Pre Convention social: Time TBD
- Thursday: 8:30-6:15 .75 CEUs (college bowl may yield .1 more CEU)  
8:30-10:00: opening plenum session  
10:00-10:30: break with exhibitors  
10:30-12:00: possibly up to 8 simultaneous sessions.  
12:00-1:30: Round Table Discussions and lunch ideas: STARS, SEALS, regional concerns, licensure and telehealth, representation at ASHA LC on regional concerns, university issues, pre-conference survey for other topics such as stuttering, dementia, NCLB, state educational standards, etc.  
1:30-3:00: possibly up to 8 simultaneous sessions.  
3:00-3:30: break with exhibitors  
3:30-5:00: possibly up to 8 simultaneous sessions.  
5:15-6:15: College bowl/Jeopardy game-type

activity with cash bar and appetizers.

- Friday: 8:30-5:00 .65 CEUs

8:30-10:00 possibly up to 8 simultaneous sessions.

10:00-10:30: break with exhibitors

10:30-12:00: possibly up to 8 simultaneous sessions.

12:00-1:30: State Association Business meetings and lunches (3 simultaneous)

1:30-3:00: possibly up to 8 simultaneous sessions.

3:00-3:30: break with exhibitors

3:00-5:00: possibly up to 8 simultaneous sessions.

Possible evening social for students.

- Saturday: 8:30-10:30 .2 CEUs

Closing general session

Other discussion items for schedule considerations:

- Some sessions should include posters, mini-sessions (from members), exhibitor talks.
- Sessions for students (how to write resumes, interview, choose a grad school, survive grad school, national exams, internships/externships, etc. (possibly contact someone from National NSSHLA office)
- Sessions with panel discussions
- Sessions may be repeating.
- Some speakers should be nationally known from outside our area and other speakers should be from our area.

- Committee should ensure that speakers are selected who offer topics based on good research.
- Idaho has already contacted Terri James Bells to speak on auditory processing.
- Encourage research poster presentations from university professors and students and posters presenting projects

from state association members.

- Handouts will be posted on website
- 8 simultaneous sessions were determined based on the size of meeting rooms and our expected attendance. However, a consideration is that some topics may draw larger attendance and if held in a larger meeting room, that

would decrease the number of speakers needed.

This is a huge endeavor requiring many volunteers from each state. If you'd like to participate on a committee, please contact Cathy at [rossfamily@wyom.net](mailto:rossfamily@wyom.net). The next advance planning committee meeting is scheduled May 22 in Salt Lake City.

Submitted by Cathy Ross,  
WSHA President

# WSHA MEMBERSHIP FORM

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**FIRST NAME:**

**PRIMARY ADDRESS:**

**CITY:**

**STATE & ZIP:**

**PHONE:**

**E-MAIL:**

Would you prefer to receive your WSHA newsletter via e-mail?      Yes    No

**FAX:**

**SECONDARY ADDRESS:**

**SECONDARY ADDRESS:**

**CITY:**

**STATE & ZIP:**

**PHONE:**

**FAX:**

**EMPLOYMENT:** FULL or PART-TIME

**HIGHEST DEGREE:**

**INSTITUTION:**

**YEAR DEGREE CONFERRED:**

**SPECIALTY:** SLP or AUD

**DUAL CERTIFICATION:**

**WYOMING LICENSE #:**

**ASHA CERTIFICATION #:**

**CFY AVAILABLE:**

**WSHA Student and CF Sponsorship Program**

I will sponsor a student @ \$20.00/year

I will sponsor a CF @ \$40.00/ year

I would like to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ (name of student/CF)

I will be an anonymous sponsor

I would like to apply for student member sponsorship

signature of department head \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to apply for CF member sponsorship

signature of CF supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

**RENEWAL\* OR NEW MEMBERSHIP**

(please circle)

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:** WSHA and mail with this form to:

Christa Vandervort, WSHA Membership Co-Chair

1145 Mountain View

Green River, WY 82935

**FEES:** \$40 for Full Membership, \$35 for Associate, \$20 for Affiliate

\*After February 1st there is an additional \$10 late charge for renewal memberships.

Would you be willing to serve on a committee? Please mark the committee on which you would be willing to serve:

Public Awareness \_\_\_\_\_

Continuing Education \_\_\_\_\_

Convention \_\_\_\_\_

Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Ethical Practices \_\_\_\_\_

Finance \_\_\_\_\_

Non-dues Revenue \_\_\_\_\_

WSHA member mailing addresses will be provided to convention vendors