

Arkansas Speech-Language-Hearing Association



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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Kerry Shumate, MS, CCC-SLP
2014 ArkSHA President



Welcome to the first edition of the 2014 ArkSHA newsletter! I am very fortunate to serve on the Board of Directors with a talented and diverse group of professionals! I am looking forward to serving as your ArkSHA President this year. Make sure to read the entire newsletter to get to know each of them. Please feel free to contact me or any other Board member anytime with your questions, concerns or suggestions. I can be reached at (479) 886-3218 or kshumate@parisschools.org. Contact information for all Board members can be found on our website: www.arksha.org. The Board meets the second Friday of February, April, June, August, and December. The Board also meets at the ArkSHA Convention in October.

The first quarter of 2014 has been very busy. The Executive Board members met in January to develop the budget for this year. The ad hoc committee that developed the SLP rubric for TESS (Teacher Excellence and Support System) met in February at the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) in Little Rock to review the rubric. The ad hoc committee is now developing critical attributes for each component and will meet again at the ADE in April. The first Board meeting was held February 14. Many items were discussed including: budget approval, convention speakers and themes, membership enrollment, organizing the Strategic Planning Meeting, and nominations and scholarships. Our representatives, along with our lobbyists, have already successfully defended our interests against some harmful proposals.

Many good things are in store for our organization and profession! I challenge you to become involved in ArkSHA and encourage your colleagues to become members. There is power in enthusiasm and numbers! Volunteers are always needed to serve on committees and nominations are needed for many honors and awards by May 1st. Together we will make a difference!

Sincerely,
Kerry Shumate, MS, CCC-SLP

Call For Papers ~ Deadline: May 31, 2014

Now is the time to submit your Call for Papers for the convention. All accepted papers will present on Friday, October 10, 2014, at the convention in Little Rock. Please complete the form found on the website at www.arksha.org and submit to our office by May 31, 2014.

- Mail: P.O. Box 24103, Little Rock, AR 72221
- Phone: 877-427-5742
- Fax: 501-224-0988
- Email: arksha@arksha.org

Thank you for your consideration to present this year to help each of us be "Find Where You Fit & Make a Difference!"

ArkSHA MISSION STATEMENT

To provide leadership, professional development, and quality membership services for audiologists and speech-language pathologists; to serve as the catalyst for innovative practices in prevention, assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of communication, hearing, balance, and swallowing disorders; and to advocate for the provision of quality programs and services and for the rights of people with communication hearing, balance, and swallowing disorders.

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CALL FOR POSTER AMBASSADOR NOMINATIONS

ArkSHA selects one child and one adult poster ambassador each year to represent the dedicated work our professionals do to make a difference in the lives of individuals and their families. Poster ambassadors have demonstrated significant growth and reflect the work of speech-language pathologists and audiologists. We all have patients that have made an impact on what we do. You may consider someone who has made significant gains in therapy, someone who has overcome insurmountable odds, or someone who is irresistible, charming, full of charisma and adorable. Write a letter and tell ArkSHA who that is!

Nominations should include contact information for both the nominee and the person making the nomination. Please submit a summary of why this person should be selected as Poster Ambassador and a picture of the nominee if available.

Please submit all nominations to the attention of Miranda Crabtree, Past President, by April 1, 2014. Nominations may be submitted directly to Miranda at miranda.crabtree@yahoo.com or to the ArkSHA office via:

- Mail: P.O. Box 24103, Little Rock, AR 72221
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The 2014 Poster Ambassadors will be presented with their award at the Annual Convention.

Housekeeping Tips for the Convention

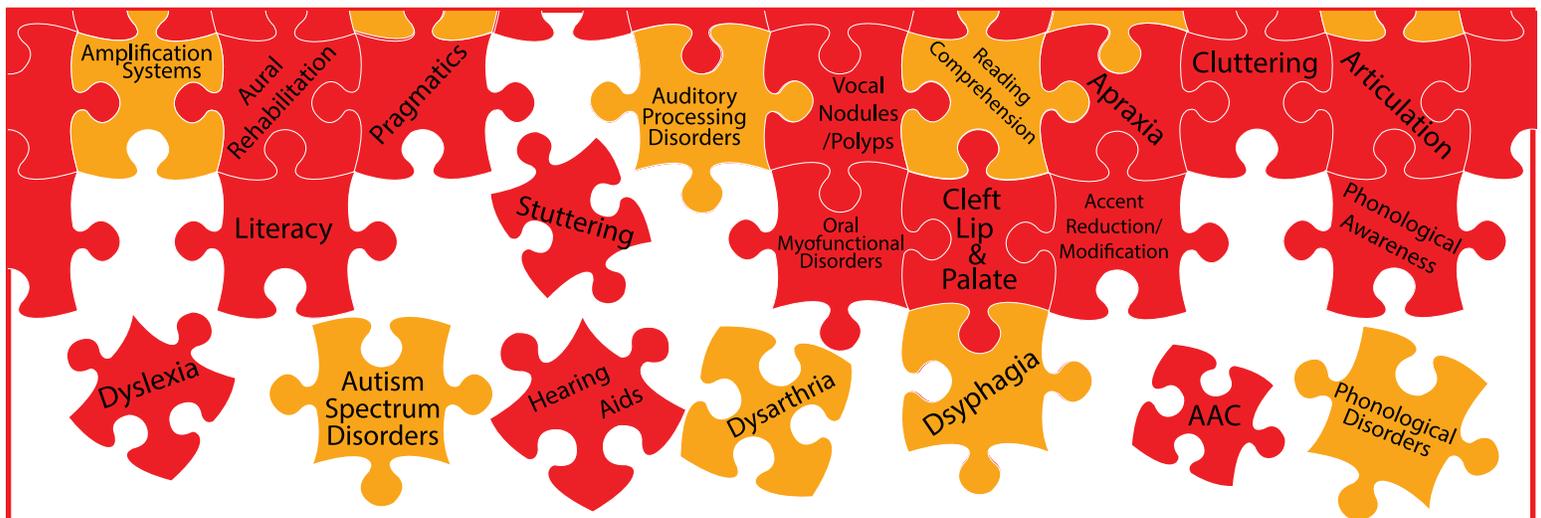
Fill out and submit your 'Call for Papers' by May 31, 2014

Book your hotel room at the Embassy Suites Hotel by calling:
501-312-9000

Plan to support your favorite school at the Trivia Bowl by wearing school colors!

Information/items you will need to have at the convention:

- ASHA License Number
- ABESPA License Number
- Checkbook or Visa/MasterCard for Dues, Silent Auction, and Vendor Booths



Find Where You Fit and Make a Difference

October 8 - 10, 2014

Embassy Suites - Little Rock



ArkSHA 2014 Annual Convention

**SAVE
THE
DATE!**

Call for 2014 Board of Director Nominations

Have you ever wondered how YOU can make a direct impact on your industry, have input on the directions of programs or be on the forefront of legislative issues? Well, wonder no longer!

This is your chance to be a part of the exciting changes and growth of YOUR Association. All members in good standing, with all dues current, are encouraged to apply for the Board of Directors. And if your dues aren't current, now is the time to rectify that situation so you can submit a nomination for yourself or another member who would like to jump in with both feet to help shape plans for ArkSHA and willingly represent our membership.



ArkSHA needs strong leaders to stay abreast of issues that impact our professions and who will work as a team to move ideas into actions. Being an ArkSHA board member is not only a great way to serve the Arkansas professions of audiology and speech-language pathology, but a wonderful way to meet fellow professionals who are energetic and inspiring! The board typically meets the 2nd Friday of every other month, with the option of calling into the meeting.

Please submit nominations for candidates for the ArkSHA board which include:

- President-Elect
- Vice-President of Audiology Services
- Vice-President Elect for Continuing Education
- Secretary

Please submit all nominations to the attention of Miranda Crabtree, Past President, by May 15, 2014. Nominations may be submitted directly to Miranda at miranda.crabtree@yahoo.com or to the ArkSHA office via:

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Call for ArkSHA Honors and Awards Nominations

Arkansas has the best of the best!

Please 'spotlight' a colleague/mentor/professional in the fields of speech-language pathology or audiology by submitting a nomination for honors and awards. Please submit the awards nomination form, which can be found on the website at www.arksha.org, indicating which award you are making a submission for.

Nominate individuals for the following awards:

Louis M. Dicarolo Award for Clinical Achievement: Individuals demonstrating significant contributions to advancing knowledge in clinical practice within the past 6 years are eligible for nomination by state associations to receive a recognition award.

Frank R. Kleffner Clinical Career Award: Individuals demonstrating significant contributions to clinical science and practice over a 20-year career are eligible for nomination by fellow professionals to receive a recognition award.

Paula J. Gober Public School Award: Recognizes distinguished clinical service by an individual in a public school setting.

Honors of the Association: The highest honor the association can give and recognizes distinguished contributions to the field of communication disorders. It is limited to members of the Association.

Research Award: Recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the research literature related to the professions of speech pathology or Audiology.

Audiology Award: Recognizes distinguished service by an audiologist.

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Awards and honors recipients will be announced at the Awards Ceremony on Thursday, October 9, at the Annual Convention in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Upcoming Legislative Session

Do you know your state legislators? If the answer to that question is “no” please follow the links below to find out who represents you in the Arkansas House of Representatives and Senate.

Why is knowing your legislators important? There are many legislative issues that directly or indirectly impact speech-language pathology and audiology services in Arkansas. The 89th General Assembly is currently tackling Medicaid expansion, approving a multi-billion dollar budget, tax cuts and education. In the current political environment, these broader issues will certainly have an impact on speech-language pathologists and audiologists. Part of the mission of ArkSHA is to advocate for improved services to people with disabilities, monitor issues related to third-party reimbursement, and to lobby for the profession. This year, your ArkSHA Board will work with you to advance the profession and promote the services we provide.

<http://www.arkansashouse.org/about-the-house/district-map>

<http://www.arkansas.gov/senate/senators.html>

Membership Update

Membership within our state organization is a critical component of ArkSHA’s success. In order to have the greatest impact when ArkSHA meets with our state and national legislators and funding/peer organizations, it is imperative we do so as a united, sizable group. As many of you know, this year has already been very active in the legislative session and privately amongst our therapy professions. Several inquiries regarding proposals and laws have been submitted via email, phone calls, and ArkSHA’s Facebook page. Many of our peers have voiced concerns and opinions, but have yet to join or renew their membership to ArkSHA. By joining or renewing, you are “counted” towards our “power in numbers” lobbying efforts and are privy to information and decisions being considered to which non-members do not have access. We encourage you to be the hands and feet of ArkSHA at your place of employment and share with your peers the importance of being a member of the organization that goes to bat for all of us every day. Direct students towards membership and early involvement with ArkSHA and consider joining one of the many volunteering opportunities or committees within ArkSHA. We must remain diligent in our membership retainment and recruitment to continue to provide the most effective representation for our professions.

Renew your membership today! Print and complete the application from our website, www.arksha.org, and mail with payment to:

ArkSHA

PO Box 24103, Little Rock, AR 72221

Payments/membership forms can also be faxed to: (501) 224-0988.

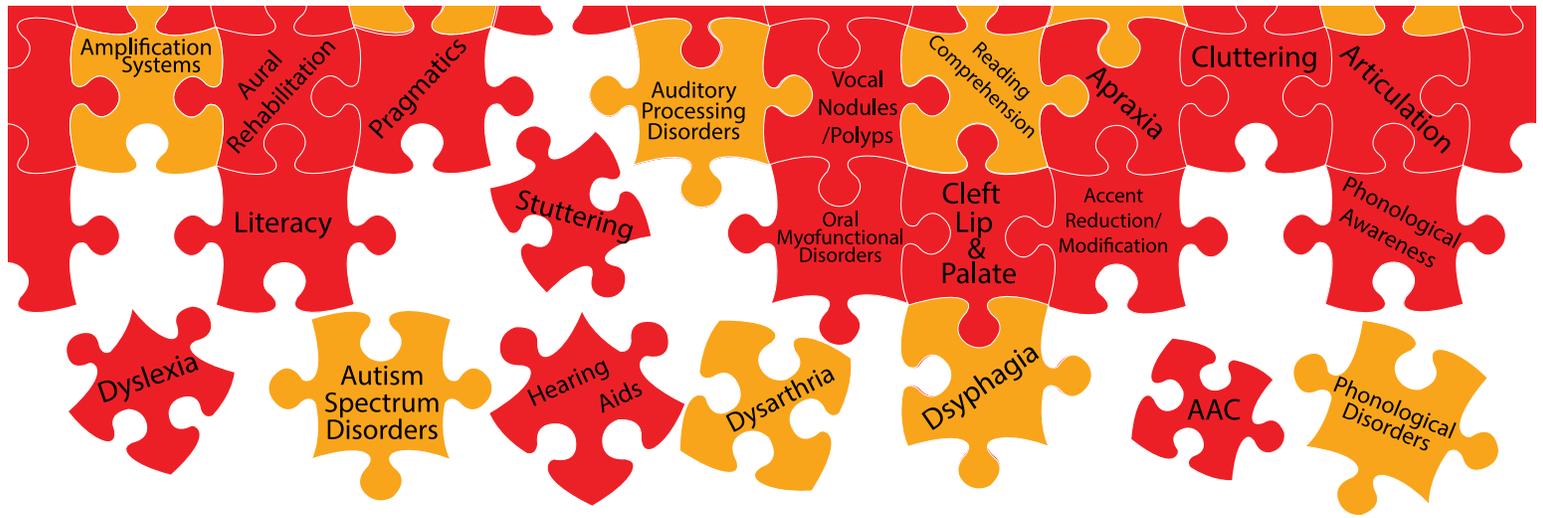
Melodee Owens

President-Elect

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A Funny to Enjoy

Seems an elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%. The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, “Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again.” To which the gentleman said, “Oh, I haven’t told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I’ve changed my will three times!”



Find Where You Fit and Make a Difference

ArkSHA 2014 Annual Convention
October 8 - 10, 2014
Embassy Suites - Little Rock

We have a great trio of speakers this year: each one a “puzzle piece de resistance” of their respective fields! Dr. Schaefer, Mr. Kowalski, and Mr. Hammer will reenergize and refocus all of us so we can return to our jobs to, like this year’s theme says, Find Where We Fit and Make a Difference!

A Sneak Peak at our Fitting Speakers:

Tim Kowalski, M.A., CCC-SLP

President of Professional Communication Services, Inc.

- * Helping Students with High Functioning Autism Meet Common Core Standards
 - * The “How-To’s” of Social Skills
- * Reading, Writing, & Rage: The 3 Rs of Asperger Syndrome
- * 100 Treatment Techniques for Asperger Syndrome & Other Related Disorders

David Hammer, M.A., CCC-SLP

Manager of Outpatient Speech and Language Services at
 Children’s Hospital in Pittsburgh of UPMC, PA

- * Childhood Apraxia of Speech

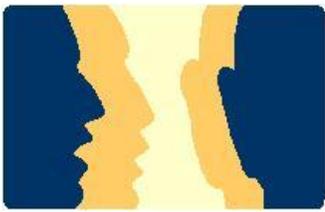
Erin Schaefer, Ph.D., CCC/A

Associate Professor, University of North Texas, Denton, TX

- * Assessment of Speech Recognition
 - * FM Systems
- * Hearing Assistance Technologies in the Schools
 - * CROS & BICROS for Adults
 - * Cochlear Implants

***Other great “puzzle pieces de resistance” to follow
 *Speakers and Topics Subject to Change





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CALL FOR PAPERS

2014 ArkSHA Convention

October 8-10, 2014-Embassy Suites Little Rock

Please fill out one form per presenter for each presentation
 Email attachments to: arksha@arksha.org with a subject line saying "ArkSHA Call for Papers"

PRESENTATION TITLE (maximum of 10 words):

DEADLINE FOR ALL PRESENTERS- Deadline May 31

All Presentations Shall be Made on Friday 10/10/2014

_____ **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATION** _____ **STUDENT PRESENTATION**

Speaker's Name (w/degree/certification): _____

Job Title (or Student): _____

Employer (or School): _____

Complete Mailing Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ **Home Phone:** _____

Email: _____

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTERS must submit all of the following in Word format by email by May 31, 2014 in order that continuing education credit may be applied for:

- This Application (May be faxed or scanned and emailed)
- Narrative Abstract (50 to 75 words) - for the Convention Program
- BRIEF Bio - (max. 100 words) - for the Convention Program
- Current Resume
- Minimum of 3 Learning Objectives

PLEASE SPECIFY: _____ 1 Hour Presentation _____ 2 Hour

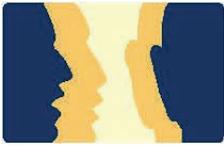
STUDENT PRESENTERS must submit all of the following in Word format by email by May 31, 2014 in order that continuing education credit may be applied for:

- This Application (May be faxed or scanned and emailed)
- Narrative Abstract (50 to 75 words) - for the Convention Program

Subject Matter Professor: _____ **Phone #:** _____

PLEASE SPECIFY: _____ 15 Minute Presentation _____ 30 Minute Presentation

The ArkSHA Convention Program Planning Committee reserves the right to select or deny any presentation in order to provide an appropriate variety and number of timely topics within the logistical facilities and timeframes available.



Arkansas Speech-Language-Hearing Association Scholarship Application and Guidelines

Scholarship Guidelines and Eligibility

- 1) The applicant must be enrolled in a Communication Sciences and Disorders graduate program in the state of Arkansas. (Proof of enrollment required - Faculty Advisor or Program Director signature).
 - 2) The applicant must be an Arkansas resident who, at present, plans to work in-state after graduation.
 - 3) The applicant must submit a short narrative, not to exceed one-half page explaining their financial need for the scholarship.
 - 4) The applicant must submit an undergraduate transcript.
 - 5) Applications will be available upon request from the ArkSHA office or at www.arksha.org/scholarship.pdf.
 - 6) Both professional and personal letters of recommendation must be submitted with the application (minimum 3, maximum 5).
 - 7) The applicant's involvement in professional organizations such as ArkSHA, NSSLHA, AAA, etc. should be emphasized.
 - 8) All applications must be received by October 1st to allow committee members ample time for consideration.
 - 10) Failure to complete academic commitment will require a full refund of the scholarship amount to ArkSHA.
 - 11) The scholarship winner(s) will be announced and presented with a check at the Annual ArkSHA Convention Awards and Scholarship Reception.
- *The Scholarship Committee will be composed of the ArkSHA President, Past President, President-Elect, Treasurer, and two additional members. Once the recipient is chosen by the Committee, that applicant will be presented to the ArkSHA Board for final vote and approval.

Scholarship Application

Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Marital Status: Single Married Present Address: _____ Permanent Address: _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Email: _____ Undergraduate University: _____ University you plan to attend in the Fall of 2013: _____ Fall 2013 Semester Hours: _____	Major Field of Study: _____ Place of Employment: _____ Number and ages of dependents, if any: _____ Number of years as a member of : ArkSHA _____ NSSLHA _____ AAA _____
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Please mail all required application materials
To arrive before October 1, to:

ArkSHA Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 24103
Little Rock, AR 72221

Questions? - Contact ArkSHA
arksha@arksha.org

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Faculty Advisor/Dept. Director: _____ Date: _____