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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Miranda Crabtree, CCC-SLP
2013 ArkSHA President



Greetings from the northwest corner of the state! I am very excited to be ArkSHA's President this year and I am thrilled to be a part of such a tremendous organization! ArkSHA is comprised of a diverse group of professionals and the Board of Directors is working hard to serve each of you! We desire each of you to be actively involved in ArkSHA in some way! There are many opportunities available including the convention committee, the ad hoc committee for SLP evaluations in the public schools, and many more! Just ask a board member how to get involved!

We have been very busy already this year. In January, the Executive Committee met to develop the budget for 2013. In February, we held our first board meeting of the year and hosted a Leadership Retreat in Hot Springs, AR. The Leadership Retreat was a great success and included speakers such as Carol Fleming, ASHA Fellow and ASHA Advisory Council Member for Arkansas, and Courtney Sheppard, ArkSHA Lobbyist. Attendees were inspired to become more involved in their professions and to be stronger advocates for speech and hearing disorders! We finished up our retreat with some fun at Oaklawn! We look forward to seeing you at the 2015 Leadership Retreat!



Courtney Sheppard, ArkSHA Lobbyist, presenting at the Leadership Retreat

The ArkSHA Board of Directors, members, and our lobbyists all have been hard at work on Capitol Hill! As you know, we are in a legislative session and ArkSHA has been very involved during the session. Our members came out in full force against a bill that would allow public schools to hire baccalaureate level SLPs with no guidelines for supervision! I am proud to say that because of all of our efforts this bill will no longer be run by Senator Hutchinson! I am so thankful to all of you who supported our efforts!

I am looking forward to what is to come in 2013! Michelle Leach is working on a phenomenal convention with the theme "Champions of Communication!" All of you are champions of communication in my eyes and I encourage you to advocate not only for your clients but for our profession as well!



Attendees at the Leadership Retreat discuss why they joined ArkSHA, and how they can get others to join.



Carol Fleming leads a presentation on Leadership and Advocacy Skills for Today, Tomorrow and Beyond at the Leadership Retreat.

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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www.arkansased.org

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR POSTER AMBASSADOR

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 Monica Scott, Past President, by April 1, 2013. Nominations may be submitted directly to Monica at mxscott@rehabcare.com or to the ArkSHA office via:

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

The 2013 Poster Ambassadors will be presented with their award at the Annual Convention.

SAVE THE DATE!



ArkSHA
2013 Annual Convention

Champions of Communication

October 16 - 18, 2013
The Peabody, Little Rock





We look forward to an innovative year as we continue to strive to improve communication and actions of our association to better serve our membership. Our new board members will be just the ticket. Join us in welcoming our 2013 board members of the Arkansas Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE 2013 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHAT DO WE DO IN OUR ROLES for Ark-SHA?



PRESIDENT: MIRANDA CRABTREE

As ArkSHA President, I am responsible for overseeing all activities of the Association. Some of my duties include appointing and dissolving ad hoc committees as needed, presiding over all regular business meetings, and promoting the interests of the Association in all matters. I am also responsible for conducting the Leadership Retreat which is held in odd years and submitting names to the governor as requested to fill positions on State Boards.



PRESIDENT ELECT: KERRY SHUMATE

As the President-Elect, I am beginning a 3-year term with the ArkSHA Board. The first year I am designated as the President-Elect. The second year I will takeover the duties of the President. The third year I will end my term as the Past President. The President-Elect has several duties. Some of these duties include: Chairperson of the Membership Committee, a voting member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee, member of the Budget Committee, coordinator of the activities of the Marketing/Recruitment Committee. We are continually striving to recruit new members, renew past members, and maintain current members. Be on the lookout for emails, as well as Facebook posts encouraging membership. You can find us on Facebook at: Arksha Speechhearing Association.



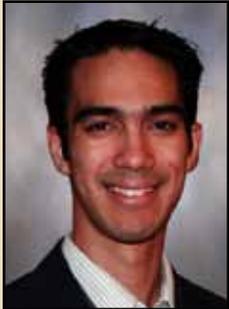
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: MONICA SCOTT

As Past President I serve as voting member of the Board of Directors, serve on the executive committee (President, Past-President and President Elect), and serve on the Budget Committee which collaborates on the Budgetary adjustments needed based on the data from the past few years. I also contribute to the quarterly newsletter by including articles targeted at obtaining your nominations (honors, awards, and board positions). I am the chairperson of the Honors and Awards Committee. As chairperson I accept nominations for Association Awards, including the Poster Ambassadors. May is Better Hearing and Speech Month. I make application to the Governor's office for the proclamation and attend the proclamation presentation at the Capitol with the Poster Ambassadors. I am also the chairperson of the Nominations and Elections Committee. I accept nominations to fill the board seats being vacated and oversee the election. Gathering nominations occurs all year, but the slate of officers is announced in the 3rd Quarter Newsletter. As Past President I also serve as a member of the Council of State Association Presidents (CSAP), serve as Parliamentarian for all Board Meetings, and will serve the board in an advisory capacity for a period of one year following the completion of my term in office.



SECRETARY: GRAYSON ADAMS

Secretary of ArkSHA is responsible for Publications and History and Archives. Secretary assists in proofing each board meeting minutes and revising what is needed, obtaining newsletter articles from each board member and revise as needed, gathering photos from previous convention and ArkSHA events throughout the year, organizing the Convention slide show, and continuing to obtain photos during the current convention.



TREASURER: SAMUEL ATCHERSON

As Treasurer, I am responsible for leading a budget planning meeting at the beginning of each calendar year, and the proposed budget for the year is put up for approval at the first board meeting of the year. At each board meeting, I provide budget-related and Treasurer-related updates, but I work closely with our management firm executive director, Marilyn Porterfield, who keeps track of our income and expenses. At relevant times throughout the year, I am responsible for signing checks and helping with finance-related concerns or changes. Lastly, as Treasurer, I coordinate the ArkSHA student scholarship nominations process and present these awards at the annual ArkSHA convention. Where applicable, I contribute to the ArkSHA newsletter.



VICE PRESIDENT CONTINUING EDUCATION: MICHELLE LEACH

The duties of the Vice-President of Continuing Education include organizing and planning ArkSHA sponsored continued education opportunities for the year, including leading the annual ArkSHA convention committee. As chair of the annual ArkSHA convention, responsibilities include assisting in speaker selection by choosing relevant speakers for the convention based on past surveys of ArkSHA members' needs and current trends in service delivery, developing committees to select volunteers to assist with various aspects of the convention, including moderating sessions and assisting with registration and convention logistics.



VICE PRESIDENT ELECT CONTINUING EDUCATION: KAMI ROWLAND

I am currently in training with the Arkansas Department of Education on Assurance Training in order to obtain ArkSHA's Continuing Education (CE) account in the ADE Professional Development Submission and Management (PDSAM). Once training is complete, I will handle all CE applications with AAA and ASHA to ensure that all CE units are approved for upcoming conferences, and then confirm those units once attendees have completed their CE forms.



VICE PRESIDENT SLP SERVICES: MELODEE OWENS

As VP of SLP Services I serve as voting member of the Board of Directors and attend meetings, assist President-Elect on activities of the Marketing/Recruitment Committee, and serve as Co-Chairperson of the Professional Practices Committee. What activities does the Vice President of SLP Services do? I support and collaborate with SLP's and AuD's across the state, review and report legislative issues, and support recruitment efforts. I also provide advocacy for professionals and clients, Co-Chair Regional Summer Conference, serve on various committees , and assist with the Annual Convention.

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 of Speech & Hearing
- Vice-President Elect for Continuing Education
- Treasurer

Please submit all nominations to the attention of Monica Scott, Past President, by May 15, 2013. Nominations may be submitted directly to Monica at mxscott@rehabcare.com or to the ArkSHA office via:

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

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. Dicarlo 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 17, at the Annual Convention in Little Rock, Arkansas.

ArkSHA Board Meeting Summary

February 22, 2013

An overview of the 2/22/13 ArkSHA Board Meeting is as follows:

Past President- Monica Scott discussed that the call for honors, board nominations and poster ambassadors have been placed on the website. A few names were discussed to submit for ASHA honors as well. The board discussed what the process for Poster Ambassadors should be. The board voted that poster ambassadors will be selected in the spring and announced immediately following the decision from the committee, invited to meet the Governor during Better Hearing and Speech Month (if given the opportunity), and acknowledged at the convention with their nominator.

President-Elect- Kerry Shumate reported that membership numbers are at 238 as of February 18. This is average compared to past years. She is looking at ways that she can help to increase the membership.

Secretary- Grayson Adams noted the newsletter deadline for articles is March 5. We will ask Carol Fleming to help with a legislative update article.

Vice-President for Speech Pathology Services - Melodee Owens is working on implementing a mentorship program. She will work with Marilyn to post something on the website, Facebook and in the newsletter. Melodee will also work with Marilyn on putting together a survey to send out to the membership to determine the best topics to approach for the regional conference as well as the best location.

Vice-President for Continuing Education- Michelle Leach is working on getting all speakers. The theme for the year will be "Champions of Communication" and will include a trivia bowl on Thursday evening as a competition between universities with undergraduate and graduate categories. They would like to see if the speakers would sit on the judge's panel.

Vice-President Elect for Continuing Education- Kami Rowland reported she is working on getting all the required training and CE approval needed with AAA, ASHA, and ADE.

Treasurer- Sam Atcherson submitted the budget from the budget committee, which the board approved.

Board Retreat - There are 23 people signed up to be at the leadership retreat Saturday.

CSAP Meeting - Miranda Crabtree and Kerry Shumate will go to CSAP in May.

2013 Dates to remember: Board meetings: 2nd Friday, every other month: April 12, June 14, August 9, October 16 (at convention), December 6 (1st Friday) at 3:00pm - All members are invited to attend the board meetings.

Membership Update

There is POWER in Numbers!

ArkSHA membership provides its members legislative lobbying for the professions, an annual professional convention with ASHA CEU's and ABESPA CPE's, membership rates for Association functions, voting privileges, ability to serve as Committee Chairperson and/or member, membership directory, and a quarterly newsletter to name a few.

ArkSHA membership and/or renewal is easily obtained. Simply print and complete the membership application from our website at www.arksha.org. The completed application and payment can then be mailed to: ArkSHA at PO Box 24103, Little Rock, AR 72221. Or, if paying by debit or credit card, it can be faxed to: (501) 224-0988.

Welcome to our newest members Christy Darrington & Meagan Fenters!

Kerry Shumate, President-Elect

NEW! Mentoring Program

ArkSHA is developing a mentoring program to foster the personal and professional growth of our membership. It is not a clinical fellowship relationship. Mentors will be matched with mentees to support specific goals or you may request a specific mentor/mentee.

Guidelines for Mentor:

- *ArkSHA/ASHA member
- *Establish outline of relationship-basic ground rules-with mentee
- *How often to communicate/meet (ex: email twice per month, meet every quarter. Based on mentee's needs/goals)
- *Maintain confidentiality

Guidelines for Mentee:

- *ArkSHA member (or student member)
- *Specific professional or academic development goals
- *Set ground rules of relationship
- *Maintain confidentiality

Management/Regulation of ArkSHA Mentoring Program

- *ArkSHA Board

Interested in becoming a mentor or mentee?
Contact arksha@arksha.org or Melodee Owens at melodee.owens@hotmail.com

*Melodee Owens,
VP of Speech-Language Pathology*

Housekeeping Tips for the Convention

Fill out and submit your 'Call for Papers' by May 31, 2013

Book your hotel room at the Peabody Hotel by Sept 19

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

Regional Summer Conference

Each year ArkSHA holds a regional summer conference. In order for us to have better attendance, we want your input!

Please visit the ArkSHA Facebook page (Arkansas Speech Language Hearing Association), ArkSHA webpage (www.arksha.org), or go to the following link (<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TG6BRC3>) to complete a brief survey about topics and locations for the summer conference to be held in July. You may also access the survey by scanning the following QR code.



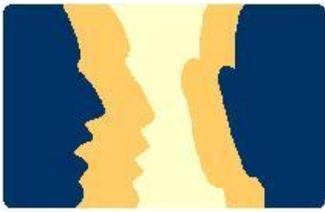
*Melodee Owens,
VP of Speech-Language Pathology*

Call For Papers Deadline: May 31, 2013

Now is the time to submit your Call for Papers for the convention. All accepted papers will present on Friday, October 18, 2013, 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, 2013.

- 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 "Champions of Communication"!



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CALL FOR PAPERS

2013 ArkSHA Convention

October 16-18, 2013-Peabody Hotel 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 10/18/2013

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, 2013 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, 2013 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.



Student Trivia Bowl

Plan to attend the ArkSHA Annual Convention to become *Champions of Communication* on October 16-18 in Little Rock. This year we will feature the first **Student Trivia Bowl** with Arkansas schools competing against each other each year in undergraduate and graduate categories. There can be 1 undergraduate and 1 graduate team from each school. Start forming your teams now! More information will be posted on the website and other communication avenues when available, including a team registration form. If you have any questions, please contact the ArkSHA office at arksha@arksha.org.

Slate of Speakers

We have some fantastic speakers who will be helping us become
Champions of Communication
at the 2013 convention.

Jerilyn (Jeri) Logemann, PhD
Northwestern University
Adult swallowing disorders and treatment

Gregory Lof, PhD, CCC-SLP
MGH Institute of Health Professions
Articulation

Cheri Fraker, MS, CCC-SLP, CLC and Laura Walbert, MS, CCC-SLP, CLC
Pediatric feeding disorders

Renee Attaway, MS, CCC, SLP
Social Thinking® Training & Speakers' Collaborative

Jane Madell, PhD
Hearing Loss Evaluation and Management

Speakers and topics subject to change

Advocacy Everyday, Everyday Advocacy

Celebrating grassroots advocacy during the 89th General Assembly

As professionals, it is our responsibility to advocate for our disciplines, our colleagues and our clients on a daily basis. As communication specialists, it seems that we sometimes find it difficult to express ourselves and stand up for what is important; however, when we feel a “threat” we somehow find the courage and strength to pull together and have a voice.

On February 25th, Arkansas State Senator Jeremy Hutchinson filed a bill (SB458) that would allow school districts to hire individuals as speech pathologists with a bachelors degree in speech pathology. Upon notice of this filing, ArkSHA members began a grassroots effort to prevent this legislation from moving forward. ASHA’s State Advocacy Team had contacted ArkSHA and was drafting an “Advocacy Alert” to send to certified members in the state. ASHA President, Patty Prelock, was prepared to write a letter stating the Association’s opposition on this proposed legislation. All of the work proposed by ASHA was not necessary because within 36 hours of filing the legislation, Senator Hutchinson told ArkSHA that he was “pulling the bill and not moving forward with it”.



Capitol Hill visits for ASHA on March 15th to discuss specific policy briefs.

Why is it important to focus on this one piece of legislation when ArkSHA had a key role in other pieces of legislation? It’s important to note that there was an opportunity to advocate and ArkSHA members did so admirably. Knowing there was a potential threat to our profession, service delivery and student’s quality of service/care, our colleagues came out in full force to advocate for the highest qualified person working with the students of Arkansas’ public schools. Members understood that if this bill had moved forward and become law, it could have had an impact on our licensure and speech pathology assistant program. Passage could have resulted in other language to change (i.e. professional licensure and/or teacher certification).

Through the quick actions and advocacy efforts of many, we don’t have to consider the “what if’s”. Advocacy works best when we come together for what is right. It only takes one to get it started. Will you be that one?

Stay up to date on advocacy issues by following ArkSHA on Facebook. Updates are posted regularly. Current issues of interest include the Medicare Therapy Caps, Protecting IDEA Funding, and Promoting Medicare Coverage of Audiology Services.

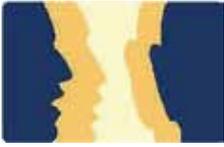
Carol B. Fleming
ASHA Fellow, SIG 16 State Liaison



Left: Donna Smiley, ASHA VP for Audiology Practice; Wisconsin Representative Paul Ryan; Natalie Benafield, ASHA Audiology Council Member

Right: Carol Fleming, ASHA SLPAC member; Donna Smiley, ASHA VP for Audiology Practice; Senator John Boozman; Natalie Benafield, ASHA AAC member





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: _____