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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Miranda Crabtree
2013 ArkSHA President



I am shocked that another year has already past and that my term as ArkSHA President is coming to an end. It has been an honor to serve such an outstanding group of professionals. ArkSHA has had a very successful year! As I look back, I can't help but be proud of all that we accomplished as an organization. During the legislative session, ArkSHA was very busy. We were able to co-sponsor legislation that ensures fair co-pays to individuals receiving speech, occupational or physical therapy services. Our membership's advocacy efforts ensured that a bill, which would have allowed an individual without the proper training to practice as an SLP, was withdrawn. I have never been so proud of our members!

ArkSHA was able to form an ad hoc committee of twelve members to develop a rubric that will be used under TESS in the public school system. They worked for a solid year ensuring that the rubric was fair and applicable to all. I am so proud of this committee, and I am honored that ArkSHA was given this opportunity by the Arkansas Department of Education. The rubric is in the final stages of development. When it is approved by the ADE, we will link it to our website for you to view.

ArkSHA was able to provide excellent learning opportunities this year! We cohosted a summer workshop with Arkansas Children's Hospital concerning feeding and swallowing in children. We are looking forward to partnering with ACH again this next year to provide more CE opportunities in more areas of the state. ArkSHA was also able to host fabulous speakers at this year's convention due to the hard work of Vice President of Continuing Education, Michelle Leach. Kamela Rowland, the upcoming Vice President of Continuing Education, has already begun contacting speakers for next year's convention! Thank you to all of my friends and family who have encouraged me over the past year. Without your support and understanding, I could not have dedicated the time and energy to ArkSHA that it deserves. I also want to thank all of the board members that I have had the pleasure of working with over the years! You all are the most passionate professionals, and without your service and dedication, ArkSHA would not have the voice and presence it has today. Thank you to all of the volunteers who have helped with convention and served on the ad hoc committee for the SLP TESS rubric. You all have gone above and beyond, and I appreciate your service!

Please remember that ArkSHA would not be possible without the support of its members! We are only as strong as our membership! Without all of you, our voice is but a whisper. Please check your mail as you should have received your membership renewal for 2014. These are due by February 15, 2014. We need each of you in the coming year as we enter into a budget session with the legislature. If you have any questions or would like to become involved with ArkSHA, please email me at miranda.crabtree@yahoo.com.

I hope you have had a happy and successful 2013. I hope each of you will be able to spend time with family and friends over this holiday season. I know I am looking forward to slowing down and enjoying the simple things of life!

Merry Christmas!

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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Membership Report

Hello fellow ArkSHA Members! I want to begin by letting the membership know how much I have enjoyed serving as your ArkSHA President-Elect for 2013. I have learned so much this year and am looking forward to serving as your 2014 ArkSHA President. As the President-Elect, my main focus has been on increasing the membership. As of December 2013, we have 376 members. As is the custom, our membership increased dramatically during September and October. During those two months, we added 108 members. As you can see, over a quarter of our membership did not join or pay their yearly dues until over half the year was completed. The ArkSHA membership year runs from January to December, just like ASHA. I know many of you are like me and want to get the most 'bang for your buck'. However, when we wait and join ArkSHA so late in the year, we are not getting to take full advantage of our ArkSHA membership.

Lobbying is a wonderful advantage of your membership. Did you know we have 2 lobbyists, Courtney Sheppard and Randy Thurman, representing ArkSHA every time congress is in session? Increasing the membership is vital in getting our voice heard within the legislature. The Senators and Representatives are very interested in how many constituents our lobbyists represent. When ArkSHA is on one side of an issue and another, larger organization, is on the other side of the issue, the legislators are more than likely going to support the larger organization so they can affect as many Arkansans as possible. Please help us make the biggest impact we can in the legislature. It is not too early to think about becoming a member or renewing your ArkSHA dues for 2014. You can join or renew your membership by filling out the form on page 9 of this newsletter, or downloading and completing the Membership form from the ArkSHA website, www.arksha.org, and then mailing it with payment to the address listed on the form or faxing it with your credit card information. We look forward to hearing from you and increasing our membership in 2014!

I would also like to congratulate our newly elected 2014 Board members, especially President-Elect Melodee Owens. Melodee has served in various capacities on the ArkSHA Board of Directors, most recently as the 2013 Vice-President of SLP Services and will do an excellent job serving our membership next year.

Please contact me anytime with your ideas or concerns. I love to hear your thoughts and ideas.

Merry Christmas!
Kerry Shumate

2013 ArkSHA Convention An Undergrad's Perspective

When I signed up to attend the 2013 ArkSHA Convention I did not know what to expect. Would it be worth it? Would I know what the speakers were talking about? As I sat and waited for the first session to begin I was worried that the featured speaker would discuss topics and concepts that were way over my head. Even though I struggled to understand some of the topics discussed in the sessions, attending the ArkSHA convention was extremely beneficial as a student.

As an undergraduate student it was interesting to see how concepts learned in the classroom are applied in therapy. The most valuable aspect of my ArkSHA experience was the opportunity to network with other professionals. I thoroughly enjoyed talking to Speech-Language Pathologist from across the state. Listening to SLPs describe their passion for the field was truly inspiring, and reminded me why I chose to study speech-language pathology.

As I reflected on my ArkSHA experience during the drive back to Fayetteville, I realized how valuable the past three days had been. I was able to network with people from across the state, and I left feeling inspired and motivated. Inspired to continue learning and working hard to achieve my academic goals. I am currently completing undergraduate coursework at the University of Arkansas and applying to graduate programs. At times the task that lies before me seems overwhelming, but after talking to other attendees I realized that I will survive. One day I will be in their shoes, attending ArkSHA as a professional.

Alexandra Isaacs,
University of Arkansas



CLINIC DIRECTOR

Wichita State University has an immediate full-time, 12 month opening for a Clinic Director, who is responsible for a diverse array of administrative duties that are integral to student education and clinical service delivery within the Evelyn Hendren Cassat Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic.

To view the complete job description and apply for this Un-Classified opportunity, please visit <http://whichita.edu/wsujobs>. All offers of employment are contingent upon completion of a satisfactory background check.

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2013 ArkSHA Annual Convention Highlights



Monica Scott presents Miranda Crabtree with her president's award.



Speaker Gregory Lof



Sam Atcherson presents Rebecca Smith with the 2013 Student Scholarship.



Monica Scott and Robin Smith with the 2013 Adult Poster Ambassador, Darby McGee.



Speaker Janet Deppe



2013 Child Poster Ambassador, Abyl Chastain, with his parents.



Left: Kami Rowland, Michelle Leach, and Jeff Adams.



Right: The Best Management team, Rhonda Davis, Marilyn Porterfield, and Nikki Brown.

2013 ArkSHA Annual Convention Highlights



Thank you to ABESPA for being a lunch sponsor!



Scholarship fundraiser auction items during the evening social.

Thank you to our many vendors who participated in the 2013 ArkSHA Convention.



ArkSHA Honors and Awards

Frank R. Kleffner Clinical Career Award:

ArkSHA is proud to announce Patricia “Pat” Highley, PhD, CCC-AUD as the recipient of the 2013 Frank R. Kleffner Clinical Career Award. Dr. Highley was nominated by her colleague, Dr. Sam Atcherson in recognition of her achievements of nearly 30 years of clinical service and 27 years as a clinical educator. She is an accomplished clinical scholar and lecturer as evidenced by her published articles in peer-reviewed and trade/consumer journals. She has a record of scholarship as a collaborator, co-author, and contributor of conference presentations at the international, national, state, and local levels.



Dr. Atcherson had the following to say in his nomination, “ Dr. Highley is well-liked by the AuD students in the program, and she is recognized by her peers as an expert at assistive listening technology with a particularly special interest in helping clients with hearing loss regain use of the landline and cellular phones. Clients enjoy her kind and soft approach and she really “listens”. The social worker in her allows clients to come to their hearing loss on their own terms and in their own time.”

Dr. Highley is the coordinator of two important community services provided through UAMS/UALR: AAHC Hearing Aid Loaner Bank and the AAHC Assistive Listening Device Center (this center is the largest collection of ALDs in Arkansas). Recently, Dr. Highley joined a colleague in a consultation to help a local church consider options to loop their sanctuary so that telecoil users can sit anywhere in the church and enjoy the choir and the sermon. This initiative is in the consultation and planning stages; however, she and her colleague plan to set up a state-wide campaign “Let’s Loop Arkansas”. She has given presentations on this technology to the Arkansas Academy of Audiology and ArkSHA.

ArkSHA is aware of her dedication to UALR/UAMS. She has been associated with the department since 1985 and was involved with the inception of the AuD program in 2005.

It was a pleasure to recognize Dr. Highley. She is very deserving of this recognition. We hope you will join us in celebrating Dr. Highley’s accomplishments.

Research Award:

ArkSHA is proud to announce Richard Zraick, PhD, CCC-SLP as the recipient of the 2013 Research Award. Carol B. Fleming, ASHA Fellow, nominated Dr. Zraick for the extensive research he has conducted in his many years of practice. He encourages and mentors others to conduct research, which will enhance the communications professions. His legacy is evident in new coursework and classes he developed that have been adopted by the UALR/UAMS department.



Ms. Fleming had the following to say in her nomination, “ Dr. Zraick has demonstrated his commitment to the professions by his tireless desire to research and participate in teaching opportunities – both in the classroom and community. He has shown the ability to balance his research, teaching skills, volunteer activities, and personal responsibilities. He is a true example of dedication to his profession, students, and clients. For these reasons, I request that he be recognized as the 2013 ArkSHA Research Award Recipient.”

Others agree with Ms. Fleming’s sentiments. Dr. Daniel Boone, co-author and colleague states, “he (Dr. Zraick) has introduced a clinical teaching style using hypothetical patients and their typical speech/voice behaviors that is used nationally in several university programs. Richard bases both his teaching and research on the clinical exposures that he experiences in the service clinics.” Students have noted the following comments in course evaluations: “Dr. Zraick expects and desires my best. - I always leave class wanting to learn more. I really like being “guided” to correct answers. - Dr. Z is an inspiration to a young professional beginning a new career. I have learned information to aid my clinical and professional decisions.”

It was a pleasure to recognize Dr. Zraick. He is very deserving of this recognition.



ArkSHA Honors and Awards

Paula Gober Public School Award:

Carol B. Fleming, a speech language pathologist at Pulaski Heights Middle School, was named as the 2013 recipient of the Paula Gober Public School Award for Distinguished Service in Arkansas Public Schools. Carol was nominated by Kami Rowland, speech language pathologist from Hall High School for her development of new and innovative materials/products and her role within the scope of advocacy/outreach.



Ms. Rowland had this to say in her nomination, “ Carol Fleming is what I would call a consummate professional in every sense. During her tenure with the LRSD Carol has proven to be innovative, a dedicated advocate, and a true leader locally as well as statewide and nationally.” She further commented, “Advocacy has many faces: committee work, leadership, offering support, sponsorship and activism. In order to advocate you need to listen, learn and communicate well. Carol is exceptional in these areas. She is diplomatic, welcoming, intelligent and insightful, being able to bring a group together reaching consensus. Carol has spent much of her career advocating for the individuals she serves, her colleagues and her chosen profession.”

As a result of her professional and volunteer efforts, Carol will also be recognized at the American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA) Annual Convention in Chicago as the first recipient of the Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Contributions in Pre-K through Grade 12 in Education Settings. This is a new award which was created by the Schools Division within ASHA to recognize a school based speech language pathologist or audiologist for outstanding contributions to his/her school practice.

Carol has been a strong advocate and creative problem solver who helps her students, her school district, and state as a whole. Ultimately, she is an advocate for the professions and individuals receiving speech/language and audiological services. She is a familiar face at the Capitol (both locally and nationally) speaking to legislators about educational issues. She has been instrumental in the passage of various pieces of legislation related to speech language pathology. ArkSHA is proud of her dedication, professionalism, and volunteerism.

Audiology Award:

Jordan E. King, AuD, CCC-A was presented the 2013 ArkSHA Audiology Award for her distinguished clinical achievements as a cochlear implant audiologist, an educator, a supervisor/preceptor, and a clinician’s clinician in her dissemination of relevant, up-to-date, and practical information at conferences. As a cochlear implant audiologist at Arkansas Children’s Hospital, she works closely with hearing impaired children and adults. Furthermore, she works closely with the families of the children served.



Dr. King’s clinical achievements and expertise also find their way into her Implant Device Technology course (AUD 5273) as an adjunct instructor for the Department of Audiology and Speech Pathology Doctor of Audiology (AuD) program at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS); her role as a clinical supervisor/preceptor for UAMS AuD students; and her practical presentations at professional conferences. Though she has only been practicing for seven years, her work has a tremendous effect on the patients and families that she serves. She works well with them and it shows. They trust and feel comfortable with her.

Dr. King continues to be sought after for her experience and expertise in the area of cochlear implant. She was recently asked to serve as an Advisory Board Member for one of the three cochlear implant companies in the United States (Med El). This invitation speaks well of her skills in this specialized area.

ArkSHA is proud of all Dr. King does for her patients and their families, the professional community, and her students. She has much more to contribute to our professions in the coming years. She is an up and coming leader in the field of communication.



New 2014 Board Members

Congratulations to our newly elected board members!

Melodee Owens
(President-Elect)

Jeff Adams
(VP for Speech Language Pathology Services)

Robyn Smith
(VP-elect for Continuing Education)

Cherin Pace
(Treasurer)

They will be joining returning Board Members: Kerry Shumate (President); Miranda Parks Crabtree (Past President); Samuel Atcherson (VP Audiology Services); Kami Rowland (VP Continuing Education); and Grayson Verner Adams (Secretary). Of course, they will continue to work closely with Marilyn Porterfield who oversees our activities.

ASHA Recognition



Kerry Shumate (middle left) and Monica Scott (middle right) receiving the ASHA certification of recognition as an ASHA Approved CE Provider.

Scholarship Donation Request

In 2012, ArkSHA awarded a \$1,000.00 scholarship to Alyssa Staton, a student at UAMS. We are able to offer these scholarships to our student members each year thanks to your generous donations throughout the year, and our social and auction at the convention. You can donate in honor of or in memory of someone, if you choose. Current students are the future of our industry, and we are glad we are able to support them when needed.

Scholarship Donation Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ST: ____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

I would like to make a contribution to the ArkSHA Scholarship Fund in the amount of \$ _____

In Memory In Honor of: _____

Check #: _____

Visa/MasterCard # _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

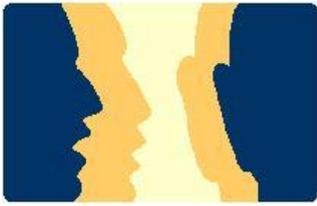
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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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APPLYING FOR:

_____ Full member, Speech-Language Pathologist- -\$60.00 SLP # _____

Requires a Master's degree or higher in Speech-language Pathology & adherence to the Code of Ethics adopted in 1991 (if renewing after February 15, add \$10)

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Requires an undergraduate degree in speech or hearing or an allied Profession. Must abide by the spirit of the Code of Ethics (if renewing after February 15, add \$10)

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Requires full-time enrollment in speech-language pathology or audiology

Former Student Members will receive a \$10.00 discount on initial Full member dues provided they have current student membership status when they apply.

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CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE (check all that apply)

_____ ASHA CCC-SLP _____ ASHA CCC-A _____ ASHA CF-SLP

_____ AR Licensure, SLP _____ AR Licensure, A _____ Public School Certification/Licensure

Student Members:

A. I am currently a full-time undergraduate/graduate (circle one) student at: _____
(name of university)

B. Estimated date of graduation: _____

C. Signature of Program Chair or Advisor: _____

** Membership dues are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. In addition 21 % of your dues spent for governmental relations are not deductible as a business expense.*

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