



Montana Speech - Language - Hearing Association

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FALLCOMMUNICATOR 2010

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear MSHA Members,

This past July I had the opportunity to attend the ASHA Schools Conference. I highly recommend this conference to school based speech-language pathologists and audiologists. The workshops addressed issues and challenges I have faced quite often and it was difficult to choose which ones to attend. It was great to visit with SLP's from across the country and discover the similarities between us.

I attended a meeting of the Montana Board of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists on June 16, 2010. The Board heard presentations regarding tele-supervision of speech aides from Leonard Orth representing Montana Council of Administrators of Special Education (MCASE), and several MSHA members. Dr. Yonovitz, Chair of the Communications Disorders Department of the U of M presented information regarding the use of technology to supervise graduate student practicum. Dr. Yonovitz also spoke about tele-practice which is a licensed speech language pathologist or audiologist delivering services via technology. This was an opportunity for interested professionals to present information to the Board.

I also attended a meeting in Helena regarding supervision of graduate students by ASHA certified SLP's across the state. Cooperation between OPI, the U of M and SLP's has the potential to increase the number of SLP's in our state as students complete their graduate studies and required practicum hours.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the fall convention in Butte. The committee chairs have been working hard to organize this event.

Sincerely,

Mary Callahan

MSHA Area Representatives

MSHA had area representatives in the past that helped coordinate phone trees to quickly inform members about important issues, announce information in the Communicator such as wedding, birth, death, new hire or retirement. Our board members have agreed to be area representatives, but we still need people for a few areas. We will have a MSHA booth during convention that will include a sign up sheet for interested persons.

- Great Falls Area: Diane Simpson and Laura Jo McKamey
- Missoula Area: Mary Callahan
- Butte Area: Jennifer Pierce
- Hi-line Area: Sharlene Schmidt

The areas that still need area representatives are Helena, Billings, Bozeman and Kalispell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Title	Name	Prof.	Location	Phone	Email
President	Mary Callahan	SLP	St. Ignatius	745-4112	sti4211@blackfoot.net
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 Ethical Practices: Leah Jacobsen
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 Fall Convention-Public Relations: Kitty Griffin
 Public Relations: Mary Callahan
 Continuing Ed: Valeria Schmauch + Lynne Brush
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SUMMER INSTITUE REPORT

With deepest regrets the Summer Institute had to be cancelled for August 4-6, 2010. The major culprits in this decision were two lightning strikes which took out the server and two routers for my computer. I could not access the information for CEU/registration information until that was fixed. This gave us a very tight time line to get registration out and back in to get enough registrants to recover our expenses. The Sunday of Summer Institute week there were only 8 registrants after 1 1/2 weeks since registrations went out. This was not enough people to justify our expenses, so the board decided to cancel the program and "cut our losses". The really good news is that we already have the Mansfield center booked for August 3-5, 2011. The better news is Dr. Bourgeois will be able to return next year and present her therapeutic intervention information.

Laura Jo McKamey

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Certificate of Appreciation

Certificate of Merit

CORPORATE SPONSORS/FUNDRAISING

MSHA has begun looking for and contacting corporations to provide benefits to members and sponsorship for various events.

Just prior to Fall Convention 2009, ALLSTATE Insurance & Financial Services agreed to provide MSHA members with the following services:

Voluntary Supplemental Insurance including: Universal Life Insurance, Disability Income Insurance, Hospital Indemnity Insurance, Accident Insurance, Cancer Insurance.

Allstate homeowners & automobile insurance

Allstate Financial Services including: IRA's ♦ 401(k) ♦ pension plans ♦ Life Insurance ♦ Long Term Care ♦ Annuities ♦ Disability

If you are interested in taking advantage of any of these services, please contact Cathy Bock or Victoria Thurston for more specific information and mention that you are a MSHA member:

Cathy Bock
Bock Insurance Agency, INC
Personal Financial Representative
401 E. Front Street
Butte, MT 59701
p. 406-782-1231
f. 406-723-4089
e. cbock@allstate.com

OR

Victoria Thurston
Thurston Insurance
Allstate Benefit Specialist
100 N. 27th St., #240
Billings, MT 59101
p. 406-697-4293
f. 406-839-2309
e. thurstoninsurance@gmail.com

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May is Better Speech and Hearing Month Promotional

“May is Better Speech and Hearing Month” is a wonderful opportunity for MSHA to promote the wide range of services and life altering experiences people have through speech/language and hearing. The executive board for MSHA is requesting nominations of persons on your caseload that have been positively affected by speech/language and hearing services. We will choose “winners” in each large town areas (Billings, Missoula, Great Falls, Helena, Bozeman, Kalispell and the Hi line) and create posters highlighting each persons experience with speech pathology and audiology. The posters will be distributed throughout each winners area. The deadline for nominations will be February 1, 2011. Nominations may be sent to:

Diane Simpson
P.O. Box 7
Fort Shaw, MT 59443
speechpath@3rivers.net

Supervisor Recruitment: Clinical supervision of CSD graduate Students across the state

The University of Montana CSD department is thrilled to be moving into our second year of the graduate program. We have 27 graduate students that will be beginning their second year during the 2010- 2011 academic year. This fall we will have 51 students in our graduate program. As many of you remember, the second year of graduate school builds on clinical skills with most students participating in 2-3 practicums in various settings. The CSD department clinical supervisors and faculty are providing clinical opportunities in the Rite Care speech language clinic and in the local schools. Our outreach is limited to the Missoula area. We are hoping to place our graduate students in schools across the state. As you know, the State of Montana has an extraordinary shortage of Speech-Language Pathologists. Many rural schools and special education cooperatives have gone years with open positions and have needed to fill these spots with speech therapy aides. Speech-Language Pathologists are then stretched to provide direct service and supervise these speech aides. In addition, a few SLP have dropped their ASHA certification. (Please note you can have a Montana state license as a Speech-Language Pathologist without maintaining your ASHA certification, but you must be both licensed and certified to provide supervision to UMT students). To provide UM graduate students with clinical practicum opportunities in the public schools in areas of high need across Montana, a creative solution was needed.

The UMT CSD department has teamed up with Montana office of Public instruction (OPI) to support the placement of our graduate student in the spring and summer of 2011 in externships in the public schools across the state

We are in the final planning stages but it looks like OPI and The UMT CSD program will:

1. Provide Supervisor training – two versions face to face in Helena and as Online. This training will occur in the autumn and/or spring Semester. Training will include a one day workshop on supervision, and a web based lecture from ASHA. We plan to provide CEU's.
2. Support Supervisor to maintain or renew their ASHA membership by contributing to each supervisor's ASHA dues as needed.
3. Support Speech-Language Pathologist whose ASHA membership has lapsed by paying for them to take the Praxis exam . The test maybe required to renew ASHA membership
4. Help fund the supervising CSD graduate student(s) for one semester (15 week practicum). We are hoping that a small salary may entice part time or retired SLP's.
5. Pay for mileage (state rate) if needed for supervising. Thus encouraging placement in cities, towns and co-ops across the state.
6. Administration time: to include the hiring of part-time administrator to assist in the setting up, and management of the budget and administering the supervisor-training program.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming an Educational supervisor in the state or participating in one of the supervision training please contact: Chris Merriman 406 243-2377 chrsitine.merriman@umontana.edu. We have an extraordinary group of graduate students and I know you will be inspired by their passion and zest for our field.

MSHA 2010 Fall Convention REGISTRATION FORM

Contact the Butte War Bonnet Hotel at 1-800-443-1806 OR the Holiday Inn Express at 1-406-494-6999 for reservations.
Registration information is available online in a PDF file which can be filled out on your computer.
<http://www.mshaonline.org>

DATES TO REMEMBER

09/20/2010 – Holiday Inn Express room block reservation deadline. Rooms may still be available after that date but not at the conference rate. Rate = \$89.00 Single/Double Occupancy & \$109 Suite

10/01/2010 – Butte War Bonnet Hotel room block reservation deadline. Rooms may still be available after that date not at the conference rate. Rate = \$84.00/Single; \$94.00/Double. A \$10 fee will be charged for an extra person in the room.

10/11/2010 – Caterers need to know approximately how many to plan for.

10/18/2010 - Advance registration deadline. All registrations after 10/18/2010 must be completed at the conference. After 10/18/2010, please send an e-mail to cmatters@bresnan.net of your intent to attend so we can ensure you receive all conference handouts. Walk-in registrations are accepted.

10/20/2010 – Date after which no full refunds for cancellation of registration will be made. Your registration packet & handouts will be sent to you after the conference.

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE & HANDOUTS

Don't forget to make your choice; please read carefully to make your best choice

Each attendee has the option of (1) a printed handout of a speaker's presentation or (2) a CD-ROM of a speaker's written materials in PDF files. MSHA will provide copies of the printed handouts at the registration table during Fall Convention, and **on our website 1 month prior to the conference**, as well as afterward. Please go to www.mshaonline.org **Please select the speakers' seminars you are interested in attending. Choose one version of the handout to be included in your packet:**

I am interested in attending and want the **printed version** of the following speakers' handouts.

I am interested in attending and want the **CD-Rom version** of the following speakers' handouts.

Thursday

- Kitty Griffin: "Real Sign Language for Real Kids"
- Nancy Swigert: "Dysarthria & Apraxia: Assessing & Treating for Maximum Gain"
- Lynn Sirow: "You don't Hear w/Your Ears, You Hear w/Your Brain: Considering Auditory Processing to Obtain Better Amplification."

Friday

- Nancy Swigert: AM: "Current Evidenced-Based Practices for treating Adults with Dysphagia"
- Nancy Swigert: PM: "Behavioral Feeding Disorders in Children: Food Selectivity & Refusal"
- Barbara Moore: "SLP Partnerships: Collaborative Models & Intervention Designed to Increase Student Achievement"
- Stephanie Madrigal: "Social Thinking Across the Home and School Day: The ILAUGH Model of Social Cognition"
- Lynn Sirow: AM: "Hearing w/Your Brain: Differentiating Auditory Processing Disorders from Auditory Language Disorders"
- Gus Mueller: AM: "Before the Hearing Aid Fitting: What Tests Provide the Best Bang for the Buck?"
PM: "How to Maximize Hearing Aid Satisfaction through Verification"

Saturday

- Steve White: "Advocacy & Negotiation for Improved Plan Coverage & Reimbursements"
- Larry Shotland: "Tax Planning Strategies for Health Care Practitioners"

I am also interested in attending:

- SLP/Student Panel** **MSHA Social/Silent Auction** **MSHA Annual Business Luncheon**



Montana Speech-Language-Hearing Association is approved by the Continuing Education Board of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) to provide continuing education activities in speech-language pathology and audiology. See course information for number of ASHA CEUs, instructional level and content area. ASHA CE Provider approval does not imply endorsement of course content, specific products or clinical procedures.

This program is offered for up to 1.5
CEUs (Intermediate level;
Professional area)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

(Each attendee must complete a separate registration form but multiple registrations may be paid in a single payment.)

___ Mr./ ___ Ms. _____
 Name (Please print or type)

 Place of Employment

 Street

 City State Zip Phone

 E-mail (please print clearly)

Personal Preferences

___ **Dietary requests (including vegan/vegetarian meals) must be submitted at least 2 weeks before the conference.** I have need for physical or dietary assistance:

REGISTRATION FEES

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Member (includes all food/beverage events and seminars)	\$225.00
Non- Member* & Other Professional (includes seminars only)	\$275.00
Student/Aide Member (includes all food/beverage events and seminars)	\$25.00
Student/Aide Non-Member** (includes seminars only)	\$50.00
Parent/Early Intervention & Family Support Specialists (includes seminars only)	\$25.00

Total registration fees _____ (a)

* Non-members may join at this time and receive the member discount on the registration fee for this conference.

** "Student" refers to a person currently enrolled in university program, studying communication sciences & disorders. "Aide" refers to a person currently licensed as an Audiology or SLP Aide in Montana.

ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION ITEMS

Spouse/Guest of registered attendee, interested in attending all food/beverage events = \$15 each/\$25 p/couple

- Student/SLP Panel
- MSHA Social/Silent Auction
- MSHA Business Luncheon

Quantity ___ x \$15 = Total _____(1)

___ Mr./ ___ Ms. _____

Name of non-attending & non-member spouse/guest (Please print or type)

Non-Member, registered attendee, for attending all food/beverage events = \$15 each/\$25 p/couple

- Student/SLP Panel
- MSHA Social/Silent Auction
- MSHA Business Luncheon

Quantity ___ x \$15 = Total _____(2)

Total additional fees (add (1) and (2)) _____(b)

2011 MSHA MEMBERSHIP DUES

New memberships effective immediately and continue through the end of 2011.

This is a ___new/___renewal membership for 2011.

___Regular..... \$75

___Student/Aide..... \$25

Total 2011 Membership Dues _____ (c)

Community Outreach Contribution \$ _____ (d)

Total Amount enclosed (add (a), (b), (c) and (d)) \$ _____

Payment information

___ **Check enclosed for \$ _____**

___ **Payment made online using *PayPal***

Send Registration form, with payment to:

**Jennifer Pierce
202 W Park
Butte, MT 59701
(866) 723-4830**

SOCIAL/SILENT AUCTION

This year we are planning a big deal fundraiser for MSHA and the Community Outreach program. We are looking to invite someone to entertain, get items from local businesses to give as door prizes and raffle off. If we are successful in getting someone to come in and perform for us, we will open the event up to the public at \$15 p/person or \$25 p/couple. All proceeds will be split between the organization and Community Outreach committee.

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___ Certificate of Appreciation: _____
Name

___ Certificate of Merit: _____
Name

EXECUTIVE BOARD & COMMITTEES

The Executive Board is always looking for individuals to serve on the Executive Board or to Chair a committee or assist a committee. If you are interested in Chairing or assisting a committee, please place a check by your area of interest OR contact Jennifer Pierce at 866. 723. 4830 / cmatters@bresnan.net Thank you for your consideration!

___ President-Elect (3 years – one in which you will be President)

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___ Continuing Education [Valeria Schmauch]

___ Licensure Board [Alida Wright]

___ Regulations [Darrell Micken]

___ Prevention of Communication Disorders [Joan Smith]

___ Web Site – [Mary Callahan]

___ Summer Institute - vacant

___ Fall Convention – Helena 2011

___ Community Outreach [Leah Jacobsen]

___ CSPD Liaison [Marilyn Pearson]

___ SEAL [Laurajo McKamey]

___ AUD Advisory Councilor [Janis Hayes-Strom]

___ SLP Advisory Councilor [Janice Nugent]

___ STARS & SMACs [Carol Morse]