

Committee Information

MSHA has two types of committees: Standing and Ad Hoc. Standing Committees were established in our By-Laws and are permanent committees. Ad Hoc committees are established to meet specific needs of the organization and are only temporary in nature.

<i>Standing Committees</i>	<i>Purposes</i>	<i>Chair(s)</i>	<i>Term</i>
Continuing Education	To manage and register our CEU programs for Fall Convention and Summer Institute	Lynne Brush Valeria Schmauch	3 years
Fall Convention Program & Site	Contact speakers and arrange programs for convention. Arrange for place, rooms, food, etc.	Suzanne Beauregard, Donna Lensing Janis Hayes-Strom	1-2 years
Ethical Practices	Assist past president in responding to ethics concerns from members and citizens; research current issues	Leah Jacobsen	1 year
Honors	Assist the president-elect in selecting recipients for MSHA Awards	Marilyn Pearson Mary Callahan	1 year
Licensure	Research and watch licensure issues in the legislature, coordinate with the licensure board	VACANT	1-2 years Must live in Helena
Publications/Membership	Assist the secretary in maintaining membership records and helping the Administrative Assistant with The Communicator	Lynne Brush Diane Simpson	3 years
Public Relations	Promoting our profession to ourselves and others	VACANT	2-3 years
Political Action	Assist the lobbyist during legislative years watch for MSHA related legislation and activate the phone tree when needed	Elaine Spino	2-3 years Must live in Helena

<i>Ad Hoc Committees</i>	<i>Purposes</i>	<i>Chair(s)</i>	<i>Term</i>
Advisory Councilors		SLP: Janice Nugent AUD: Janis Hayes-Strom	
Community Outreach/ Fundraising	Raise and distribute funds through grants to families and individuals in need of hearing aids or other technical assistance.	Allyson Hermes	Until Burnout
CSPD Comprehensive System of Professional Development	Inform MSHA of upcoming CSPD opportunities and help combine efforts	Suzanne Bobowiec	Until Burnout
Distance Learning	Research available long distance AUD programs. Coordinate with colleges and universities for tuition considerations. Inform MSHA members of what's available.	Marilyn Pearson	Until Burnout
SMAC/STAR Networks State Medicare Administrative Contractor Network/State Advocates for Reimbursement	Establish communication with MSHA and ASHA to advocate for appropriate reimbursement through Medicare and Insurance companies for SLP & AUD services	Carol Morse	Until Burnout
Regulations	Monitors influences on our licensure laws and practices. Informs MSHA members of concerns	Darrell Micken	Until Burnout
SEAL State Education Advocacy Leader	This is an ASHA supported position. The SEAL advocates for and with school based MSHA members to influence administrative and public policy decisions that affect school based services.	Laura Jo McKamey	3 years
State Licensing Network	ASHA supported position to assist MSHA and ASHA keep informed about the actions and issues before state licensing boards to protect the professional and consumer.		
Summer Institute	Plan site and program of Summer Institute, send out notices, collect registrations and CEU information	Laura Jo McKamey Cheri Fjarie	3 years
Web Site	Help find articles and other interesting items for our website	VACANT	3 years
Prevention of Communication Disorders	Raise awareness of issues that cause communication disorders	Joan Smith	Until Burnout