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Letter from the President

Greetings Members and Friends,

It is my pleasure to be writing to you on behalf of the Ohio Academy of Audiology. This last year has been a busy one for your Board of Directors. It has been my pleasure to work with an amazing group of Audiologists. Their time and commitment are what make the Ohio Academy of Audiology such a huge success. We have added some new positions, and new faces to the board. We look forward to their input and ideas. As our Student liaisons join the board, we look to/toward the future audiologists of Ohio for their input.

With our website up and running very successfully your membership renewals can now be done online. This newsletter will be posted on the website in the members only section and mailed to current members. Be sure to visit the website and see what your board is doing.

As always our organization strives to provide audiologists in the State of Ohio with top-notch continuing education opportunities twice a year. This year we were delighted to present the biennial Ohio Audiology Conference – Solve the Mysteries of Audiology – in Columbus on February 24-26, 2005. We hope you found some clues that you took home and put into practice. You should have recently received an email from the Continuing

Education committee with your Certificate of Completion. A fall meeting will take place outside of Columbus, on “Medical Audiology” watch for details on the website and in the mail.

New to the Ohio Academy of Audiology Board this year is the addition of Regional Liaisons. We are delighted to welcome Larry Schmidbauer-NW, Ryan Mills-SW, Jane Dunay-NE, and Loretta Lauder-SE to our board. They will be the eyes and “ears” in your areas. We hope you will contact them with input, requests, and suggestions about how OAA can meet your regional needs. Interested in a specific topic for continuing education, have a regional need for consumer information, regional insurance reimbursement issues? Contact your regional Liaison; perhaps there are others in your area with the same need. Look for information on “Town Hall” meeting this summer.

The Ohio Academy of Audiology continues to represent our profession in the political arena with involvement in proposed changes to the licensure law, which has now passed the House (HB66) and goes on to the senate, support for changes in the Medicaid Reimbursement Regulations which went to hearings on May 24th, 2005. The Ohio Speech and Hearing Governmental Affairs Coalition (GAC) has worked hard with Governmental Policy Group, our lobbyists, to represent our position on the state level. Our thanks to Dawn Gleason, Karen Mitchell, and Erin Miller for all their work with Kelly O’Reilly of GPG. We welcome Susan LaChance to the open position on GAC. Dawn Gleason has recently been appointed to the Board of

Speech Language Pathology and Audiology. We know Dawn, Pat and Valenta will continue to promote Audiology in their positions on the Board.

The work we do on the state political level needs your assistance. From time to time you will be contacted to write a letter, or send an email, please take a few minutes to let your voice be heard. Our Political Action Committee also needs your help. Even small contributions help us to get the job done. Send your personal checks to:

Alfred Pasini, OSPAC-Treasurer
Youngstown Hearing
& Speech Center
6614 Southern Blvd.
Youngstown, Ohio 44512

Should you have any questions about the Ohio Academy of Audiology, please contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,
Helene Levenfus, Au.D.
President, Ohio Academy of Audiology

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Securing Audiology's Future: How You Can Help

Each of us contributes to our profession by providing excellent patient care in our respective practices. Additionally, some professionals contribute to the profession by becoming actively involved in the state or national academy as board members, committee members or regional liaisons. Still others contribute by providing insight and expertise on established task forces within the state and nationally. These are all valuable and significant contributions that help to secure audiology's future. Yet, there is still one more opportunity for *each* of us to contribute...**Open your practice door and become a preceptor to an Au.D. student.**

The state of Ohio has four Au.D. programs: The Northeastern Ohio Au.D. Consortium (NOAC, a joint program of the University of Akron, Kent State University and the Cleveland Clinic), University of Cincinnati, Ohio University and The Ohio State University. The programs are located in Northeastern Ohio, Southwestern Ohio, Southeastern Ohio and Central Ohio.

The Ohio Academy of Audiology believes that our association has a responsibility to students in our Ohio Au.D. programs. To that end we are establishing a database on our website that will allow Au.D. students throughout the state to locate practices and preceptors where they might gain experience in different facets of audiology. Although the onus of teaching and preparation must come from our universities, the Academy believes that each of us has a responsibility to mentor and train those who will come after us. We would all agree that were it not for our "supervisors", we would have been unable to complete our clinical training and succeed in our chosen profession.

Many of you may be thinking "What do I, or my practice, have to offer these students?" Some of you may be experts in vestibular evaluation and rehabilitation, while other practices may provide diagnostic services and hearing instrument selection and dispensing. Of course students must gain experience in all areas of audiology, but beyond this, a preceptor will discuss current developments in the field, discuss divergent points of view, relate topics to other disciplines and explain the basis for clinical actions and decisions. An effective preceptor will communicate clear goals and expectations and capture the student's attention. As a preceptor you will be responsible to create a safe environment for professional growth.

The Academy believes that professionals will gain as much, if not more than the students, when they open their practice and become a preceptor. As students gain new skills and awareness of what it means to be a professional,

the preceptors are rewarded with a sense of achievement when their student succeeds. As a preceptor you will help guide the student as they make the transition to professional practice. The relationships developed, and the intangible rewards you receive as a preceptor are immeasurable.

The first steps to become a preceptor are simple. Complete the information request form enclosed in the newsletter and Fax, Email or return via US Mail as directed on the bottom of the form. Please complete the form even if you are currently a preceptor for students. This will allow us to include your information in the database. Your information will be included on the official website of the Ohio Academy of Audiology, www.ohio-academy-of-audiology.org. Although we encourage all audiologists in the state to be members of the association, it is not required that you are a member to be involved in this program. Each university and student will be responsible to determine if information provided by the preceptor is current and accurate.

Take the next step to help secure audiology's future... become a preceptor. Help mentor and train future audiologists. The Academy looks forward to receiving your information.

Help Secure Audiology's Future:



***Become a
Preceptor***

*Complete the enclosed Preceptor/Practice
Information Form and return to:*

*Erin L. Miller, Au.D.
Neuro-Communication Services, Inc.
755 Boardman-Canfield Road, Bldg. C-1
Youngstown, Ohio 44512
Or via email:
aaa@ohio-academy-of-audiology.org*

EHDI Program Update

Approximately 450 babies per year will have some form of congenital hearing loss in Ohio. The Joint Committee on Infant Hearing, 2000 Position Statement (JCIH) describes Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) as the 1-3-6 plan. The national goals of 1-3-6 include birth admission screening (before 1 month of age) as the first step, diagnostic evaluation by 3 months of age, and enrollment in intervention by 6 months of age.

The one year anniversary of implementation of UNHS (Universal Newborn Hearing Screening) in Ohio is quickly approaching (July 1, 2005). All Ohio birthing hospitals are performing birth admission screening which is mandated by state law. All hospitals are required to report hearing screening results to the Ohio Department of Health within 14 days of screening. Many infants who do not pass the hospital screening return for follow up audiologic evaluation. Follow up reports are not consistently sent to ODH or the Regional Infant Hearing Programs (RIHP). The RIHP's are responsible for follow up and tracking. Follow up and tracking of non-passing UNHS babies to determine hearing status is a time intensive process. Due to lack of information and delays in receiving follow up reports on an infants hearing status, the age of diagnosis increases. The goal of an effective EHDI program is to decrease the age of diagnosis, which in turn, provides the infant with the best opportunity to succeed in whatever communication methodology that is chosen.

In an effort to close this gap audiologists will soon have a new reporting form to report UNHS diagnostic results to the Ohio Department of Health. The reporting of UNHS results and follow up evaluation in Ohio is covered by the legislative mandate. A recent article in **Audiology Today**, by Eichwald, Gaffney, and Ross, *Volume 17, Number 3, May/June 05 issue*, discusses the importance of reporting pediatric diagnostic audiologic evaluations to the state health department. The article indicates that follow up reporting of diagnostic results post UNHS is lacking nationwide. Please assist our state in closing the gap by reporting diagnostic results to the EHDI program at the Ohio Department of Health. A new reporting form will be available this summer. For further questions/inquiries regarding UNHS, EHDI, RIHP, or to order forms please call 614-644-8389, an Infant Hearing Program Consultant will assist you.

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OAA NAMES 4 Regional Liaisons

Ryan Mills	Southwest region
Jane Dunay	Northeast region
Larry Schmidbauer	Northwest region
Loretta Lauder	Southeast region

Duties include:

- Communication facilitation
- OAA promotion
- Support of OAA mission
- Support of OAA programs

Learn more about us by visiting the OAA website. We look forward to hearing from you with your comments, questions, concerns, or just your hellos.

Congratulations



OAA Member, Valenta Ward-Gravelly, Au.D. of Shaker Heights, Ohio and former President of the Ohio Academy of Audiology, Dawn Gleason, Au.D., of Hilliard, Ohio were appointed to the Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology. Valenta's term began October, 2004 and Dawn's term began April, 2005. We wish you both much success!

Legislative Breakfast News— April 2005

The 17th legislative breakfast was held at the Statehouse on April 20th with nearly one hundred colleagues, students and legislators in attendance. The breakfast is always an outstanding opportunity for us to meet with our legislators and recognize their support of professional issues that directly affect consumers with communication disorders.



Ann Wheat, Susan LaChance, and Dawn Gleason at the Legislative Breakfast.

Legislator of the Year, Senator Robert Spada, who has experienced a fluctuating hearing loss, spoke about difficulties he encountered and was supportive of speech and hearing issues.

The OSHLA Consumer Award recipient, Scott Kirklin, attended the breakfast and spoke enthusiastically to our group via his Pathfinder communication assistive device. Scott was nominated because of his patient work with speech graduate students for the past seven years as they learn about his Pathfinder.



Colton Moore winner of 2005 poster contest with his winning poster.

The Ohio Coalition for Hearing Health Awareness (OCHHA) featured the winning poster for their spring hearing health awareness contest. A \$500 savings bond was presented to Colton Moore of Danville Elementary School.

Sponsorship for this event was in part provided by Oticon, Phonak and Gordon Stowe & Associates. The Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center continued their sponsorship of student attendees.

We appreciate the support of those who helped make this event successful.



OSU Students Kip Kelly, Oisa Mitchell and Manisha Jainsu at the Legislative Breakfast.

2004-2005 OSHGAC-PAC FUND DRIVE UPDATE

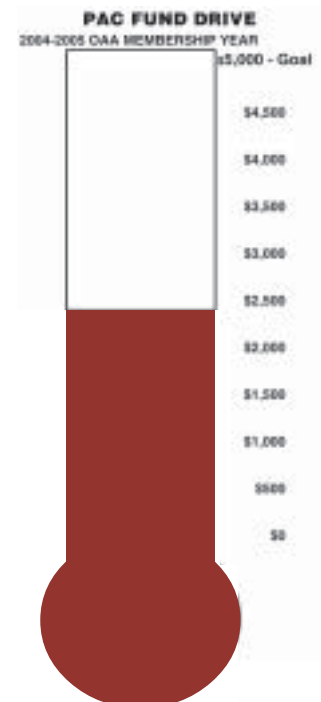
The 2004-2005 annual PAC fund drive for Ohio Academy of Audiology members closes on June 30th, 2005. The PAC-O-METER reflects contributions received prior to publication of the newsletter. Although we were unable to reach our lofty goal of \$5,000.00, we are thankful to each of our members (and friends) who contributed to the PAC. Many of you continue to make contributions to the PAC an annual expenditure. We have members who have gone beyond the call of duty and have contributed over two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) to the PAC this membership cycle. We can't thank you enough!

We are pleased to announce the "lift-off" of our annual PAC fund drive for the July 1st, 2005 to June 30th, 2006 membership cycle. Please remember to include your contribution to the PAC when you return your membership dues. The average PAC contribution is \$25.00. If each member contributed this amount during our annual membership drive, we would reach our goal immediately! The PAC-O-METER will return to ZERO on July 1st. You can track the annual fund drive on the OAA website and in the newsletter. Please remember that your continued PAC support allows us to support legislators who are sympathetic to the concerns of our profession.

Make your annual PAC contribution today! Personal Checks should be sent to the OSHGAC-PAC Treasurer:

Alfred Pasini,
OSHGAC-PAC Treasurer
Youngstown Hearing
& Speech Center
6614 Southern Blvd.
Youngstown, Ohio 44512

Or, include a separate check with you membership dues. Thank-you for your continued support of the PAC!





**Ohio Supervised Professional Experience
Opportunities
Preceptor/Practice Information**

PRECEPTOR NAME: _____

PRACTICE NAME: _____

PRACTICE ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

COUNTY: _____ PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

STATE LICENSE: _____ CERTIFICATION: ASHA ABA

HOW DO YOU PREFER TO BE CONTACTED: Phone Email

DESCRIPTION OF EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITES:

POPULATION SERVED: Birth to 3 yrs 3 to 17 yrs Adult

SERVICES _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ABR | <input type="checkbox"/> HEARING EVALUATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES | <input type="checkbox"/> HEARING INSTRUMENT SELECTION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AUDITORY (RE) HABILITATION | <input type="checkbox"/> HEARING INSTRUMENT DISPENSING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COCHLEAR IMPLANT | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL AUDIOLOGY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AUDITORY PROCESSING EVALUATION | <input type="checkbox"/> OTOACOUSTIC EMISSIONS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AUDITORY PROCESSING MANAGEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> TINNITUS EVALUATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ECOG | <input type="checkbox"/> TINNITUS RETRAINING THERAPY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL AUDIOLOGY | <input type="checkbox"/> RECREATIONAL AUDIOLOGY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ENG/VESTIBULAR EVALUATION | <input type="checkbox"/> VESTIBULAR REHABILITATION |

OTHER SERVICES: _____

EXTERN DUTIES: _____

START DATE: _____ DURATION OF EXPERIENCE: _____

NUMBER OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE: _____ STIPEND AVAILABLE: _____

APPLICATION PROCESS: _____

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

(For example: Do you require the student have experience in specific areas before applying.)

RESTRICTED OR OPEN APPLICATIONS: _____

IF AVAILABLE: NAMES OF PREVIOUS EXTERNS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION:

PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

PREFERRED METHOD OF CONTACT: PHONE CELL PHONE E-MAIL:

NAME: _____

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PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

PREFERRED METHOD OF CONTACT: PHONE CELL PHONE E-MAIL:

RETURN PRECEPTOR/PRACTICE INFORMATION TO: Erin L. Miller, Au.D.
Neuro-Communication Services, Inc.
755 Boardman-Canfield Road, Bldg. C-1
Youngstown, Ohio 44512
FAX: 330.726.8612
OR E-MAIL TO: aaa@ohio-academy-of-audiology.org

**The above information will be listed on the Official website of the
Ohio Academy of Audiology
www.ohio-academy-of-audiology.org**

Membership in the Ohio Academy of Audiology is not required to participate in this program.

Important Licensure Issues

President Elect Jane Kukula Au.D.

The budget bill, HB 66 has amendments which will change the academic requirement for licensure and consolidate the Ohio Board of Speech Language Pathology and Audiology (OBSLPA) under the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). During the past few months, members have been asked to respond to legislators regarding these two issues, academic requirement for licensure and board consolidation.

At this time Ohio is well situated to be among the first states to require a Doctor of Audiology or equivalent education for licensure. Representative Jon Peterson introduced an amendment to HB 66 which will change the academic requirement from a master's degree to a doctoral degree. The change will increase the academic requirement and place the clinical education on the universities. Audiology applicants for licensure will no longer have to meet the supervised professional experience or conditional license requirements. Partnering between the universities and clinical preceptors during the fourth year of training will increase both the quality of the profession and the quality of services. Audiologists entering the profession will have entry level skills necessary for practice at graduation.

The proposed change in academic requirement will affect individuals applying for initial licensure on or after January 1, 2006. Audiologists licensed prior to January 1, 2006 or have applied for licensure prior to this date will not have to meet the new requirement but will simply need to renew their license. Practitioners with master's degrees must not let their licenses lapse. If a licensed expires a master's degreed audiologist may be required to meet the new academic requirement when applying for re-licensure. **It is critical that all audiologists renew their licenses in a timely manner.**

The amendment also includes a grandparenting clause for audiologists from other states who meet the present master's degree requirement by January 1, 2006. The grandparenting provision will allow experienced audiologists from other states to move to Ohio and at the

same time require new practitioners to meet the new requirement. Grandparenting is a mechanism for licensing individuals who do not meet requirements. It is not a mechanism to confer a degree. Master's degreed audiologists who are licensed by grandparenting **will not** be allowed to use title Doctor of Audiology.

OAA has opposed the proposal to consolidate the OBSLPA under the ODH due to the lack of sustenance in the amendment. It was assumed that the proposal was an attempt at cutting operating expenses. The proposal was made without a study comparing the present administrative model to the proposed model. Concerns over Board autonomy, redirecting of licensure fees, loss of oversight of the professions and reduced responsiveness to licensees and consumers spurred OAA to oppose this change. During the budget process an alternative plan to consolidate the OBSLPA under the Department of Administrative Services was proposed. This plan has the support of OAA and the GAC. It preserves the autonomy of the Board's function while providing further oversight of executive directors. The Board will maintain its staff with the sole purpose of implementing the mission and goals of the OBSLPA.

One remaining concern is over the redirecting of licensure fees. In 1990 the Ohio Legislature mandated that boards be financially self sufficient. Since that time the Board has required fees which allows for the administrating and implementation of Chapter 4753 of the Revised Code. The Office of Budget Management oversees board expenditures the OBSLPA must operate within their budget. Licensure fees collected above those needed for Board expenses are placed in a 4K9 fund in reserve for the Board. Due to the State budget deficit the Legislature has appropriated money from the fund and redirected it from its original purpose of maintaining practice standards and implementing Chapter 4753 of the Revised Code to the General Operating Fund for the State. OAA will continue to monitor the state's use of licensure funds and keep you appraised.

WELCOME

OAA is pleased to announce our student liaisons

NOAC -Lauren L. Bolek, 2nd year student
Ohio University - Kent Greer, 1st year student
Ohio State University - Laura Ritchey, 2nd year student
University of Cincinnati - Jill Davison, 2nd year student

Look for more information about student liaisons on the Website

Congratulations Pat!

Former President of the Ohio Academy of Audiology, Patrick Mangino, Au.D., of Westerville, Ohio has been elected to Chair the Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology effective January, 2005. Pat served as Vice Chair during Deb Abel's tenure as Chair and was elected to replace Deb following her relocation to Arizona. Congratulations and good luck!



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of Audiology

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CE EVENT

The Cleveland Clinic Vestibular Update 2005
(November 18-20)

Please call Karen Margosian
for details at (216) 444-8552

www.clevelandclinicmeded.com

University of Florida Au.D.
Alumni Reunion
The University of Florida
Doctor of Audiology Program
is pleased to invite our alumni to join us in
Gainesville, Florida for an
Au.D. Alumni Reunion
November 4 and 5, 2005.
For more information, please contact
Carlee Thomas at (352) 265-8097
or cthomas@vpha.ufl.edu.



The Ohio Academy of Audiology

Membership Application

July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006

Renewing members may renew online at www.ohio-academy-of-audiology.org

NAME: _____

New Member Renewal (please check one)

HOME INFORMATION

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ County: _____

E-Mail: _____

BUSINESS INFORMATION

Note: If you work at more than one office and would like more than site listed in the Membership Directory and OAA website, you may photocopy this page as many times as needed. First office listing is free with membership. Additional offices can be listed in the directory and OAA website for an additional fee of \$10.00 each.

Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

County: _____ Office Phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

WEBSITE ADDRESS: If you have an office website, we can include a direct link from the OAA website to your website for a fee of \$25.00. Please enter your website address here: _____

EMPLOYMENT SETTING:

POPULATION SERVED:

SERVICES PROVIDED:

Charitable Organization

College/University

Commercial/Retail

Governmental Agency

Hospital

Medical Practice/Clinic

Private Practice

School

Manufacturer/Distributor

Other _____

Birth to 3 years

3 to 17 years

Adult

ABR/Adult

ABR/Pediatric

Auditory (Re)Habilitation

Cochlear Implant

CAP Evaluation

ECOG

Educational Audiology

ENG/Vestibular Evaluation

Hearing Evaluation

Hearing Instrument Selection

Hearing Instrument Dispensing

Industrial Audiology

OAEs

Tinnitus Evaluation

Tinnitus Retraining Therapy

Recreational Audiology

Vestibular Rehabilitation

Other: _____

PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

Please check all that apply.

Certification Status: ABA Board Certified ASHA CCC/A PEY OH Dept. Ed.

Membership Status: AAA ASHA OSHA NOAA Other _____

Additional skills: Sign Language Foreign Languages (list): _____

Highest Degree: _____

Institution: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Licensure Status: OH# _____ Other State Licenses _____

PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH PAGES OF THIS APPLICATION

Preferred mailing address: Home Business *(please check one)*

May we publish your business/professional information in the OAA Membership Directory and website?

Yes No *(please check one)*

MEMBERSHIP DUES AND OTHER FEES

	<u>Postmarked by 7/16/05</u>	<u>After 7/16/05</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Fellow (Professional who possess a graduate degree in audiology from an accredited academic institution):	\$ 60.00	\$ 75.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional office listings (first is free) @ \$10.00/ea:	\$ _____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Direct link from OAA website to your office website @ \$25.00:	\$ _____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Associate member (Full-time residential student pursuing a graduate degree in audiology or PEY fellow):	\$ 00.00	\$ 00.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary OSH PAC Contribution: (Please include a separate check made out to "OSHGAC-PAC")	\$ _____	\$ _____
TOTAL:	\$ _____	\$ _____

PAYMENT AND REGISTRATION

ONLINE: Renewing members may renew online at www.ohio-academy-of-audiology.org

CHECKS: Make check payable to "The Ohio Academy of Audiology".

CREDIT CARD (circle one): **VISA** **MasterCard**

Account Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Cardholder: _____ Signature: _____

Credit card billing address: _____

Please mail application and dues to: **The Ohio Academy of Audiology**
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The Ohio Academy of Audiology is the state affiliate of the American Academy of Audiology and is the first professional state association established for audiologists. Your membership dues contribute towards the Governmental Affairs Coalition, Continuing Education activities for licensure renewal, newsletter and facilitating local networks.