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Colorado Speech-Language and Hearing Association

President's Letter



Greetings from your CSHA Board of Directors!

We hope our members will find the new *CSHA Newsletters* informative. One of our goals for 2016, is to send these on a regular basis as we work toward keeping our members up-to-date on activities of the Board and providing information relevant to you. Email blasts, Facebook posts and the newsletter are the primary means with which we communicate with our members. Your feedback is welcome. Please contact our office if you have suggestions for improving communication in the future.

Thank you to all of you who stopped by the CSHA exhibit booth at the ASHA Convention. Your friendliness and feedback was greatly appreciated. And, congratulations to drawing winners!

ASHA assisted CSHA in January 2015, with creating a comprehensive Strategic Plan for our organization. This Plan has helped guide the Board in our initiatives for 2015 and 2016. In 2015, our efforts were focused largely on ASHA planning and working with the Department of Regulatory Affairs (DORA) for a smooth transition into the recertification process. For 2016, we have committed to securing a lobbyist to assist us in ensuring reauthorization of our certification law in 2017. The CSHA website is slated for a complete redesign to make it more

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functional and accessible to our members and those we serve. And, rather than hosting two, one-day Conferences, planning is well underway for a two-day, multi-track Conference in the fall. In addition, we are working toward more active engagement with students in Colorado pursuing degrees in speech-language pathology and audiology.

The CSHA Board is committed to serving our members however we can. Your Board consists of professionals with a depth and variety of experiences. Many of you have made contact to ask for guidance or support on a variety of issues and we are doing our best to be responsive. Thank you for your continued membership!

Pamela Mayer, MS, CCC-SLP
CSHA President

ASHA 2015 Convention in Denver – Thank You to Our Members

The 2015 ASHA National Convention was billed as a **November to Remember in Denver!** Attendance was among ASHA's highest on record, 14,059, including 2,779 student members, 1,885 new professional members, 335 life members and 140 international affiliate members. More impressive was the turnout of ASHA members from Colorado: 81% of Colorado ASHA members and students attended, which meant about 20% of Convention attendees were from Colorado. According to ASHA Convention officials, our state's turnout "exceeded any other host state's turnout by a huge margin." **Way to go Colorado!!**

ASHA officials also reported that more than 80% of Convention attendees said that the Convention in Denver made them feel positive, validated and/or energized. Rumor has it ASHA is already looking to bring the National Convention back to Colorado in the not so distant future!!

Colorado-Wyoming Open House

Equally impressive was the turnout for the Colorado-Wyoming Open House at the Convention, of which CSHA was a proud sponsor. Attendees packed the Adirondack Room in the Tivoli Student Center the evening of Friday, November 13, 2015. Colorado and Wyoming speech-language pathologists and audiologists enjoyed delicious hors d'oeuvres and conversation with alumni, students and colleagues from Colorado University, University of Northern Colorado, Metropolitan State University and University of Wyoming. **What a great event!**

Pre-Convention Workshops

CSHA contributed in a big way to the record-breaking success of ASHA in Colorado. Some of the Pre-Convention Workshops were provided by professionals living and practicing in Colorado. The goal was to provide attendees with advanced and applied knowledge they could take home and apply in practice the following day. All of the presenters expressed that they felt honored when invited by CSHA to present a Pre-Convention Workshop.

Presenters included:

- Sarah Sogan and Theresa M. Snelling, Pediatric Speech-Language Pathologists with a private office in Lakewood, Colorado, who have years of experience treating and diagnosing children with cleft lip and palate.
- Jose Centeno, Associate Professor at St. John's University in Jamaica, New York, added a bilingual spin to the selections by presenting about clinical management in bilingual individuals with aphasia.
- Kathryn Hardin, Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Colorado, Boulder, presented updates on the diagnoses and treatment of concussions in adolescents and was given the special recognition by ASHA, the **trailblazer award**, for her presentation.

Attendees found the Workshops very useful and rewarding. CSHA will continue its commitment to excellence in continuing education at our Fall Conference with both pediatric and adult tracks and an ICD-10 and billing update.

Exhibit Booth

The CSHA Board was thrilled to meet so many members and potential members at our booth during the ASHA Convention. The feedback we heard from attendees who stopped by is guiding the 2016 plan for CSHA.





2016 CSHA Conference Call for Papers

CSHA invites you to submit a Call for Papers to present at this year's Conference.

Deadline for submission is
March 31, 2016.

You can find the Call for Papers submission form
on the CSHA website
www.cshassoc.org

Conference will take place
September 30 – October 1
8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sheraton Denver Tech Center
Greenwood Village, Colorado

This two-day Conference will include adult and pediatric tracks for both days.

As a CSHA member, you will receive a discounted rate for the Conference and free CEUs. We are excited about this new expanded Conference format and hope you can join us!

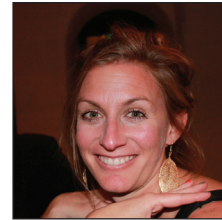
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for more information

Renewal of State Certification

The certification requirement for speech-language pathologists in Colorado, HB 12-1303 enacted in 2012, is set to sunset in 2017. This five-year period is standard procedure for new certification laws. Colorado clinicians worked hard to establish speech-language pathology certification in our state in order to protect our consumers from harm by persons who are working in an incompetent, unethical or unauthorized manner. It is critical that our certification continue and CSHA will be working closely this year with our lobbyist and the Colorado Public Policy Analyst reviewing the law to ensure that the legislation certifying SLPs in Colorado is continued.

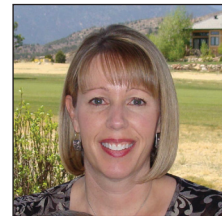
Meet Your New 2016 CSHA Executive Board Members



Jill Cimino

Vice President for Public Policy Elect

Jill Cimino was born and raised in Colorado Springs. She completed her undergraduate studies at CU Boulder where she received a BA in speech, language, hearing sciences. She then moved all the way across the country to Washington, D.C. to complete her graduate work at Gallaudet University. There, she had a unique immersion experience and got to enjoy our nation's capital for a couple years. After graduating, she moved to Seattle where she completed her Clinical Fellowship at Harborview Medical Center, a Level 1 Trauma hospital. She moved back to Denver in 2011 and began working at Children's Hospital Colorado. She is happy to be back in her home-state and enjoying all things "outdoor" that Colorado has to offer. She also loves to garden, play foos ball and is an avid knitter. This is her second year serving on the Colorado Speech-Language-Hearing Association Board.



Allison Foster

Vice President for Public Policy

It is an honor to serve on the CSHA board. Throughout my career, I've tried to give back to our profession by supervising graduate students and clinical fellows. In a desire to do more, I became involved with our state association. It is a privilege to be part of this amazing group. As a resident of Colorado for 43 years, I'm practically a native. I earned my BS in journalism from CU Boulder and my MA in speech pathology from the University of Northern Colorado. Throughout graduate school, I envisioned working in a hospital or private clinic. However, I had so much fun during my school internship, I've worked in the schools ever since. Currently, I am at Pinello Elementary in Widefield School District 3, where I serve students in grades K-5 along with an elementary significant support needs program. Although I diagnose and treat all pediatric communication delays, my journalism background has given me a passion for language. I love using the students' curriculum to demonstrate the power and beauty of language, whether in the words of a great historical figure, a novel, a poem, or even song lyrics. I also love AAC and giving a "voice" to those who don't have one. When I'm not working with my wonderful students, I'm a band groupie mom who drives teenagers and a lot of instruments around town. I also love traveling and hiking throughout our great state. I've covered a lot of ground, but there's always a new trail to explore.



CSHA has received numerous emails from our members regarding Colorado Medicaid and coding, billing and documentation procedures for codes 92507/97532. An SLP Advocacy Group has been formed to address these issues directly. CSHA is engaged, as is ASHA, in supporting this group who are requesting clarification from Colorado Medicaid on past policy and direction going forward. An email blast was sent to CSHA members regarding a meeting of the advocacy group that was held on Thursday, February 25. Colorado Medicaid has been positively responsive to the advocacy group as well as to ASHA. They are developing a webinar to be held Tuesday, March 22. An eblast for registration will be sent to CSHA members as soon as the information is available. In the meantime, if you have pressing questions you may contact any of the following:

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Visit the CSHA website (www.cshassoc.org) and make sure your CSHA member account information is up-to-date. Log on to the Member Center of the website, enter your Last Name and your Member Number. Once submitted, you are able to edit your account information, such as mailing address, email address, professional information and more.

The Member Center also gives you access to renew your membership, register for an event, search for a member, access member only resources and print your membership card.

Log on today!

CSHA News General Information

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Deadlines for CSHA Newsletter

Winter February 15
Spring May 15
Summer August 15
Fall November 15

Material should be typed and double spaced. Articles for general information should not exceed 400 words. Letters to the Editor should be 200 words or less. All articles are subject to stylistic editing. Submit articles to the CSHA Central Office at csha@cshassoc.org

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Mountain Symposium

Shirley Sahrman - *Upper Extremity Disorders*
Erin Jobst - *Pharmacology*
Robert Miller - *Language Disorders*

Northwest Symposium

Kim Waddell - *Upper Extremity Task Specific Training*
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