



# Montana Speech - Language - Hearing Association

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## December Communicator

### Presidents Message

**MSHA**  
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I want to thank everyone for concern and well wishes shown to me during my illness, especially during the MSHA fall convention. At the time of this meeting, I was hospitalized. These were all firsts including a first time hospital stay, first sick leave taken from work, missing the ASHA meeting after 40 years of perfect attendance, and of course, missing the MSHA meeting since my arrival in 2007.

Our organization has a wonderful foundation of dedicated people. I have noticed a resurgent interest in MSHA through increased board participation and increased membership. We now have telepractice in Montana and, through this effort, many board members have learned the process of legislative action. I urge you to work with our lobbyist and legislative consultant, Abigail St. Lawrence, on improving both SLP clinical and school issues as well as client access.

In 2008, I surveyed speech-language pathologists and audiologists throughout Montana. There were two aspects of the survey that were important to me. First, about one-third of our clinicians will retire in the next five years, and second, the CSD program at UM could establish a job-vacancy level for filling the nearly 100 positions that will become available.

Regarding the first issue, I have wanted MSHA to recognize those who have dedicated themselves to clinical service at the time of retirement. Regarding the second issue I believe that we must revisit our definitions of speech aides and assistants to differentiate a true service model from that of attempting to fill positions due to shortages.

I know that the new president and president-elect will move MSHA forward in great ways. As the past president for the next year, I have much to still accomplish and I am looking forward to working with the board.

I wish everyone - colleagues and friends a great holiday.

With kind regards,  
Al Yonovitz  
MSHA President

#### Special points of interest:

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## ACE Award Recipients from ASHA

MSHA received notification from ASHA that there are some professionals in our state who earned an Award for Continuing Education (ACE). They earned 7.0 ASHA CEUs (70 contact hours) within a 36 month period. Please join MSHA in congratulating the following individuals from Montana who were recognized. These listed individuals are also members of our state MSHA organization.

Name	Award Presented	City, State
Ginger Collins	May 2013	Missoula, MT
Loreen Folsom	April 2013	Missoula, MT

**Thank you all for your obvious dedication to this profession.  
Thank you also for your dedication to MSHA**

<https://www.chatbyphonak.com/home>

This site was launched by Phonak at the Educational Audiology Conference in June 2013. The Child Hearing Assessment Toolkit (CHAT). All your assessments for children "in one handy place"! (CHAPS, CHILD, FLE, ELF, COSI-C) and many more. Information submitted by: Tina Hoagland

## Fall Convention Summary

### Income:

Registration	\$19,170.26
Community Outreach	\$ 363.97
Flo & Floyd Auction	\$ 649.00
Donation Income	\$ 1,000.00
Vendor Income	\$ 850.00
Silent Auction	\$ 981.00
Public Relations Income	\$ 391.50

### Expenses:

Public Relations Products	\$ 302.93
Registration Refunds	\$ 980.00
Speaker Fees and Expenses	\$ 9789.37
Hotel Catering & Gratuities	\$ 6063.64
Equipment & Room Rental	\$ 1430.00
Printing	\$ 103.40

**Total Profit: \$ 4,736.39**

Please thank Diane Simpson & Jennifer Closson for their great work in coordinating a team to make this a successful event for the benefit of MSHA and its members.

Type in "Montana Speech-Language Hearing Association" in the Facebook search bar, check out our page, and click the "Like" button! Visit the webpage and ask questions, share resources, look at event photos, and find out more about the upcoming events.

## Facebook News

Deanne Kopp Reported: "Facebook Page is up to 123 Likes! Our page is seeing lots of action--check it out to find recent awards, news about MSHA members, winter therapy ideas, and tips for School SLPs!"

**Attendance at Fall Convention:** We had 66 speech language pathologists, 14 audiologists, 4 other, 5 dually certified, and 54 students... Total attendance was 143. *Please thank everyone you know that helped out with this convention from working registration tables, deciding on speakers, and dealing with all the infinite details.... this is a lot of work. Thanks to everyone who made this a success.....*

My answering machine has adjusted itself to my hearing problem. After you leave a message, it says, "Would you mind repeating that?"

**JOKE  
FOR YOU!**

## Continuing Education Information

**IMPORTANT**

A note from Mary Callahan, MSHA CEU Coordinator:

“Please remember to make sure your ASHA CE Registry fee is paid. There were 62 Fall Convention participants who earned ASHA CEUs for Fall Convention; however there were 14 members who have not paid their Registry fee to ASHA. Their CEU hours have been recorded with ASHA, but the CEUS will not be awarded and added to the individual CE Transcript until the fee is paid. Members can check to see if the registry fee has been paid or not by logging into their ASHA account at the ASHA website. ASHA members can also check their maintenance interval information, including the number of ASHA sponsored CEUs they have earned within the current maintenance interval.”

If you have questions about this please contact Mary at [sti4211@blackfoot.net](mailto:sti4211@blackfoot.net)  
*Feel free to contact Mary if you have any other questions related to CEUs.*

## 2013 Fall Convention Award Recipients

MSHA recognized many individuals at the Fall 2013 MSHA convention in Bozeman. Recipients were as follows:

**MSHA Meritorious Awards** were presented to Sue Toth, Abigail St. Lawrence, Becky Forbis, and William Schramm.

**MSHA Service Awards** were presented to Lisa Cannon and Jessica Reynolds.

**MSHA Achievement Awards** were presented to TinyEYE Therapy Services and Operation Smile.

**The Laura Jo McKamey Award** was presented to Diane Simpson. **HONORS**

Special thanks to MSHA members who participated as judges for the student poster session:

Lisa Banuelos-Martin, Rachel Stansberry, Amanda Myers, Suzanne Bender, Shelby Midboe, Janis Hayes-Strom, Eve Tolbert, Alana Hughes, and Nancy Rice.

Pictures taken during the 2013 Fall Convention in Bozeman can be found on the website. See if you recognize some of your fellow peers if you weren't able to attend!

**MSHA won 1st Place.... Way to go!**

The Montana Speech-Language and Hearing Association won 1st place in the state association challenge to increase voter participation in ASHA's 2013 national elections. Jennifer Closson was presented the award at the Council of State Association Presidents (CSAP) meeting 11/13/13 by ASHA president Patricia Prelock.

## University of Montana Communicative Sciences Department Update

I want to express how proud I am of our students and faculty! We had 55 students and more than half our faculty representing The University of Montana at the Montana Speech-Language Hearing Association's Fall convention! I would like to especially recognize our MSHA Student Team and their leader, Carson Whiton. Your contribution to making this conference a success was outstanding!

Just to name a few of the fabulous events that students lead: The auction, social, game, mixer, introductions, and student luncheon. Our students and faculty helped the state association to raise \$1600 for community outreach, including one (Operation) Smile and a new scholarship.

Let's also recognize our 19 poster session participants and our Award Winning presentations:

- \* Outstanding Graduate Poster Award: Jenna Griffin, Jesse Engen, and Molly Jones for their presentation entitled Neuroplasticity, Dosage, and Repetition Priming Effects in Individuals with Stroke-Induced Aphasia under the supervision of Dr. Catherine Off.

- \* Outstanding Undergraduate Poster Award: Cristal Burnett and Janelle Wilson for their presentation entitled, The Importance of Early Handwriting and Development under the supervision of Dr. Lucy Hart Paulson.

Did you also notice the presence of our amazing faculty?! We should all thank Professor Jenn Closson for her exceptional planning and organization! In addition, we had presentations by these top speakers:

- \* UM Adjunct Professor, Mary Koch, gave a 6-hour presentation entitled, Listening, Language, and Learning for Children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.

- \* UM Assistant Professor, Laurie Slovarp, gave a 3-hour presentation entitled, Prophylactic Dysphagia Intervention for Patients with Head and Neck Cancer.

- \* UM Associate Professor, Ann Garfinkle, gave a 3-hour presentation entitled, Decreasing and Preventing Problem Behaviors.

You are a truly wonderful group of students and professors! Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to serving others.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Glaspey

Hello from Missoula!

I want to let the members of MSHA know, specifically the SLPs, that we have AAC eval kits available for loan. The SLP would only need to pay the cost of return shipping. Julie's contact information is listed below if you have a need for these supplies.

Julie Doerner, M.S. CCC-SLP; MonTECH Clinic Coordinator;  
(406) 243-5486 office; [julie.doerner@mso.umt.edu](mailto:julie.doerner@mso.umt.edu)

**FYI**

According to our lobbyist, there will be 3 openings as of December 31st for the licensure board. If you have any interest in these important volunteer positions please check out this website for more details.

**Help Wanted!**

[http://bsd.dli.mt.gov/license/bsd\\_boards/slp\\_board/board\\_page.asp](http://bsd.dli.mt.gov/license/bsd_boards/slp_board/board_page.asp)

## SMAC and STARS Committee Information

Changes from the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) are as follows:

**NEW**

Conversion factor (CF) of \$27.20, which represents a 20.1% cut (no SGR)

New codes are on "always therapy" list, and therefore, subject to MPPR

Therapy Cap is \$1,920, and the therapy cap provisions have been extended to Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) independent of any legislative extension to outpatient hospital departments.

Physician Quality Reporting System: Kept referral for dizziness, lost congenital ear deformity, lost all speech FCMs. In order to avoid the penalty in 2016, audiologists and speech-language pathologists will need to report 1-2 measures throughout the year for 50% of the eligible patient visits. Audiologists will have medication documentation and screen for depression, along with referral for dizziness; SLPs get medication documentation and pain assessment

**NEW**

### New Speech-Language Pathology Evaluation Codes

Effective January 1, 2014, there are [four new speech-language pathology evaluation codes](#) related to fluency, speech sound production, language, and voice and resonance. These codes replace CPT 92506 (Evaluation of speech, language, voice, communication, and/or auditory processing) and have been included in the 2014 MPFS. They are:

- 92521 Evaluation of speech fluency (e.g., stuttering, cluttering)
- 92522 Evaluation of speech sound production (e.g., articulation, phonological process, apraxia, dysarthria);
- 92523 Evaluation of speech sound production (e.g., articulation, phonological process, apraxia, dysarthria); with evaluation of language comprehension and expression (e.g., receptive and expressive language)
- 92524 Behavioral and qualitative analysis of voice and resonance

**NEW**

CMS has added these new codes to the "always therapy" list, meaning that they are services that are only paid by Medicare when provided under a therapy plan of care. As such, the new codes are also subject to the therapy cap and MPPR.

Submitted by: Carol Morse

Carol thank you for your dedication to this committee;  
you are priceless... Thank you so much!

### Community Outreach Funds

The Community Outreach Application can be found on the MSHA website. Currently there is \$2,448.98 available in this fund.

Amanda Jackson, UM CSD graduate student, and Lacey Kvam, UM CSD undergraduate student, received a community outreach grant from MSHA. In November and December of this year, Amanda and Lacey met with students at a Missoula high school and conducted a three part training series on executive functioning that highlighted how some brains may work differently and strategies for those differences. The grant money was used to purchase the educational materials. The training was very well received and Amanda and Lacey were excellent representatives of MSHA and UM's CSD department.



Need to Update Your Membership? If your information has changed please email [msha@fmdh.org](mailto:msha@fmdh.org) so those changes can be made in the database....



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**Full Membership (licensed or equivalent) - \$75.00**

**Aide/Assistant—\$25.00**

**Student Membership—\$25.00**

**Membership dues include January 1 through December 31 of each year**

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current email:** \_\_\_\_\_

## EMPLOYER INFORMATION

**Area of Specialty that you would like to include on the MSHA website?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Please circle all that apply: SLP AUD DUAL AIDE/ASSISTANT STUDENT  
HOSPITAL SCHOOL PRIVATE PRACTICE OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_**

The information may be published in the directory **yes / no** on the website **yes / no** (please circle yes or no on each) \_\_\_\_\_ (signature). Year you first became a MSHA member: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to volunteer to work on a committee **yes / no** or be nominated for an office **yes / no**. If so, which one(s)?: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contribution to Community Outreach**  
Community Outreach is a MSHA program that provides modest grants to clients of speech pathologists and audiologists for funding materials or equipment necessary for our clients to reach their potential.

Dues (Full Membership \$75.00))	\$
Dues (Aide/Assistant or Student \$25.00)	\$
Contribution to Community Outreach	\$
<b>Contribution to Scholarship Fund</b>	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$

## MSHA Represented at ASHA 2013 in Chicago

MSHA was well represented at the 2013 ASHA Convention, November 14-16, 2013

The following MSHA members made us proud:

### **MSHA Members who had posters presented:**

Brita Clark-Snustad, Ginger Collins, Sara Dietz, Amy Glaspey, Amanda Jackson, Noelle Jones, Alyse Lee, Christine Merriman, Catherine Off, Rita Quigley, Bridgid Rachie, Laurie Slovarp, and Al Yonovitz.

### **MSHA Members who did technical clinical sessions:**

Kendra Emmett, Lucy Hart-Paulson, and Jane Reynolds.

### **MSHA Members who did short courses:**

Amy Glaspey

Coming Soon to the MSHA Website: The Ethical Practices Committee will be working on a navigational tool for MSHA members who need information regarding complaint procedures and how our licensure board processes those complaints. Finding the appropriate rules and regulations online is tedious. We hope to make access much easier!

### **MAG 2014 Spring Conference**

Dates: May 9th and 10th - Chico Hot Springs

Presenters on Friday, May 9th: AM: Laurel Christensen and Rodger Bakke – GN ReSound  
PM: Sarah Lewandowski – Starkey

Saturday, May 10th: MAG Business Meeting

Call now to reserve your rooms! 406-333-4933

## Welcome New Board Members

Jamie Frost volunteered to be part of the MSHA board and we hope to have her bio to share in the next Communicator....

### **Rachel Stansberry - President Elect**

Rachel Stansberry has been a practicing SLP in Montana since 1988. She graduated with a degree in Art from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. After realizing she wouldn't make it in the Art world, she moved west, took leveling classes at UM and completed graduate school there in 1988. She married her best friend from graduate school at a MSHA convention in 1989. They spent seven years working for Browning Public Schools before moving to Central Montana in 1995. Since then she's worked for rural schools. Rachel currently works for the Central Montana Medical Center as well as schools in Melstone, Roundup and Hays-Lodgepole. She served as MSHA president in 2002 and was inspired by her dear friend Laura Jo McKamey to stay involved in everything even when you don't have the time.

### **Catherine Drescher - Secretary**

Catherine Drescher has ten years of experience in the field of audiology. She graduated from the University of Louisville with her Au.D. in 2004. She spent the next eight years in Alabama working in various settings including small ENT practices, a speech and hearing clinic and a large teaching hospital. Catherine relocated to Montana in December of 2012 and assumed the role of Director of The Hearing Center at Rocky Mountain ENT. She is excited to be a member of the Montana Audiology Guild and of MSHA and is anxious to begin serving her new colleagues in Montana.



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Please consider volunteering your time in support of MSHA if you aren't already.  
 We have an immediate position open for Political Action representative.

**Executive Board Members**

Title	Name	Contact Information
President	Al Yonovitz	<a href="mailto:al.yonovitz@umontana.edu">al.yonovitz@umontana.edu</a>
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UM—CSD Student Liaison	Dani Perry	<a href="mailto:dani.perry@umontana.edu">dani.perry@umontana.edu</a>

How many MSHA members do we have currently?

- 19 Audiologists
- 3 Dual (Speech Pathologist/Audiologist)
- 89 Speech Pathologists
- 49 Students
- 2 Speech aides

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We need your renewals to be a strong organization! Thanks for your support.

If you have ideas for topics in the Communicator please email [msha@fmdh.org](mailto:msha@fmdh.org) and share your requests.....