



THE OHIO BOARD OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

NEWSLETTER

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**Message From
Jane M. Kukula, Au.D,
Board Chair**

I want to take this opportunity to introduce and welcome a few new people to the Board. First, in January Governor Taft appointed two new speech language pathology members, Davida Parsons, M.A. and Patricia Zurlinden, M.A. Davida is the Coordinator of Clinical Services for the School of Hearing, Speech and Language Sciences at Ohio University. Patricia is a speech language pathologist for Hamilton County Educational Services Center in Cincinnati.

Other new faces at the Board include Mike Setty and Vickie DiCesare. Mike was appointed Executive Director in October after serving as Interim Executive Director for three months. He holds a Masters degree in Health Administration from Xavier University. Vickie was appointed Investigator in October following the promotion of Doug Hart to Licensing Administrator. Vickie holds a B.S. in Criminology from The Ohio State University. She has experience in regulator investigations having held investigator positions with several State and County agencies.

IMPORTANT RENEWAL CHANGE

Beginning in **2006** renewals will be due on September 31, instead of December 31. Your license will continue to be active from January 1, of the odd year to December 31, of the following even year. Be ware that continuing education obtained between October 1, 2004 and December 31, 2004 can be used for renewal in 2004 or 2006. It cannot be used for both renewals. This change does not affect renewal for this year.

This year renewal is due on December 31, 2004. If you wait until December before mailing your renewal it is unlikely that you will have your renewal card by January 1, 2005.

The Board uses the postmark on your envelope to determine if your renewal was on time.

BOARD MEMBERS APPOINTED

In January Governor Taft appointed Davida Parsons, M.A. CCC-SLP and Patricia Zurlinden, M.A. CCC-SLP, and to the Board. Davida is Coordinator of Clinical Services for the School of Hearing, Speech and Language Sciences at Ohio University. Patricia is a Speech-Language Pathologist for Hamilton County Educational Services Center in Cincinnati. The Governor will soon announce the appointment of a Public Member to the Board.

STAFF CHANGES

The Board appointed Mike Setty to the Executive Director position on October 24, 2003. Mike's background is in healthcare administration. He holds a Masters degree in Health Administration from Xavier University.

Doug Hart was promoted to the Board Licensing Administrator position in September, upon the retirement of Pat Turner. Doug previously held the Investigator position since 2002.

Vickie DiCesare was appointed Investigator in October. Vickie holds a B.S. in Criminology from The Ohio State University and has held investigator positions with several State and County agencies.

LICENSE DATA SYSTEM UPDATED

The Board along with other State Licensing Boards is updating its licensing data system to provide better service to the professionals we serve. When fully implemented the system will provide the following advantages:

- **Secure on-line access to your license file.**
- **On-line renewal of licenses and business filings.**
- **On-line tracking of license applications and status.**
- **Speedier processing of license applications and renewals.**

The new system is currently being tested. We anticipate that this system will enable licensees to renew their licenses on line with this year's renewal. We will keep you updated on the development of this system.

WEB SITE IMPROVEMENTS

During the past several months the Board's website has been updated with the following information:

- **Posting of newly licensed SLP's, Audiologists, Conditional SLP's and Audiologists, and Aides. These are posted on the date of appointment.**
- **Posting of approved Board Minutes.**
- **Direct posting of Laws and Rules that are easily downloaded.**

Please contact us if you have suggestions for improving our website at board@slpau.state.oh.us

HELP US KEEP IN TOUCH

The Board office is building an E-Mail server list that will provide us a better vehicle to communicate with our licensees and the organizations that represent their professions in the State. To this end we are requesting that you send an E-Mail to the Board's website so that your E-Mail address can be added to our distribution list. **This information will not be shared, sold or otherwise given to any entity, unless required by law.** To be added to the listing send us an E-Mail at board@slpau.state.oh.us and click the 'contact' button.

2004 RULES

The Board will be addressing rule1 changes this year that reflect changes to ASHA's SLP certification standards that go into effect in 2005. Also to be addressed are issues relating to licensure of fourth year Au.D. candidates. Any proposed changes to our rules will be posted on our web site and will be discussed in public forums.

FINAL NOTE

Please pass this NEWSLETTER on to your fellow professionals. We will post newsletters on a quarterly basis through our website. Visit this site for the latest updates from the Board at.

<http://slpau.ohio.gov/>