

Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

NEWSLETTER WINTER 2007

Message From
Davy Parsons, M.A.
Board Chairperson

I have had the opportunity to participate in a number of meetings with the Ohio Department of Education, representatives of the University programs, and representatives of the state professional organizations to address the shortage of Speech-Language Pathologists in the State of Ohio. The discussions have led to some concrete and innovative solutions to bring more Speech-Language Pathologists into the profession. The Ohio Department of Education has committed funds to support these initiatives. The University programs are prepared to support more graduate students. Participation in the OMNIE Program will be expanded. With the support of OSLHA and OSSPEAC, we should begin seeing results by this September. Much work is needed in the coming months to meet these challenges, but with the support of our state organizations, and our licensees, we will succeed.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend to Pat Mangino, the appreciation of the Board for his leadership as Chairperson during the past two years. His dedication to the Board and its mission is recognized throughout the State of Ohio.

BOARD ELECTS OFFICERS

The Board has elected Davida Parsons, M.A. CCC-SLP Chairperson for 2007. Davy is Coordinator of Clinical Services at Ohio University.

Dawn Gleason, Au.D. was elected as Vice Chairperson. Dawn is President & CEO of the Columbus Speech and Hearing Center.

The Board is made up of the following individuals appointed by the Governor:

Davida Parsons, M.A.	Speech-Language Pathologist
Patricia Zurlinden, M.A.	Speech-Language Pathologist
Carol Prahm Leslie, Ph.D.	Speech-Language Pathologist

Patrick Mangino, Au.D.	Audiologist
Valenta Ward-Gravely, Au.D.	Audiologist
Dawn Gleason, Au.D.	Audiologist
Ann Shotwell	Public Member
Susan O'Brien	Public Member

2006 LICENSE RENEWAL

Over 6100 licensees completed applications for the 2007-2008 renewal period. Approximately 400 licensees did not renew or did not respond. The following is a breakdown of the Board's current licensees:

Speech-Language Pathologists	5283
Audiologists	842
Conditional SLP	219
Conditional Audiologist	11
Audiology Aides	61
Speech Pathology Aides	15
Total	6431

SCHOOL SLP's

Davy Parsons and Mike Setty attended several meetings with representatives of the Governmental Affairs Coalition, OSSPEAC, OSLHA, University Speech-Language Pathology Programs and the Ohio Department of Education on the shortage of Speech-Language Pathologists in the public schools.

The discussions focused on graduating more students from the MA SLP program, encouraging more SLPs to work in the public schools, and retaining the SLPs who work in the schools.

The Ohio Department of Education has committed \$2.5 million in 2007 and 2008 to support these goals. Graduate programs will be funded to increase enrollment by 50 students. The OMNIE program will be funded to increase participation by 30. An internship program will be initiated by the university to place supervised second year Speech-Language Pathology students in schools to assist with speech pathology services in underserved areas. A pilot program will be initiated to use telepractice of speech-language pathology in certain targeted schools.

The use of Speech-Language Pathology students in schools to assist with speech pathology services will require a change in RC 4753 to allow for student practice of speech pathology. This concept is supported by the state professional associations, the university programs and the Department of Education. This group will meet to draft the needed changes in our law and rules. The goal is to have these changes made by September of 2007.



OHIO INTERNSHIP GRADUATE PROGRAM IN SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

As part of the initiatives with the Ohio Department of Education, Nada Allender, Coordinator of the OMNIE Program is seeking participants for the expanded programs in university settings and on line distance learning programs.

Information on these initiatives:

JUSTIFICATION: To increase the numbers of school based SLPs in **hard to staff public school districts** of the state. Program will utilize **highly trained graduate students** starting Sept., 2007. Several of Ohio's ASHA accredited graduate programs in speech language pathology will participate in the Internship graduate program model. Targeted school districts will be **areas of the state where SLP shortages continue**.

PROJECTED OUTCOMES:

- ✓ 5-10 graduate students in current university graduate programs will be available for Internship in September, 2007.
- ✓ 50 SLP interns will be available in September, 2008/Licensed SLPS starting in September, 2010.
- ✓ 50 SLP interns will be available in September, 2009/Licensed SLPs starting in September, 2011.

COMMITMENTS:

The University will:

- ✓ Offer academic opportunity to complete all coursework combined with supervised practicum experiences leading to completion of the Master's in Speech Language Pathology, licensure by the Ohio Board of Speech Language Pathology, and eligibility for ASHA's Certificate of Clinical Competence.
- ✓ Combine one year of intensive coursework with additional distance learning options.

The School District will:

- ✓ Complete School District Application for participation in Internship Graduate Program in speech language pathology.
- ✓ Collaborate with OMNIE in identification and recruitment of potential students from local area (Jan-April, '07). The pool of potential students could possibly be PK-3 educators who cannot find employment, district substitute teachers, or displaced teachers.
- ✓ Employ graduate student for two –years of internship at a rate of \$25,000 plus benefits for each year.

- ✓ Assist in securing supervision by ASHA certified SLP and financial support of intern's overall job responsibilities.
- ✓ Employ licensed speech-language pathologist for three years following graduate program completion and OBSLPA licensure.

The Ohio Department of Education will:

- ✓ Assist in the identification of shortage areas.
- ✓ Assist local districts in the recruitment of students from shortage areas
- ✓ Fund \$12,000 student stipend for tuition during intense on-campus coursework during first year of program.
- ✓ Support administrative salary, course delivery, home university costs, and supervisors to teach; supervise and develop practicum sites, and manage administrative issues.

The Student will:

- ✓ Meet all university Requirements for Admission.
- ✓ Submit Preliminary Application to OMNIE no later than **April 15, 2007**.
- ✓ Submit formal graduate school application directly to one of the participating universities.
- ✓ Successfully complete all university's academic and clinical requirements leading to licensure by the Ohio Board of Speech Language Pathology and Audiology (OBSLPA) and the American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA).
- ✓ **Commit to a total of 5 years employment in the participating school district** –two years of paid internship and three years of employment following program completion. (one year for each year of funded graduate internship program)

THREE YEAR PROGRAM SCHEDULE: Summer, 2007-September, 2010

- Summer, 2007 –Student will complete 5 prerequisite undergraduate courses through distance learning.
- First Year: 2007-08
 - First year will be **ON CAMPUS** with intensive coursework and practicum. Students will be funded \$12,000 for tuition and housing support.
 - Summer, 2008 – Student will complete additional practicum and coursework
- Second Year: 2008-09
 - Full-time school **INTERNSHIP in participating district**. As part of the internship, 1-2 days per week with 25% supervision will be considered to fulfill practicum requirements.
 - Special conditional license will be granted by the Ohio Board of Speech Language Pathology for student internship track.
 - Summer, 2009 – Student will complete additional practicum and coursework
- Third Year: 2009-2010
 - Student will continue full-time school Internship in the participating district. Practicum supervision will continue as part of Internship.
 - Summer, 2010 – practicum additional coursework/research/graduate program completion.
- September, 2010 – Licensed SLP will continue 3 years of employment in the district.

Questions can be directed to Nada Allender at nada@ameritech.net



WEBSITE UPDATE

The Board's website has been updated to make it easier to navigate the areas of interest. A *Site Map* has been added to assist in locating information of interest. Additionally, Application forms have been updated to specific license categories; Conditional License, Full License under ASHA waiver, Full License by other state waiver, and Aide License. Visit the Board's website at slpaud.ohio.gov .



CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Two excellent conferences are scheduled in the coming months that offer Continuing Education hours.

The Third Biennial Ohio Audiology Conference (OAC), Sponsored by the Ohio Academy of Audiology will take place February 23—25, 2007 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Dublin, Ohio.

Information available at www.ohio-academy-of-audiology.org

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The 61st Annual OSLHA Convention will take place March 8-10, 2007 at the Hilton Columbus at Easton Town Center, Columbus, Ohio.

Information available at www.ohioslha.org

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On-Line Continuing Education is available at the following websites:

SpeechPathology.com

Audiology.com



NEW LICENSING ADMINISTRATOR

Diane Hoenig recently joined the Board staff as Licensing Administrator. She previously served as Deputy Director of the Ohio Collision Repair Board for over seven years. She is a Certified Public Manager and is a graduate of The Ohio State University.

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