



Fall Quarter Newsletter

Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

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Message from the Board Chairperson

I would like to welcome everyone to this edition of our eNewsletter. We are well into the autumn season, and the year is about to come to a close. It has been a very productive year for the Board. The Board has been informing licensees about the new ethics requirement for continuing education. Effective January 1, 2015, two of the twenty hours of continuing education required shall relate to ethics. Be sure to check inside this edition for more information about this new requirement, along with resources to find appropriate ethics related programs. On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank the hundreds of licensees who have already completed

their ethics requirement. We have also raised awareness about the workload determination process required by the Ohio Department of Education for school based practitioners. We would like to thank the Ohio School Speech Pathology Educational Audiology Coalition (OSSPEAC) for including the Board's guidance document in their registration bags for attendees at the annual conference in October. Several hundred licensees received this information during the event. More information about the workload determination process is inside this edition, including the guidance document. I would also like to

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Message from the Executive Director

Welcome to the fall edition of the Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology eNewsletter. This edition contains important licensure information for all of our constituents— licensees, consumers, employers, and interested

parties. As we complete the final two months of 2015, the Board is already preparing for the upcoming year. The Board holds a strategic planning meeting each year in January to identify issues and priorities for the year. We would like to

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personally thank board members Drs. Linda Wellman, CCC-SLP and Lisa Froehlich, CCC-SLP, and our Executive Director, Gregg Thornton, Esq., for their hard work in preparing this important resource. Finally, many of you may know, I am completing my final term on the Board. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both current and former board members and our dedicated staff for the privilege to work with you during my six years serving as a board member. It has been beyond an honor to serve this board, especially as Chair for the past 3 years. I am very grateful for this experience and the opportunity to represent our licensees and consumers on both a state and national level. Thank you and have a wonderful Thanksgiving and upcoming holiday season.

Amy Thorpe Wiley, M.Ed., CCC-SLP

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invite our constituents to complete a survey identifying issues or trends in the professions. Your input will be helpful when the Board meets in January and prioritizes issues to address during 2016. The Board is now accepting nominations for the Margaret M. Roberts Leadership Award. Be sure to check inside this edition for complete details and where to download the nomination form. Nominations will be accepted until January 31, 2016.

We always invite your feedback. If you recently contacted the Board for services or information, please take a moment to complete our customer service [survey](#) and let us know your opinion about that experience. We are here as your resource and to provide guidance on any type of licensure issue. I personally invite you to contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns.

On behalf of the board members and staff, we would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and Seasons Greetings.

Thank you,
Gregg B. Thornton, Esq.

Board's Contact Information

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Important Information

Has your contact information changed?

You may submit a written request to update your contact information at board@slpauld.ohio.gov. Please include your license number. You may also update your information at any time using your assigned User ID/Password.

All licensees are required to notify the Board in writing of any change of name, place of business, or mailing address within thirty days of said change per OAC section 4753-3-03.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Reminder: Board and Committee meetings are open to the public.
- Public comment is welcome at all Board meetings.
- Please visit our website at www.slpauld.ohio.gov for the latest updates and information.

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Monday through Friday

Board office is closed during observance of state holidays

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Licensure Updates - 2015-2016 Biennium

This is a reminder that individuals holding an audiology, speech-language pathology, dual audiology/speech-language pathology, audiology aide, or speech-language pathology aide license have one more year remaining for the 2015-2016 licensure biennium. Licenses will not expire until December 31, 2016. The Board will mail licensure renewal letters in early fall of 2016. If your contact information has changed since you last renewed your license, you may submit your updated information to our e-mail address at: board@slpau.ohio.gov.

Licensure Statistics

As of November 24, 2015

Audiologists:	1019
Speech-Language Pathologists:	6898
Dual Licensees (SLP & AUD):	37
Conditional Licensees:	379
SLP Aides:	10
AUD Aides:	66
Inactive Speech-Language Path.:	215
Inactive Audiology:	38
Total Licenses:	8,662

Continuing Education - New Ethics Requirement - Update

The Board's two hour ethics continuing education requirement took effect on January 1, 2015. Licensees have until December 31, 2016 to complete 20 hours of continuing education, which includes the two hours related to ethics. Licensees may find ethics resources on the Board's website at: <http://slpau.ohio.gov/ethics.stm>.



Board Appointments - Update

On October 27, 2015, the Board recognized Amy Thorpe Wiley, M.Ed., CCC-SLP for her dedication and significant contributions as a public official and board member. Ms. Thorpe Wiley received a plaque and ceremonial gavel for her six years of service on the board.



Board Meeting—October 27, 2015; from left - Public Board Member Angie N. King, Senior Assistant Attorney General Cheryl R. Hawkinson, Linda L. Wellman, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Carrie L. Spangler, Au.D., CCC-A, FAAA, Board Chairperson Amy Thorpe Wiley, M.Ed., CCC-SLP, Board Vice-Chairperson Karen K. Mitchell, Au.D., Public Board Member Helen L. Mayle, Tammy H. Brown, M.A., CCC-A, ABA, FAAA, Executive Director Gregg B. Thornton, Esq.

During her two terms on the board, she chaired the Professional Competency, Rules, and Policy and Procedures Committees. She also served on every board committee, including the Investigative Review Group Committee, which oversees complaints and investigations. Ms. Thorpe Wiley served as the Board's Vice Chairperson in 2012, and was subsequently elected to serve as the Board's Chairperson in 2013. She served as the Board's Chairperson for three years. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors.



Note: Job announcements are also posted to the Board's website at: <http://slpau.ohio.gov/jobs.stm>

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Board Invites Input Via Survey

The Board would like to invite licensees, consumers, and interested parties to complete a survey to identify professional issues impacting speech-language pathology and audiology. The Board will use the results of this survey to identify and address issues in the professions during its Strategic Planning meeting in January 2016. The survey will remain open until January 15, 2016, and can be accessed at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FSNN2P8>

Margaret M. Roberts Leadership Award—Nominations For 2016 Now Being Accepted

The Board is now accepting nominations for the 2016 Margaret M. Roberts Leadership Award. As previously reported in the 2015 Spring Quarter eNewsletter, the award recognizes a licensed speech-language pathologist or audiologist in Ohio for their significant contributions which enable Ohioans to possess maximum communication skills in order to achieve social and vocational independence. The award is named in honor of Margaret M. Roberts, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, who was presented with the Board's first leadership award in March 2015. Dr. Roberts served on the Board between 1984-1992. Additional information, including the criteria for this award can be found on the nomination form, which can be downloaded from the Board's website at: <http://slpaud.ohio.gov/application.stm>. Nomination forms must be received by March 1, 2016. The Board will announce the recipient of the 2016 Margaret M. Roberts Leadership Award during the month of May to commemorate Better Hearing and Speech Month.

Ohio Hearing Aid Assistance Program

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) is pleased to announce the continued availability of funds for hearing aids through [The Ohio Hearing Aid Assistance Program \(OHAAP\)](#). Funding for this program initially began in August 2014 and was continued by the General Assembly for the 2016-2017 biennium. OHAAP is a temporary program that provides assistance to families with children birth to twenty-one years of age with permanent hearing impairments to purchase hearing aids. Licensed Audiologists and Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters interested in serving as OHAAP providers must have a signed agreement in place with the ODH. If you are interested in serving as an OHAAP provider, please complete the request located at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/OHAAP>. Please feel free to contact Melissa McCoy at

Melissa.McCoy@odh.ohio.gov or (614) 466-1995 with any questions regarding the OHAAP program.

Board's Facebook Page - Update

The Board would like to invite everyone to visit our Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/OhioBoardOfSpeechLanguagePathologyAndAudiology> or



by clicking on the icon to the right. The Board will use its Facebook page to share

upcoming news and important events much sooner than the updates that are featured in our quarterly eNewsletter.

If you would like to stay informed about licensure issues and other matters related to the practice of speech-language pathology and audiology, then please visit our page often and "Like" us to automatically receive notifications when information has been posted. The Board will continue to distribute an eNewsletter and send notifications regarding licensure renewal via U.S. first-class mail.

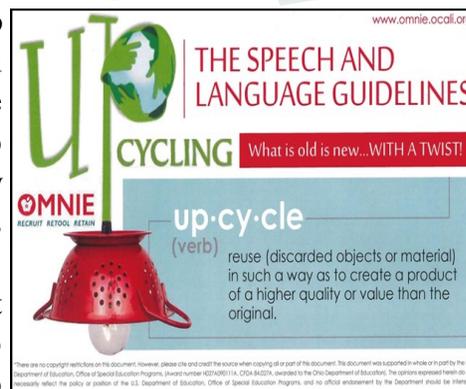
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Board Guidance on Workload Determination Process - Update

In the summer eNewsletter released in August the Board provided guidance on implementation of the workload determination process. The workload determination process is part of the Ohio Department of Education's Special Education Operating Standards, as amended on July 1, 2014. Since the release of this article, the Board has received positive feedback from many school-based practitioners. If you did not have an opportunity to review the summer eNewsletter, the Board has posted the guidance document to our dedicated webpage for school-based licensees. The Board's guidance document is available to download at <http://slpauld.ohio.gov/SBL.stm> and selecting the hyperlink entitled: "[Board guidance on implementation of the workload determination process.](#)" The workload determination process is not optional and must be applied for all students who have been qualified to receive special education services. School districts are required to implement the workload determination process to setting caseload standards that allow speech-language pathologists and audiologists practicing in the school setting to complete the wide range of their professional responsibilities necessary to meet individual student's needs. If you have been assigned a caseload without implementing the workload determination process, you could be practicing in violation of Ohio Revised and Administrative Code Chapters 4753.

OMNIE—UpCycling Speech and Language Guidelines

The Board previously reported that funding for the Ohio Master's Network Initiatives in Education (OMNIE) was discontinued in 2013. Fortunately, the modules for speech and language guidelines have been given a new life. The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) and the Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI) have partnered together to upcycle the modules into an online learning format under the direction of Barb Conrad, with assistance from Ann Slone, MA, CCC-SLP and Kathy Jillson, MA, CCC-SLP. Practitioners may access a variety of topics by visiting OMNIE's website at: <http://www.omnie.ocali.org>. Accessing the modules will require you to register for a free account which will only take a few minutes, and is highly encouraged to ensure that funding continues in order to maintain and develop additional modules.



Save The Date



- ◆ The 2016 Ohio Speech-Language Hearing Association Annual Convention - "Living The Dream" - March 10-12, 2016—Hilton-Columbus at Easton Town Center in Columbus
- ◆ The Legislative Reception Event, sponsored by the Ohio Speech and Hearing Governmental Affairs Coalition - April 5, 2016—Statehouse in Columbus; 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

More details about these two great events will appear in the Board's winter eNewsletter edition.

OBSLPA FALL CALENDAR—2015



October 1

Application Review and Approval

October 8

Documents Received Deadline for Next Review

October 12

State Holiday - Columbus Day - Board Office Closed

October 15

Application Review and Approval

October 26

Documents Received Deadline for Next Review

October 27

Board & Committee Meetings

November 9

Documents Received Deadline for Next Review

November 11

State Holiday - Veteran's Day - Board Office Closed

November 16

Application Review and Approval

November 24

Documents Received Deadline for Next Review

November 26

State Holiday - Thanksgiving - Board Office Closed

December 1

Application Review and Approval

December 9

Board & Committee Meetings

December 8

Documents Received Deadline for Next Review

December 15

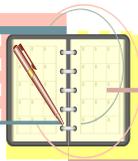
Application Review and Approval

December 24

Documents Received Deadline for Next Review

December 25

State Holiday - Christmas Day - Board Office Closed



Note: Board & Committee meeting dates are subject to change. Please visit our website to confirm dates.

Please visit the Board's website at www.slpaud.ohio.gov for the specific time and location of the Board and committee meetings. In addition, you may also download the Board's agenda and meeting minutes.

Please note that this calendar is subject to change without notice.



Ask the Board:

Regular Feature

Frequently asked questions will appear in each quarterly newsletter.



Is the workload determination process optional?

No, the workload determination process is not optional, but required of school districts to implement under the Ohio Department of Education's (ODE) rule 3301-51-09(I)(1). The workload determination process has been in effect since July 1, 2014. We urge school-based practitioners to talk with their supervisors or other appropriate school administrators about implementing the workload determination process. The workload determination process ensures that every eligible student with a disability is

receiving a free appropriate public education (FAPE), and more specifically that the services provided by school-based speech-language pathologists and audiologists are meeting the needs of every eligible student. The Board's guidance document is available to download at <http://slpaud.ohio.gov/SBL.stm> and selecting the hyperlink entitled: "[Board guidance on implementation of the workload determination process.](#)"