



Spring Quarter Newsletter

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Message from the Board Chairperson

I would like to welcome everyone to this edition of the Board’s eNewsletter. This is our first issue for 2016, and I would like to thank all of our licensees for their services to Ohio’s consumers as we commemorate the month of May as Better Hearing and Speech Month. During this month, I urge everyone to help raise awareness about the hearing or speech services audiologists and speech-language pathologists provide to ensure Ohioans with communication disorders obtain vocational and social independence. It is a privilege to serve as the Board’s Chairperson during my final term. In January the Board held its annual strategic planning meeting to identify our priority issues to focus on

this year. Since that time, other issues have emerged. In February, the Ohio Department of Medicaid and Ohio Department of Education announced changes to the Medicaid School Program. Effective August 1, 2016, school districts will be required to obtain a physician’s order in order to receive reimbursement for services provided to students by related service personnel, such as speech-language pathologists and educational audiologists. Additional information regarding this new change can be found inside this edition. Earlier in the year, the Board welcomed new board member, Barbara Prakup, Ph.D., CCC-SLP. *(Continued on next page)*

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Message from the Executive Director

Welcome to the spring 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. Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology, and Aide licenses will expire on December 31, 2016. We have important information about licensure renewal, continuing education requirements, school Medicaid reimbursement,

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Message from the Board Chairperson

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Dr. Prakup has many years of clinical expertise as a speech-language pathologist, and we look forward to her serving on the board. 2016 also began the final year of the 2015-2016 licensure biennium. Be sure to review our updates about licensure renewal and continuing education requirements. The Board also began the year renewing its “Consumer Alert” on the risks to consumers purchasing hearing aids over the Internet without a prior face-to-face evaluation from a qualified hearing healthcare provider, such as a licensed audiologist. If you are a consumer receiving this edition, be sure to check out our “Viewpoint” article about the integral role a licensed audiologist performs when addressing your hearing concerns. Finally, I would like to thank those who contributed special interest stories.

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and other updates impacting the speech-language pathology and audiology professions. We would also like to congratulate those who will be graduating this spring and applying for licensure.

CE Broker is the Board’s official continuing education tracking system. Since 2013, thousands of licensees have registered with CE Broker to report their continuing education hours and be exempt from a continuing education audit. If you have not signed-up for an account to begin reporting your continuing education hours for the 2015-2016 practice biennium, there is still time to do so and be exempt from a continuing education audit. Information on how to register with CE Broker is featured in this edition.

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.

Thank you,
Gregg B. Thornton, Esq.
Executive Director

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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Licensure Renewal – All licenses expire on December 31, 2016

All active licenses for speech-language pathology, audiology, and aides will expire on December 31, 2016, at midnight and must be renewed prior to January 1, 2017. The Board will mail an official renewal notice to all licensees in September 2016. You will receive your user name, password, and license number with instructions on how to renew online at the board's website. Over 98% of licensees renewed their license online during the last licensure biennium and completed the online renewal process within a short period of time. The Board strongly encourages online renewal through its secure website.

Licensure Statistics	
As of May 1, 2016	
Audiologists:	1002
Speech-Language Pathologists:	7054
Dual Licensees (SLP & AUD):	37
Conditional Licensees:	326
SLP Aides:	8
AUD Aides:	71
Inactive Speech-Language Path.:	214
Inactive Audiology:	37
Total Licenses:	8,749

In addition, all licensees are required to earn twenty hours of continuing education within the two-year licensure period immediately preceding the licensee's renewal application. Ten continuing education hours shall be acquired in the area of licensure. For a speech-language pathology license the ten hours shall be specific to the clinical practice of speech-language pathology; for an audiology license the ten hours shall be specific to the clinical practice of audiology. Ten continuing education hours may be acquired in areas related to speech-language pathology or audiology or both. Two of the twenty hours shall be related to ethics. A licensee is not required to obtain continuing education for their first renewal. This only applies after issuance of the initial license. Please refer to continuing education requirements under Ohio Administrative Code section 4753-4-01 for more information.

Finally, please ensure that your contact information is current. If you changed your mailing address, e-mail address, or name since the last renewal in 2014, please take a moment to submit your updated information in writing at board@slpaud.ohio.gov. You may also update your contact information using your user ID/password at any time at the following link on our website: <https://license.ohio.gov/secure/login.asp>. If you do not have your assigned user ID/password, you may reset it by submitting a request to our website at: <https://license.ohio.gov/resetpass/>. Updating your contact information will ensure that you receive your renewal notice and subsequent reminders via e-mail in a timely manner. Additionally, all licensees are required to notify the board in writing through the U.S. mail, e mail or fax of any change of name, place of business or mailing address within thirty days of the change.

We look forward to renewing your license in the fall of 2016. If there are any questions about the renewal process, please do not hesitate to let us know.

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

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Continuing Education - Ethics Requirement - Reminder



This is a reminder that licensees intending to renew their license by December 31, 2016, shall complete two of their twenty hours of continuing education related to ethics. The Board's two hour ethics continuing education requirement took effect on January 1, 2015. Licensees may find ethics continuing education resources on the Board's website at: <http://slpaud.ohio.gov/ethics.stm>.

Board Appointments - Update

In February, Governor John Kasich appointed Barbara L. Prakup, Ph.D., CCC-SLP to a three year term on the Board. Dr. Prakup brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise as a speech-language pathologist. She is in a clinical setting at St. Vincent Charity Medical Center. Her specialties include research in speech and voice science with concentration on the singing voice and effects of aging on the voice. She also has experience with provision of acoustic, perceptual and videostroboscopic evaluation of the vocal mechanism, including therapy for functional and organic voice disorders. In addition, Dr. Prakup has provided treatment of adult neurogenic communication disorders, cognitive disorders and swallowing disorders. Her background areas also include management of private practice and departmental operations in therapy. Dr. Prakup has shared her expertise in speech-language pathology at numerous public speaking events and seminars.

May Is Better Hearing And Speech Month

Across the country the month of May is widely regarded as Better Hearing and Speech Month (BHSM). In 2012, Governor John R. Kasich signed into law officially recognizing this month as BHSM. The Board encourages licensees to raise awareness about communication disorders and importance of early intervention. Later this month, the Board will announce the recipient of the



second annual Margaret M. Roberts Leadership Award to commemorate BHSM. The American Speech-Language Hearing Association has posted resources to help you celebrate all month long at: <http://www.asha.org/bhsm/>. The American Academy of Audiology has resources such as posters and fact sheets posted at: <http://www.audiology.org/publications-resources/consumer-information/may-better-hearing-month>. Be sure to visit these sites to download your tools and resources, and stay tuned to our Facebook page on May 12 when we announce the recipient of the Board's Margaret M. Roberts Leadership Award.

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ODE Releases Official Guidance On Workload Determination Process

On February 4, 2016, the Ohio Department of Education-Office For Exceptional Children (ODE) released guidance on implementation of the workload determination process and workload calculator. As reported in previous editions of our eNewsletter and on our [Facebook](#) page, the guidance and new calculator help districts determine workload of service providers for special education services. As many school-based speech-language pathologists and educational audiologists meet with their special education directors to discuss caseloads for the 2016-2017 school year, we would like to note the following excerpt from ODE's guidance:

"A district's responsibility is to make sure that children with disabilities receive a free and appropriate public education. To accomplish this, districts must use a process to make decisions about the workload for providers of services to students with disabilities. Once a district determines the workload, it must decide if the workload can be completed as it is assigned. If not, the district must make changes. In addition, districts and service providers should evaluate workloads at different points during the school year."

The workload determination process is not optional and is a legal requirement. For more information about ODE's guidance and workload calculator, please our website dedicated to school-based licensees at: <http://slpaud.ohio.gov/SBL.stm>.

Medicaid Schools Program Reimbursement Update

During a webcast on January 27, 2016, the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) and Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) announced changes to the way school districts will be reimbursed under the Medicaid Schools Program for services provided to qualified students by related service personnel, such as speech-language pathologists and educational audiologists. ODE and ODM indicated that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services have mandated that a child receiving services through an individualized education program (IEP) must have an order, referral or prescription (ORP) from an actively enrolled Medicaid medical practitioner in order for participating school districts to receive reimbursement from MSP. This change is scheduled to take effect on August 1, 2016. You may visit the following link to ODE's website for the webcast recording, memo, and the federal notification regarding this change: <http://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/OHED/bulletins/134720f>. In March, the Board sent ODM and ODE a position letter indicating that it is within the scope of practice for speech-language pathologists and audiologists to determine and order appropriate therapy services to qualified students through an individualized education program. Consequently, we are hopeful that ODM will update their State Medicaid Plan to include our licensees as ORP providers. While we await a final decision, it is our understanding that ODM has requested from CMS an extension of the August 1 effective date. We will continue to keep you updated. In the interim, we urge all licensees who do not yet have a National Practitioner Identifier (NPI) from CMS to visit their website. We previously reported that due to federal changes, CMS requires all school-based licensees to obtain an NPI number. You may apply for an NPI number online at: <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/Welcome.do>. For a copy of the application form (CMS-10114), refer to <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms/Downloads/CMS10114.pdf>. An application can also be requested through the NPI Enumerator by calling 1-800-465-3203 or TTY 1-800-692-2326.

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Board Accepting Public Comment On Rules Up For Five Year Review

The Board is currently accepting comments on twenty-three administrative rules scheduled for five year review in 2016. Ohio law requires all agencies to review their administrative rules every five years. This review process ensures that rules are adequately maintained, e.g., no change, amend, or rescind. The rules are posted on our website at: <http://slpaud.ohio.gov/lawsandrules.stm>. Comments will be accepted until June 30, 2016, and may be submitted via e-mail to Board@slpaud.ohio.gov.

1. 4753-1-01 Procedure for adoption of rules.
2. 4753-1-02 Method of determining time and place of meetings.
3. 4753-1-03 Business filing.
4. 4753-1-05 Duties of officers and staff.
5. 4753-3-02 Certificate of license; display; duplicate license certificate.
6. 4753-3-03 Notice of change of address.
7. 4753-3-04 Educational requirements for licensure.
8. 4753-3-05 Student clinical experience requirements for applicants in audiology applying for licensure with at least a master's degree or equivalent obtained prior to January 1, 2006 and for speech-language pathologists.
9. 4753-3-06 Examination requirements.
10. 4753-3-07 Professional experience requirements for licensure of applicants for audiology applying for licensure with at least a master's degree or equivalent obtained prior to January 1, 2006 and for speech-language pathology.
11. 4753-3-09 Reinstatement of license.
12. 4753-3-10 Exempt practice; renewal.
13. 4753-5-02 Speech-language pathology aide or audiology aide; fee for initial license; fee for renewal of license.
14. 4753-6-01 Screening.
15. 4753-7-01 Licensure of aides.
16. 4753-7-02 Supervision requirements; aides.
17. 4753-7-03 Renewal of aide license.
18. 4753-10-03 Supervision of speech-language pathology permit holders.
19. 4753-11-01 Definitions for accessing confidential personal information.
20. 4753-11-02 Procedures for accessing confidential personal information.
21. 4753-11-03 Valid reasons for accessing confidential personal information.
22. 4753-11-04 Confidentiality statutes.
23. 4753-11-05 Restricting and logging access to confidential personal information in computerized information systems.

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Important Information Regarding 2016 Audiology PQRS Reporting

The Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) is a program through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) designed to improve the quality of care to Medicare beneficiaries by tracking practice patterns. This year, there are important changes in quality reporting under the PQRS. In 2016, audiologists will be eligible to report on three new PQRS measures—#154 Falls: Risk Assessment, #155 Falls: Plan of Care, and #226 Preventative Care and Screening: Tobacco Use: Screening and Cessation Intervention, in addition to measures #130 Documentation of Current Medications in the Medical Record, #134 Screening for Clinical Depression and Follow-up Plan, and #261 Referral for Otologic Evaluation for Patients with Acute or Chronic Dizziness.

Who Should Participate?

Audiologists who bill for services provided for outpatient traditional Medicare Part B beneficiaries on the CMS 1500 form, or its electronic equivalent, must participate in the Medicare Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) to avoid deductions on all Medicare payments. This applies to audiologists in:

- Independent practices
- Otolaryngology offices
- University clinics
- Anywhere audiologists are billing with their individual NPI as the rendering provider of the service on the CMS 1500 claim form

The Group Practice Reporting Option (GPRO) may exempt audiologists from the penalties, if the following qualifications are met:

- Practice includes physician(s)
- Physician(s) has enrolled with CMS in the GPRO option
- Participating physicians meet all of the requirements for reporting the measures, including documentation of medication, smoking cessation, immunizations, diabetes prevention, and other health screenings

Audiologists can screen for their potential reporting option by utilizing the eHealth Eligibility Assessment Tool. Audiologists in practices with physicians should consult with their administrators regarding their participation in the PQRS program. Audiologists may be required to report in the PQRS program if the hospital clinic is enrolled as a group practice and does not bill under the hospital NPI or Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS). Audiologists in hospitals need to check with their billing department or administration regarding PQRS eligibility and participation requirements.

When Should Audiologists Participate?

Audiologists should start immediately in order to avoid the 2% penalty to be retained on all 2018 claims for failure to report on 2016 eligible measures.

For more information, please visit the Audiology Quality Consortium website at: <http://audiologyquality.org/>

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Updates Regarding "COACH"

Submitted by Wendy Steuerwald, Au.D., Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center

The Coalition of Ohio Audiologists and Children's Hospitals (COACH) was formalized in 2015 after a series of open forum roundtable discussions at the Ohio Academy of Audiology (OAC) and the Ohio Speech, Hearing, Language Association (OSHLA) conferences. Approximately 35 or more audiologists gathered to discuss ideas on how to improve the Lost to Follow up (LTF) in Ohio and increase early diagnosis and subsequent enrollment in appropriate and timely early intervention.

The primary focus of this group is to ensure that all audiologists and audiology centers strive towards meeting the National Joint Committee on Infant Hearing (JCIH) 1-3-6 Goals and *consider a standardized statewide diagnostic protocol/procedure to identify hearing loss in infants and children*. The goal is to ensure that families receive similar care from facility to facility and standardize the process which will lead to earlier diagnosis. We want to partner, collaborate and coordinate care for the best outcomes for infants and children identified with hearing loss. The COACH group and its facilitators have had several meetings with stakeholder groups and calls to discuss audiology diagnostic services over the past year and as a result, a standardized testing protocol for follow up to newborn hearing screening has been developed.

Please review the link to the draft document and then complete the survey link to provide feedback. Thank you in advance for your consideration. We look forward to formalizing the protocol in the coming months with your expertise and assistance.

Gina Hounam, Ph.D., Nationwide Children's Hospital

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Reena Kothari, Au.D., Ohio Department of Health

Wendy Steuerwald, Au.D., Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center

To review the entire proposed draft document, complete the survey, or submit questions/comments go to the webpage containing: [Recommended Protocols for Diagnosing Audiological Assessment Follow-up to Newborn Screening in Ohio](#)

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Board Viewpoint - Technology Shouldn't Undermine the Value of an Audiologist

Technology has literally transformed our lives and most would argue for the better. There have been technological advances in virtually every field and industry from education, transportation, manufacturing, and healthcare. Recently there was a story reported in the media about a 16-year-old in a state outside Ohio who invented a \$60 hearing aid and went on to take first place in a science and engineering fair competition. Although the story headline referred to this device as a "hearing aid", it was described by the young inventor as "just amplifiers" that increase the volume based on "how much hearing loss you have." The article recounts how the ambitious teen made the device by starting online and using components that, in all total, cost about \$60, and noting, "It's crazy that they cost \$1,500 each, when you can do it for \$60." He also goes on to say, "It eliminates the need for a doctor altogether."

In the interest of consumer protection, this is where we, as a licensure board, have to draw the line. Yes, creativity and ingenuity should be recognized and applauded. However, public information about technology should not be used to confuse consumers that lower cost devices that amplify sound are the same as hearing aids. More importantly the message should not directly or indirectly imply that a \$60 device eliminates the necessity for consumers to seek appropriate care from a healthcare provider, such as an audiologist. Audiologists are exceptionally educated, trained, and qualified to address hearing and balance disorders. It is very important that consumers who are experiencing issues or concerns with their hearing be promptly seen and evaluated by an audiologist, who will perform a variety of hearing tests. Through an audiological examination, the audiologist is able to determine whether the consumer has a hearing loss that can be addressed with appropriate hearing aids or whether the consumer should be referred to a physician due to a more serious medical condition that may be causing the hearing loss. The Board would like to remind consumers about the risks associated with online hearing tests and purchasing hearing aids over the Internet without a prior face-to-face evaluation from a qualified hearing care provider, such as a licensed audiologist. This alert includes that consumers who suspect having issues with their hearing promptly be seen by their primary care physician or a licensed audiologist.

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.**

CE Broker - Sign-up Today!

Please visit the Board's website at: <http://slpaud.ohio.gov/cebroke.htm> to sign-up with CE Broker, the licensure board's official continuing education tracking system and begin the easy process of reporting your CE hours.

Benefits of CE Broker

- *Track your continuing education hours required to renew your Ohio license*
- *Know precisely how many hours you've completed and how many hours are remaining*
- *Exemption from a continuing education audit once your 20 hours are reported*

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Updates From Our University Partners

There are eleven fully accredited graduate-level programs in Ohio offering advanced degrees in speech-language pathology and audiology. An advanced degree is a prerequisite for licensure as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist in Ohio. The Board has developed collaborative relationships with each program and provides licensure presentations to their graduate students on a regular basis. We wanted to spotlight a few of these universities.

The Ohio State University Department of Speech and Hearing Science

On Friday, May 13, 2016, the Ohio State University Department of Speech and Hearing Science will be offering a free program entitled, “Diagnosis & Management of Childhood Apraxia of Speech.” This workshop will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Fawcett Center located at 2400 Olentangy River Road in Columbus (43210). Registration for this event is required and seating is limited. For more information and to register, please visit the following link: <I:\Documents\Newsletter\Spring 2016\Diagnosis & Management of Childhood Apraxia of Speech workshop Department of Speech and Hearing Science.htm>

Cleveland State University School of Health Sciences - Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology

On March 23, 2016, the Board gave a licensure presentation to speech-language pathology graduate students at their newly constructed School of Health Sciences. Plans for this impressive \$25 million health sciences and life sciences building were announced in 2011. The state-of-the-art building houses the university’s College of Sciences and Health Professions, which includes the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Department and their Speech & Hearing Clinic. The program’s director, Dr. Myrita Y. Wilhite and Clinical Coordinator Sue Ann Neff gave us a tour.



Photo—Cognitive Communication Lab, Group Therapy Programs and Audiology Testing Booth

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Updates From Our University Partners *(continued)*

University of Cincinnati

On March 29, 2016, the Board gave a licensure presentation to speech-language pathology and audiology graduate students the University of Cincinnati Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders (UC). UC has one of the largest speech and hearing programs in the United States and for the past several years the Board has provided presentations to their graduate students. During our visit in March we were informed that a member of their faculty, Janet Stein, M.A., CCC-A, will be retiring after 19 years. One thing people universally note about Ms. Stein is her dedication and support to her audiology students. We wish her all the best in her retirement.



Photo - Janet Stein

The Board would also like to report that at its last board meeting on March 10, 2016, a special acknowledgement was made to Christina Maudlin. Ms. Maudlin passed away on November 11, 2015, and was working on her master's degree in speech-language pathology at UC. During the summer of 2014, the



Christina Maudlin
1990 - 2015

Board had the unique opportunity to work with Christina through her creativity, design, and layout of an advocacy bookmark. The advocacy bookmark was developed through the collaboration of the licensure board, Ohio Speech-Language Hearing Association, Ohio School Speech Pathology and Educational Audiology Coalition, the Ohio Speech-Language Pathology Supervisory and Audiology Network, and university partners. Finalized and first distributed in December 2014, the bookmark conveys the essential role and diverse services that speech-language pathologists provide to students from pre-K to 12th grade to ensure their academic success. Over 3,000 advocacy bookmarks that Christina designed have been distributed throughout Ohio to consumers, speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and school administrators. Christina was regarded for her great love for children and wanted to dedicate her life working with children. On January 21, 2015, the Board expressed its appreciation to Christina for her creative work on the advocacy bookmark and upon learning of her passing wanted our appreciation and acknowledgement of Christina's contributions on the advocacy bookmark formally noted in the Board's official meeting minutes of March 10, 2016. The meeting minutes will be posted on our website after approval at the May 11 board meeting at: <http://slpau.ohio.gov/minutes.stm>.

Kent State University

On May 4, 2016, the Board was invited to give an ethics presentation to a group of student clinical supervisors for the speech and audiology programs at Kent State University (KSU) and the University of Akron. Prior to the program, KSU's Graduate Coordinator Dr. Pam Mitchell asked for a moment of reflection on the 46th anniversary since the shootings at KSU that left four students dead, including Sandra Lee Scheuer. Scheuer was an honors student in speech therapy. Dr. Mitchell noted that Sandy was fatally shot while walking to her articulation disorders class and a speech therapy session she was to have after that for one of her clients. A plaque hangs in the KSU Clinic waiting room that reads: "Inquire, Learn, Reflect. In memory of Sandy Scheuer. That we may dedicate a portion of any good we do for others to her memory."



Photo - Sandra Lee Scheuer

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Special Interest Story - Mark R. Stephenson, Ph.D.

If you ever have the opportunity to meet Mark R. Stephenson, Ph.D., you will, no doubt, find him well versed on a myriad of topics. First and foremost, he is a licensed audiologist and has been since 1977 when licensure first began in Ohio. He recently contacted the licensure board to update his contact information and to report his retirement after over 42 years of service to our nation. And of course when he contacted us with this news, we wanted to know more about his interesting career as an audiologist. He was gracious in accepting our invitation to share his perspective after we explained that our newsletter reaches not only our licensees, but consumers and audiology students. Dr. Stephenson served twenty years in the United States Air Force and twenty-two years with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. He started by saying, "I have greatly appreciated everything the Board has done for the audiology profession. I was a young Captain in the Air Force when Mel Emmanuel, Ernie Nilo and Phyllis Rosen were spear-heading the efforts to get Ohio licensure. I actually did help write some of the language which wound up being incorporated into the licensure regulation.



Mark Stephenson
in Scotland

Dr. Stephenson has had a fairly public career, and noted that "retiring" in private will not likely be the case.



Mark and his wife, Carol, with their main telescope. He plans to spend more time in retirement volunteering at the Cincinnati Observatory Center.

When he retired from the Air Force, he was an Associate Chief of the USAF Biomedical Sciences Corps. In this capacity, he had world-wide responsibility for all USAF audiologists, speech pathologists, toxicologists, and biomedical specialists. For the past ten years, he has coordinated the CDC's hearing loss prevention research program. Last year, he was honored to be named the "Distinguished Career Scientist" at the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. Another interesting bit of information about Dr. Stephenson is that he is legally blind after sustaining an injury to his eyes while volunteering to help test ejection seats in the Air Force. But as he quickly noted, he hasn't let his visual impairment slow him down too much. He still enjoys volunteering his time with the Cincinnati Observatory Center at public sky gazing events. The Board would like to thank Dr.

Stephenson for his military service and for his contributions to consumers in the audiology profession.

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.

If you have a special interest story to share in our eNewsletter, please e-mail your information to the Board's Executive Director at Gregg.thornton@slpaud.ohio.gov.

OBSLPA SPRING CALENDAR—2016



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Application Review and Approval

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Documents Received Deadline for Next Review

May 11

Board & Committee Meetings

May 16

Application Review and Approval

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Documents Received Deadline for Next Review

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State Holiday - Memorial Day - Board Office Closed

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Application Review and Approval

June 8

Documents Received Deadline for Next Review

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Documents Received Deadline for Next Review

July 1

Application Review and Approval

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State Holiday - Independence Day - Board Office Closed

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Documents Received Deadline for Next Review

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July 25

Documents Received Deadline for Next Review

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Application Review and Approval

August 8

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Application Review and Approval

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.



Where can I obtain my two hours of continuing education related to ethics?

Since February 2015, the Board has posted and maintained resources on its website for licensees to obtain their two hours of continuing education related to ethics. Information about ethics resources has been featured in every quarterly newsletter since the ethics requirement took effect on January 1, 2015. For a complete list of resources, please visit our website at: <http://slpaud.ohio.gov/ethics.stm>.