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Nominees for Executive Board

Past President
Jill Josepher, MS, CCC-SLP

This has been a very exciting time as Past President! One of the duties with this position is finding candidates for open Executive Board positions. With the help of Jayanti Ray, Dana Fritz and Gina Shelley, I believe we have an excellent group of candidates! Thank you all for your wonderful and valuable assistance. This amazing group of women became part of a committee without actually signing up!

I am continually amazed and proud of the high level of volunteerism we have within our strong organization. I have been able to see this through our many volunteers at the Annual Convention, the members of the Executive Board and the members of the Convention Planning Team.

Thank you to my committee and to the candidates!

President Elect

Nominee:
Jacob R. Gutshall
Credentials: MHS, CCC-SLP

Education:

- MHS in Speech-Language Pathology, University of Missouri
- BHS in Communication Science and Disorders, University of Missouri

Employment Setting and Position:

Currently clinic coordinator at The Walker Scottish Rite Clinic at Maryville University in St. Louis, Missouri. Supervises clinical operations for six clinic sites. Oversees caseloads of eight licensed speech-language pathologists. Conducts individual and group speech-language therapy for pediatric clients with a variety of speech-language delays. Conducts parent training groups. Coordinates Walker Clinic graduate student interns and undergraduate observations onsite. Integrates Walker Clinic partnerships.

Professional Contributions and Memberships:

- ASHA Member-Certificate of Clinical Competence
- ASHA Special Interest Division 4-Fluency and Fluency Disorders
- MSHA Convention Planning Team (2016, 2015, 2014)
- MSHA Convention Presenter (2016, 2015)
- MSHA Convention Round Robin Presenter (2016)
- MSHA Convention Volunteer (2016, 2015)
- MSHA Legislative Committee (2016, 2015, 2014)
- MSHA Member (2013-present)
- Kids Rock Cancer EHR Software Committee (2016)
- Maryville University Digital Methods Club (2016, 2015)
- Maryville University Speech Pathology EHR Software Committee (2016)
- Maryville University Speech Pathology Hiring Committee (2016, 2015)
- Maryville University Staff Leadership Program (2016)
- RiteCare Conference Planning Team (2014)
- RiteCare Conference Presenter (2016, 2014)
- Walker Scottish Rite Clinic EHR Software Committee (2014)
- Walker Scottish Rite Clinic Trivia Night Committee (2005-2015)

Goal of Office Statement:

I am honored to be nominated by the committee to serve as president-elect for the Missouri Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Serving on the Convention Planning Team and the Legislative Committee has given me the opportunity to understand the commitment it takes to meet the diverse needs of our organization for today and in the future.

My goals for MSHA include:

- Continue to provide quality continuing education opportunities with dynamic presenters who have attained advanced knowledge and can demonstrate evidence-based practices
- Intensify MSHA's efforts to recruit and retain a culturally diverse and representative workforce
- Expand MSHA's use of technology to engage membership and increase involvement
- Improve MSHA's advocacy efforts on the state and national level for causes that affect our members and clients

I will strive to keep the needs of our members at the forefront of policy decisions. As a practitioner, I understand that an empowered MSHA membership can ultimately lead to better outcomes for the clients that we serve.

Nominee:
Gwen L. Nolan
Credentials: MS, CCC-SLP

Employment Setting and Position:

Assistant Clinical Professor—Department of Communication Science and Disorders, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri

Professional Contributions and Memberships:

- MSHA and ASHA Member
- ASHA SIG 2 Member, Neurophysiology and Neurogenic Speech and Language Disorders
- MSHA Convention Presenter (2014, 2015, 2016)
- MSHA Student Poster Co-Author (2015)
- MSHA Convention Volunteer (2014, 2015, 2016)
- MSHA MMYPP Mentor (2016)
- ASHA S.T.E.P. Mentor (2014, 2015, 2016)
- ASHA Health Professions Week-Interview a Professional Volunteer
- CFY Mentor (2015)
- ASHA Convention Presenter (2015)

Goal of Office Statement:

As a volunteer, mentor and presenter on the state and national levels, I know the importance and rewards of service to our state and national organizations, and to our profession. In the role of MSHA president, I will work with the Executive Board to expand upon our mission to lead on the state and national levels, to serve our members, to advocate for patient/student rights, and to aid members in the provision of services in a rapidly changing health care environment. To add to our diversity of ideas and talents, I will work to increase the involvement of our members, expand our membership and encourage the participation of new clinicians and students. I will support our goals and will work diligently to achieve them through collaboration with other MSHA members.

Finally, I hope to continue to expand our continuing education opportunities, and will work with MSHA members, the public, legislators, media and outside entities to facilitate the flow of information about our profession. It is an honor to be considered for this position of service.

VP for School Services

Nominee:
Patricia Jones
Credentials: MS, CCC-SLP

Certifications:

- Certification of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology
- Missouri State Teaching Certificate – Speech and Language K-12, Lifetime
- State of Missouri Division of Professional Registration - Speech-Language Pathologist License

Employment Setting and Position:

Liberty Public Schools, Franklin Elementary
201 W. Mill Street, Liberty, Missouri

I have worked for Liberty School District for 14 years as a speech-language pathologist. I have experience in a variety of settings including inpatient and outpatient medical facilities and rehabilitation unit, and the education setting. I am a lead Speech-Language Pathologist. I coordinate monthly meetings; update procedures based on DESE guidelines and supervise two CF's at this time. I also coordinate the dysphagia team. I am currently working at an elementary school, providing speech and language services, and social skills training. I have a strong interest in autism, and completed the IDAC, In-District Autism Consultant for Liberty School District. I received my Bachelor of Science in Education and Master of Science from the University of Central Missouri. I also completed the Professional Concentration in Autism

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VP for School Services - *cont.*

Nominee: Patricia Jones
Credentials: MS, CCC-SLP

Spectrum Disorders from the University of California Davis Extension in November 2013. In April 2012, I completed the Social Thinking Mentor Program with Michelle Garcia Winner in San Jose, California.

I also work at Autism Works, Liberty Missouri. Providing weekly social skills class to middle school students.

Professional Contributions and Memberships:

- American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
- Missouri Speech-Language-Hearing Association
- VP for School Services (2015-2017)
- Missouri State Teachers Association

Goal of Office Statement:

I am interested in participating on the MSHA Executive Board as vice president for school services because I realize the importance of giving back to our professional organizations. Being on the Executive Board for the last year has given me a better understanding of professional issues at the state level. Having worked in the school setting for the last 14 years, I want to utilize my knowledge, experience and skills while serving on the MSHA Board. In this position, I want to advocate for MSHA members by discussing issues of concern in an effort to provide information and recommendations to the MSHA Board. I want to improve MSHA member experiences, increase educational opportunities and collaborative practice as professionals. I am extremely proud and passionate to be a speech-language pathologist and serving an organization that has made a difference in the quality of life for so many individuals.

Nominee:
Naomi E. Brunner
Credentials: MS, CCC-SLP

Education/Certifications:

- BS Communication Sciences and Disorders, Kansas State University
- MS Communication Sciences and Disorders, Kansas State University
- Missouri Board of Healing Arts
- Certificate of Clinical Competence, ASHA

Employment Setting and Position:

Speech-language pathologist within the Blue Springs School District serving students in the secondary school setting.

Professional Contributions and Memberships:

- American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Member (2009-present)
- Missouri Speech-Language-Hearing Association Member (2012-present)
- MSHA School Services Committee Member (2015-present)
- Blue Springs School District, Externship supervisor
- American Stroke Foundation, Volunteer therapist, Blue Springs Missouri (2016)
- MSHA Annual Conference Volunteer
- Kansas State University, Graduate Research Assistant (2009-2011)
- Kansas Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Member (2009-2011)
- NSSHLA Member (2009-2011)

Goal of Office Statement:

I would be honored to serve the MSHA membership as vice president for school services. I am enthusiastic about our role within the educational setting and in the opportunity to become a more active member of our state organization. I hope that my contribution will advance MSHA's overall mission statement by empowering school-based speech-language professionals in their settings to better serve the public and the profession. I hope to accomplish this task by seeking out valuable and relevant workshop opportunities, quickly disseminating information from ASHA and DESE and by lobbying for actions that are affecting school-based speech-language professionals.

VP for Audiology

Nominee:
Amanda Moore
Credentials: AuD, CCC-A

Employment Setting and Position:

Children's Mercy Hospital, Pediatric Audiologist

Professional Contributions and Memberships:

- Professional Involvement
- American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
- Missouri Speech-Language-Hearing Association

- American Academy of Audiology-Board Certified in Audiology
- 2016 ASHA ACE Award Recipient

Goal of Office Statement:

I am very excited for this opportunity to serve on the MSHA Executive Board as vice president for audiology. I graduated from the University of Kansas and began working at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City where I have been for the past five years. I am currently part of a quality improvement project to increase our compliance with screening newborns by one month of age while in our NICU. I presented a poster at AudiologyNow in April with another colleague regarding our success with this project. I also serve on the ENT Efficiency Committee to improve patient satisfaction and overall clinic flow.

VP for Legislative Affairs

Nominee:

Greta Thompson Hull

Credentials: MHS, CCC-SLP

Employment Setting and Position:

University of Missouri, Department of Communication Science and Disorders, Assistant Clinical Professor

Professional Contributions and Memberships:

- Licensed speech-language pathologist by Missouri State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts
- Missouri Speech-Language-Hearing Association
- Certificate of Clinical Competence
- American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
- School of Health Professions Service Days Volunteer
- School of Health Professions Student Affairs/Scholarship Committee
- Cristo Rey Outreach Presenter
- COMPASS Program Mentor
- Go Baby Go Team Member
- Honors Convocation Ceremony Mentor

Goal of Office Statement:

I live in Jefferson City, Missouri, and during the legislative session we have a steady diet of bills being moved forward. My primary role at the University of Missouri is training future clinicians. However, I also have experience serving in the hospital and public school sector. My understanding of the issues affecting each unique setting makes me particularly interested in how future bills change our profession. To protect the future workforce and ensure the services we provide are not diminished by legislative action is a driving force in my interest in this position. Our involvement in legislative matters is vital in protecting our profession and the clients we serve. Our interests will need to be presented clearly and to key players in the legislature in order to counteract a lack of understanding of the issues from MSHA's perspective. It would be my honor to represent Missouri's speech-language pathologists and audiologists as the vice president of legislative affairs. L