



**President's Notes
January 2015**

Dear Membership,

Happy New Year! I hope this note finds all of you doing well and that you were able to take some time off over the holidays to spend with family and friends.

By now many of you have begun making plans to attend the national EHDI meeting that will be held this year in Louisville, Kentucky, March 8-10th. Each year, DSHPSHWA holds their annual meeting on the Sunday before the EHDI meeting. Registration for the DSHPSHWA meeting is open for those persons charged with the responsibility of directing and developing speech-language and/or hearing programs in the administrative units of State and Territorial Health and Welfare Agencies or in other State and/or Federally Supported Programs for Children with Special Health Care Needs. Historically DSHPSHWA has had representation from over 90% of the US States and Territories at its annual meeting. If you haven't registered, please do so today! You can register by clicking on the following link, [DSHPSHWA registration link](#).

In preparation for the annual meeting, board members have been very busy planning a great agenda for the meeting on Sunday, March 8th from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Registration, check-in and breakfast begin at 7:15 a.m. Other networking opportunities will take place Saturday evening. Please plan to join us on Saturday evening for *Desserts with DSHPSHWA*, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. and *Downtime with DSHPSHWA* from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. at the Galt Hotel - two great opportunities to learn from each other, share ideas, successes, quality improvement ideas and strategies.

Finally, each year we have several open positions on the DSHPSHWA Board of Directors. Elections for vacant positions will take place at the annual DSHPSHWA meeting on Sunday. I have included a list of vacancies below; job descriptions for each are on the second page. We have three current board members interested in running for three open positions; their names are listed below. Please consider being a part of this great group! If you are interested and would like to submit your name to run for one of these open positions or if you have any questions about the positions, please email Gayla Hutsell Guinard at GGuignard@isdh.IN.gov by Friday, February 20th.

Open Positions

President-Elect
Vice President – Communications/Outreach
Member-At-Large – Website/Technical Development
Member-At-Large – Educational Development/Professional Growth

Nominations to Date

Kathy Northrop
Karin Neidt
Vacant
Regina Bryde

Until next time, take care of yourselves and each other.

Tammy O'Hollearn, DSHPSHWA President



Vacant Board of Director Position Job Descriptions

The President-Elect shall:

- Serve as a member of the Board of Directors;
- Assume duties requested by the President;
- Discharge the duties of the President in the absence of the President or during a vacancy in that office;
- Arrange and develop the meeting agenda for the annual meeting with consultation with the Board of Directors;
- Prepare and submit a budget for the annual meeting to the Board of Directors for their approval;
- Notify all members of the corporation of the annual meeting sixty days before the meeting date, enclosing proposed agenda;
- Assume the office of President at the annual meeting of his/her second elected year;
- Assume role of Past President at the beginning of the his/her third year;
- Perform duties granted or assigned by the membership and/or the Board of Directors.

The Vice President-Communications and Outreach shall:

- Serve as a member of the Board of Directors for two (2) years;
- Provide consultation to and work collaboratively with the designated Member-at-Large on projects and activities that involve outreach to members, potential members, and other interested individuals through social media outlets and other communication platforms;
- Provide consultation to and work collaboratively with the designated Member-at-Large on projects and activities for continued professional development of members relative to programming for speech, language, and hearing disorders within the public health and welfare setting;
- Provide consultation to and work collaboratively with the designated Member-at-Large on the continued technical development and content maintenance of the DSHPSHWA website;
- Perform duties granted or assigned by the membership and/or the Board of Directors.

The Member-at-Large-Educational Development/Professional Growth Shall:

- Serve as a member of the Board of Directors for two (2) years;
- Promote the views of the members of the Association;
- Work collaboratively with the Vice-President of Communications and Outreach on projects and activities for continued professional development of members relative to programming for speech, language, and hearing disorders within the public health and welfare setting;
- Perform duties granted or assigned by the membership and/or the Board of Directors.

The Members At-Large – Website/Technical Development shall:

- Serve as member of the Board of Directors for two (2) years;
- Promote the views of members of the association;
- Develop and maintain DSHPSHWA website with content voted on by the Board of Directors;
- Perform duties granted or assigned by the membership and/or the Board of Directors.