



PRESIDENT'S NOTES NOVEMBER 2015



Hello DSPSHWA Membership,

Hope you all are having a good fall. I wanted to update you on the activities of the Executive Board since my last President's Notes

- **Survey:** Thank you for participating in the survey regarding your state's funding opportunities for the DSPSHWA annual meeting. We are in the process of reviewing the results. Kathy Northrop, Tammy O'Hollearn and Lind Hazard are scheduled to meet with Marcus Gaffney (CDC) and Sadie Silcott (HRSA) on November 24th. I will update you after the meeting.
- **Planning Committee for EHDI Annual Meeting:** DSPSHWA Board Members President Elect Kathy Northrop and President Linda Hazard are attending a monthly conference call with the planning committee for the 2016 EHDI National Meeting. Over the last two months we have reviewed submissions for plenary and instructional speakers. Additionally Kathy and I were committee leads for review of abstract submissions. EHDI received more abstracts this year than any other year in the meeting's history.
- **JCIH:** The Joint Committee on Infant Hearing (JCIH) met on September 2, 2015 via conference call to discuss the current draft status and preparations for moving to the final editing stage. There was discussion about gaps in content, references, and further streamlining section length. Dr. Al Mehl, AAP representative for JCIH, announced earlier this summer he was stepping down from this position after serving for the past 20 years. He will be greatly missed.
- **Regina Bryde:** Earlier this year Regina resigned as the New York State EHDI Coordinator and stepped down from her role as Member at Large Educational Development and Professional Growth. We are grateful for Regina's service as a DSPSHWA Executive Board Member.
- **Stacy Jordan:** Project Coordinator for the Vermont EHDI program, replaced Regina Bryde on the Board as Member at Large Educational Development and Professional Growth. Stacy is currently working with Karin Neidt to plan two educational webinars for this year. The topics of interest are the Parent Journey and Autism and Deafness.
- **David Savage:** A letter was sent from the Executive Board and the Membership recognizing David Savage for a lifetime of service to children with special health needs. During his tenure he advocated at the state and national level for Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI). David was the Vice President of Archives for 5 years and

developed a PowerPoint presentation on the history of DSHPSHWA. Additionally he played a critical role in completing the JCIH 2007 position statement.

Alice Sette framed the letter and presented it to David at his retirement party.

- **Please be sure to visit the DSHPSHWA website and “like” us on Facebook!**

Linda Hazard

DSHPSHWA President