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## DSHPSHWA President's Note

Wow! It is hard to believe the national EHDI and DSHPSHWA meetings took place a month ago already. Each year, I look forward to reconnecting with old friends, making new friends, learning the latest news on best practices and research related to newborn hearing screening; follow up, early intervention and building sustainable EHDI programs. 2014 was not a disappointment! In fact, this year there were so many sessions I wanted to attend that I had difficulty choosing one session over another.

I have a few notes and thoughts to share as we kick off a new year! First, I want to provide a few Thank-yous. I am very appreciative of each and every one of the 2013-14 DSHPSHWA board members. They worked hard to meet the goals outlined in our strategic plan and make our annual meeting in Jacksonville a success! I know I could not have done it without their support taking notes, being a runner, greeter, photographer, providing updates to membership about our important work with our national partners and the list goes on. You actually underestimate how much time and planning goes into this one day meeting each year until you are a part of it, so THANK YOU! A special thank you goes out to Julie Beeler and Gayla Hutsell Guignard for mentoring me throughout the year as incoming president in preparation for my role this year as president.

Next, I would like to welcome all the new members elected to serve on the DSHPSHWA Board. With new board members comes an opportunity to build on the work of past board members and generate new ideas. We had our first board meeting last Monday and I could feel the energy!

If you have not been to the DSHPSHWA website lately, please check it out, [http://www.dshpshwa.org/DSHPSHWA\\_Membership.html](http://www.dshpshwa.org/DSHPSHWA_Membership.html). Karin has updated the website with the new board members, pictures from the annual meeting and posted upcoming conferences. This year we plan to provide you with some historical facts about DSHPSHWA, while keeping you abreast of the very important work our board members do on behalf of our membership on the following committees: Joint Committee for Infant Hearing, Audiology Quality Consortium and the Healthcare Economics Committee. Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Twitter too!

If any of you would like an electronic copy of your state report card, please contact Winnie Chung at [ihx9@cdc.gov](mailto:ihx9@cdc.gov). She is happy to help!

Finally, please take a few minutes now that you are back home and have had some time to reflect on your stay in Jacksonville. The questionnaire on Survey Monkey is short and should take you no more than 10 minutes to complete and even less if you have no comments. The first part of the survey covers the annual DSHPSHWA meeting components. The last few questions give us the opportunity to get feedback from all of you on timing of the various pre- and post-EHDI meetings because believe it or not,

planning has already begun for 2015. Thank you for taking this quick survey,  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DSHPSHWAmeeeting>.

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

Tammy O'Hollearn, President