

# 9's NEWS

## February 2010

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### CSHA BOARD MEETING UPDATE:

Most recent CSHA Board Of Directors Meeting held in Sacramento on January 22<sup>nd</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> with information as follows:

-CSHA office continues to go green including emailing workshop and convention registrations, as well as State convention handouts on compact discs only.

-CSHA continues to be fiscally conservative secondary to current financial state of California and rest of the country. CSHA office is cutting costs where they can, but maintaining service in all areas to members.

-CSHA head office hired a new part time employee with hours 10:00 am till 2:00 pm Monday to Friday to ensure member's calls and concerns will be managed daily.

-Spearheaded by Jan Pryor, Association Services Commissioner for CSHA, the board of directors and commissioners are in the process of revamping the CSHA bylaws and standing rules. The revisions will continue via email and further discussion will take place at the next board meeting in Monterey on April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 2010 prior to the state convention.

#### CSHA Annual State Convention News:

-CSHA Annual State Convention this year is in Monterey on April 15<sup>th</sup> thru the 18<sup>th</sup> 2010.

-The CSHA website [www.CSHA.org](http://www.CSHA.org) is now accepting registration on line.

-CE registration is also now available on line.

-The student drive this year at the Monterey Convention is for new and gently used books. Please remind all colleges attending the convention to drop off the books at the student booth during the convention.

Thank you in advance for participating in this wonderful student drive.

#### CSHA Magazine Update:

-Barbra O'Hara, CSHA's Administrative Director, and her staff are working towards uploading the CSHA Magazine to our CSHA website in the near future. Uploading the Magazine to our website will further our go green theme and will allow members to peruse back issues on line.

#### Legislative News:

-Robert Powell, CSHA's Legislative Council, is working on countering the Blue Cross rate changes for Speech/Language Pathology, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy from \$175.00 to \$75.00 per session. CSHA is asking the members to write letters to Blue Cross in response to the reimbursement changes. Sample letters may be found on the CSHA Website at [www.CSHA.org](http://www.CSHA.org).

-CTC continues to go forth with the Communication Specialist Credential. Robert is continually monitoring the CTC's progress on the Communication Specialist Credential attending meetings and reporting back to the board of directors via emails.

-CSHA is working on reducing the mandatory supervision requirements from renewing every three years to renewing every four years. CSHA is also working on increasing online supervision CEUs to six hours instead of only three hours.

-CSHA is also actively endorsing Linda Ackerman for California State Senate who is a great friend of CSHA (daughter is an SLP).

#### CSHA Scholarship Update:

-Gary Montooth, CSHA's Organizational Advancement and Outreach Commissioner continues to go forward with CSHA Scholarship Program development with possible initial scholarships to be awarded by next CSHA Convention.

#### District 9 Budget Report:

-The year to date budget for District 9 budget fiscal year 2009-2010 remains in the black.

-There has been a profit on the conferences sponsored to date. District 9 is planning an upcoming workshop in the spring and one for the month of September. We are also looking at two student functions for this year.

#### DIVERSITY STATE AWARD WINNER FROM DISTRICT 9

-We at District 9 are very excited and proud to congratulate **Jacqueline Kreiter-Kotas** for winning this year's State Diversity Award. Jacqueline won a District 9 Outstanding Service Award last year at the State Convention in Long Beach and District 9 is extremely proud to announce that she has done it again at the state level. Congratulations to one of our own!

District 9 Outstanding Service, Outstanding Achievement and Outstanding Student Awards:

- District 9 is also very proud to announce its District Award winners:
- Anna Wong and Liza Blumenfeld for Outstanding Service
- Kathleen Catterall for Outstanding Achievement
- Julia O'Brien for Outstanding Student

Continuing Education:

- District 9 has held two workshops this year. The first workshop was Successful RPE/CFY Supervision: Meeting Their Needs and Yours. This workshop was held in the fall and offered .6 ASHA CEUs.
  - The second workshop was a CSHA and California Academy of Audiology (CAA) co-sponsored workshop with two topics: FM Technology and the Preceptor Training for CFYs. Both of these workshops offered .3 ASHA CEUs.
- Our hopes are to host another full day six-hour course in the spring or fall of 2010 as we look to serve our District's education needs.

**MEMBERS DISTRICT 9 ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Director: Paul McRae

Director-Elect: Suzanne Moineau

Advisory Committee:

Kathleen Catterall  
Cara Dunahoo  
Donna Swanson Parlet  
Sara Nelson  
Grace McKissick  
Toni Cacciatore  
Brian DeLeon  
Julia O'Brien

Members At-Large:

Marlowe Fischer (CSHA Past President)  
Teri "Sam Swanson"  
Bob McKinney (CSHA Diversity Committee, District 9 Nominating Committee)  
Charlotte Lopes (Past Editor CSHA Magazine, State Nominating Committee)  
Jacqueline Kreiter-Kotas (Past CSHA Diversity Committee Chair)

Nominating Committee:

Suzanne Moineau (Nominating Committee Chair)  
Robert McKinney  
Jeanette Soriano  
Mark Kohout

Commissioner Liaisons

Professional Practices in SLP- Sara Nelson

Education- Grace McKissick  
Association Services- Cara Dunahoo  
Research Publications and Documentation- Cathy Brown  
Legislation- Brian DeLeon  
NSSHLA Student Representative: Julia O'Brian  
Professional Services for Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology: Donna Swanson  
Parlet

Student Representatives

Julia O'Brien SDSU  
SLPA Representative- Open

**Hope to see you at the Monterey Convention April 15<sup>th</sup>  
thru the 18<sup>th</sup> and thank you very much for being a  
CSHA District 9 member.**