

Highlights

Highlights from the June 27-28, 2003 CSHA Board Meeting

The CSHA Board of Directors met in Sacramento for the first meeting of the fiscal year. The meeting was chaired by President Angela Mandas, who reviewed her goals for the upcoming year and encouraged a collaborative effort on the part of all members of the board. President Mandas will focus on mentoring, education, recruitment and retention. CSHA membership is at an all time high with membership reaching 5,000 members statewide. The board will strive to broaden and enlighten potential new leaders and members to the association in order to maintain its stable and vital role in the legislature and for its members.

President Mandas reported on her recent attendance at the ASHA State Policy Workshop, held in Omaha on May 15-18. Further, she reported that ASHA's Ad Hoc Committee on Caseload Size is continuing its work on an implementation guide to accompany the new policy. For more information, contact Kathleen Whitmire at kwhitmire@ASHA.org

Financial Status of the Association

Treasurer Rachel Torres

CSHA's year-end financial statement and investment portfolio are in a very enviable position at the end of the May 31 fiscal year. The association continues to maintain its membership base, produce highly attended conferences and a statewide convention, and realizes an excellent return on its investments. The board will continue to explore and address new member benefits as it approaches this upcoming fiscal year.

Professional Development and Continuing Education

*Commissioner
MaryAnn Christman-Phelps*

Another convention is in the CSHA history books with a total attendance of 1245 in Monterey. Sixty-three percent of the attendees completed evaluation forms, and overall the responses were very positive for all aspects of the convention including program, operations, and pre-registration activities. The major concern expressed by the membership was the extra cost for short courses and seminars. This concern will be taken into consideration when determining the fees for the 2004 convention.

Program Co-chairs for the 2004 CSHA convention in Long Beach are Betty McMicken and Lisa O'Connor. Operations Chair is Wendy Burton.

The Diversity Committee, Dr. Henriette Langdon, Chair, is preparing a document on the following topics: student training in multicultural/multilingual issues, assessment of a bilingual candidate's linguistic and cultural competencies to work in our field, early intervention strategies, language disabilities in the older population and language for intervention.

CSHA's representative, Dale Spears, to the SED's IEP Task Force reported that the focus of the last two meetings has been discussion of accommodations/modifications and also the development of a statewide IEP template.

Professional Services (Audiology)

Commissioner Sherrin Massie

CSHA Forms Alliance with CAA

The June Board meeting was significant for ushering in a new era in the transformation of the professions of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology. The Board passed a resolution to establish an alliance with the California Academy of Audiology to begin mutually beneficial communication and cooperation. Specific areas to be targeted are education, legislation and consultation on professional issues. The CSHA Commissioner on Professional Services in Audiology will be the CSHA designee to facilitate the development of relations and communication with CAA. The current CSHA Commissioner, Sherrin Massie, has also been appointed as the CAA liaison with CSHA by CAA President Judy Horning after the CAA Board's concurrent approval of establishing an Alliance with CSHA.

Association Services

Commissioner Bob Hanyak

◆ Resource Center now on CSHA website. Members only benefit. CSHA members are welcome to submit resource material they feel will be useful to their colleagues.

- ◆ Topic areas to include:
 - Professional Issues
 - Supervision
 - Diagnostics
 - In-Service Tools
 - Intervention
 - Marketing Tools

Publications and Research

Commissioner Judy Brasseur
Editor in Chief Laureen O'Hanlon

- ◆ Summer issue of *CSHA Magazine* focuses on:
 - ~AAC and early intervention
 - ~Marketing tools for SLP services in medical and public school settings.
- ◆ Fall issue topic: autism.
- ◆ Winter issue topics: advocacy, legislation, leadership.
- ◆ *CSHA website* now features past magazine articles on *Publications* link. Members only benefit.

Professional Services in SLP

Commissioner Kimberly Gully

- ◆ **Task Force on CAPD (Auditory Processing)**
Report for peer review mid-September
- ◆ **Committee on Cognitive Referencing**
See Report on Resource Center on CSHA's web site www.CSHA.org
- ◆ **CSHA's representatives to ASHA Schools Initiative (SEAL)**
Kudos to outgoing Rep. Tracie Moss. Incoming Rep. Wanda Collins attending 7/10/03 ASHA IDEA discussion.
- ◆ **Healthcare Initiative (STAR)**
Rep. Linda Pippert reported on 5/14/03 ASHA Reimbursement "Boot Camp".

VOLUNTEER?

Dreaming of volunteering precious quality time for your professional association and your colleagues? If you have been and are interested, the CSHA board is seeking enthusiastic volunteers in a number of capacities. If you are interested in any of the following areas, just email us at csa@csa.org and we will put you in touch with the appropriate commissioner or board member. Take a look at these possible areas of interest and give us a chance to prove to you how energizing, exciting, valuable and fun volunteering for your organization can be:

State Convention

Registration
Marketing booth
PAC booth
Pages
Moderators

Commissioners:

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District Directors:

Advisory Committee members

Check www.CSHA.org under the link *Board of Directors* for email addresses of all board members, Editor in Chief, and Commissioners if you want to contact these individuals directly to see how you might volunteer your services and time!

VOLUNTEER! IT'S FUN.

CALENDAR

CSHA District Programs 2003-2004

In addition to the 2004 Annual State Convention in Long Beach, March 4-7, at the Hyatt Regency, District Directors will plan the following local workshops for members in their areas. Continue to check the CSHA website for further details. Look for registration flyers this Fall. Registration will also be available on-line: www.CSHA.org

October 2003

District 5: Four-part dinner series. October 7, 14, 21, 28. Location: Children's Hospital of Central CA. Topics/speakers TBA

District 10: Four-part dinner series. One series per week in October. Location: University of Redlands. Topics: Various. Speakers: Barbara Moore-Brown, Linda D'Antonio, Susan Sordon, Char Boshart

November 2003

ASHA Convention: November 13-15, Chicago

January 2004

District 7: January 17, "Autism Treatment through Social Groups." Speaker Lannie Legler. Location: Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

March 4-7, 2004

CSHA Annual State Convention Long Beach, Hyatt Regency - right on the water adjacent to the Convention Center. Beautiful vacation/convention area. 21 CE hours, exhibits, job resource center. Registration available on-line this Fall. Complete program book early January.

May 2004

District 4: "Developmental Apraxia/Phonology." Speaker Jessica Barlow. More info to follow.

District 4: Spring Forum late May. A Fluency workshop for children, their parents, and SLPs. Speaker Gale Wilson-Lew. More info to follow.

CSHA CAPITOL UPDATE



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CONGRESS

IDEA Reauthorization (HR 1350; S 1248)

Final debate underway - differences to be resolved in conference committee.

See ASHA, CEC & NEA web Alerts.

MEDICARE Drug Reform (HR 1; S 1)

House version contains Therapy CAP moratorium extension.

Differences to be resolved in conference committee.

Therapy CAP Bills Also Pending

(HR 1125 & S 569) See ASHA web Alert.

CMS Delays Therapy CAP Until Sept. 1

Medicare Therapy limits would apply to physician-based services, rehab agencies, CORFs, SNFs and Home Health Agencies. In most cases, the therapy limits don't apply to hospital outpatient departments. However, the \$1,590 limit would apply if therapy services performed at a hospital outpatient department is in the Medicare-certified part of a skilled nursing facility.

CMS 10988 June 2003 publication.

www.medicare.gov/ . See ASHA web Alert.

CALIFORNIA

California without a State Budget

Republican block stands firm on no new taxes. State borrowing requires deal now.

Programs, services and many jobs at-risk!

See CSHA Web Alert !

Final details will be posted on CSHA's web site.

Budget Accountability Act Ballot Initiative CSHA Board Recommends Support

- 1) Hold legislators accountable to pass a budget on time;
- 2) Force the legislature to make the budget top priority;
- 3) Give voters the facts about the budget;
- 4) End partisan gridlock with super majority vote versus 2/3rds;
- 5) Encourage fiscal responsibility with mandatory reserves.

www.budgetaccountabilitynow.org

CA Nat Organization for Women; Congress of CA Seniors; Health Access; League of Women Voters; CTA; CFT; AFL-CIO; CSEA; SEIU, etc., support proposal.

Recall the Governor Ballot Initiative CSHA Board Opposes Process & Costs

Costs \$25 - \$35 million or more – money that will come from education and healthcare programs. The candidate process for Governor is uncertain and replacement Governor could be anyone. The state's business leaders with the respected Business Roundtable are opposing. CTA opposes and declares that teachers oppose the recall *"in the interest of good state government and warned that the state budget crisis must remain the public's to run. The recall is a distraction from the real work that needs to be done to find a balanced budget solution that prevents deeper cuts to our classrooms."*

CA Legislature Summer Recess

Mid-September deadline will be crunch time for this year's legislative bills. CSHA is following 300 proposals affecting the professions. Complete bill list/update on CSHA web site. Examples follow next column.

Legislative Bills Sample (Complete list on www.csha.org)

Save Rancho Los Amigos Rehab (AB 10)

<http://www.saverancho.org>

SLPAB Licensing Sunset Review 7/06 (SB 364)

Audiologist Children's Dispensing:

License vs CCCs (AB 525 Chaptered 48'03)

Medi-Cal: Digital Hearing Aid Rates

(AB 747; State Budget provisions)

Request Congress IDEA Full Funding

(SJR 11 - Chaptered 68)

Educators; Definition to Include Specialists

(AB 956 – See CSHA web Alert)

Special Ed Due Process

(AB 780; SB 1337; SB 145; SB 636)

Education Code Clean-up

(AB 300; SB 177; SB 842)

Pupil Testing & Special Ed

(AB 356; AB 1670; SB 471; SB 964; SB 575; SB 964)

Kindergarten: Age of Admission (AB 810)

School Staff "Rights" (AB 954)

Classified Employee/Paraeducator Rights

(AB 1038; AB 1070; SB 644)

State Schools for Deaf: ASL competencies

(AB 1017)

Retirement: Golden Handshakes

(AB 212; AB 1207; AB 1764)

HPlan Children's Hearing Aids (SB 174)

LTC: MDS Assessment Pilot (AB 786)

Special Ed for Temporarily SNF Children - Residency (AB 1649)

Medi-Cal: All-Inclusive Care Elderly - (AB 798)

Medi-Cal: Subacute Standards (AB 1201)

Adult Day Care Center Reform

(AB 464 to Gov; SB 428)

DDS: Reg Centers Vendors (AB 1393)

Translators & Interpreters – Children

(AB 292; AB 154; SB 853; DMHC regs)

Ed Staff Development (SB 525)

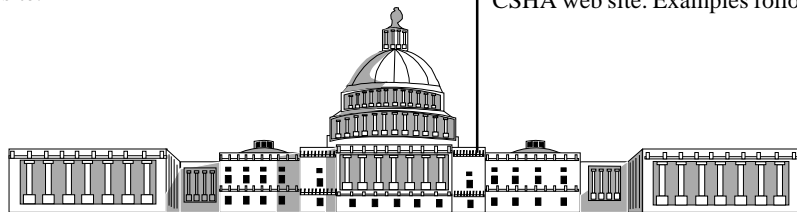
Song-Beverly Warranty Law (SB 648)

Motorcycles: Safety Helmets (SB 685)

Labor Law Violations/Lawsuits (SB 796)

Whistle Blowers (SB 777)

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CAPITOL UPDATE

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CSHA Task Force on Encroachment

Carol Murphy (Private Practice Santa Cruz) as Chair, conducted the Task Force's second meeting on July 19th at the CSHA administrative office. Attending were:

Lisa O'Connor (CSHA Past President), Robert Powell (CSHA Legislative Counsel), Deborah Swain (Private Practice Santa Rosa), Claudia Dunaway (San Diego City Schools), Kristina Kzajic (Easter Seals Sacramento), Jane Germ (Private Practice Sacramento) and Annemarie DelMugnaio (Exec Officer, SLPAB Licensing).

A progress report will be presented at the next CSHA Board meeting.

Medi-Cal EDS HIPAA Training

www.medi-cal.ca.gov
Provider Support Center (800) 541-5555.

(Prompt option "4") Reservations for the morning or afternoon training session. 9 AM-12 PM.; or 1:30 PM.-4:30 PM each day.

7/24-25	Ontario
7/28-29	Redding
8/4-5	San Jose
8/7-8	Burlingame
8/18-19	Sacramento
8/28-29	Santa Rosa
9/2-3	Fresno
9/4-5	Bakersfield
9/9-10	San Diego
9/11-12	Los Angeles

Resolutions

Action at this Meeting Included:

Motion #01-03/04

Lisa O'Connor appointed as Program Co-Chair for the 2004 convention in Long Beach.

Motion #02-03/04

Adoption of the CSHA Investment Policy as recommended by the Fiscal Committee.

Motion #3-03/04

CSHA opposes, and urges CSHA members to oppose the Recall of Governor Initiative. Refer to Capitol Update.

Motion #04-03/04

CSHA approved the balanced budget for the fiscal year, 2003-2004 as submitted by the Fiscal Committee.

Motion #05-03/04

CSHA supports the state Budget Accountability Act ballot initiative. See Capitol Update.

Motion #06-03/04

Mary Kay Therres, District 3, and Linda Puckett, District 8, appointed to the Association Advisory Committee for a one-year term.. (June 2003 – May 2004).

Motion #07-03/04

The Commissioner on Professional Services in Audiology to facilitate the development of relations and communication with CA Academy of Audiology (CAA).

Motion #45-02/03

CSHA position paper on FM systems approved. Final document be posted on CSHA web site in place of the previous paper on this topic. Passed electronically.