



California Speech Language Hearing Association

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CSHA Announces Jennifer Kizner as New Board Chair

Sacramento, CA – California Speech Language Hearing Association (CSHA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Jennifer Kizner as the organization's board chair, effective July 1, 2022. Kizner was previously CSHA chair-elect.

Kizner, CsCD, M.Ed, CCC-SLP, BCSS, MBS-Imp certified clinician, has been a medical speech language pathologist for 25 years and currently works at Stanford Healthcare in the head and neck oncology multi-disciplinary clinic. She received her clinical doctorate from Rocky Mountain University in April 2021 and has her board certification in swallowing and swallowing disorders from the American Board of Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders (ABSSD) since 2010. She is on the exam and public relations committees for the ABSSD. Kizner has presented at both state and national conventions on the topics of dysphagia, head and neck cancer, and single subject research design.

"After working for many years in a profession I love, it's an honor to give back to CSHA and our entire community," Kizner said. "CSHA is dedicated to ensuring all Californians have access the support they need from those of us in the speech, language and hearing fields, and we have big plans to continue to grow our state's capacity to do just that."

Also newly appointed to the board is John Gomez as board chair-elect. Gomez, M.A. CCC-SLP, works as a speech-language pathologist for the Los Angeles Unified School District and as a professor at California State University, Los Angeles. He teaches several courses, including Psychosocial Considerations and Fluency Disorders. John also moonlights as a documentary filmmaker. His first feature film, *When I Stutter*, has won seven awards, been an official selection in 16 film festivals, and has been translated into 13 languages. In 2017, John was honored with the Lois V. Douglass Distinguished Alumnus Award from CSULA and the Emerging Filmmaker Award from the Chagrin Documentary Film Festival. John's most recent work includes serving as a stuttering consultant on the hit animated show *Maya and the Three* on Netflix.

Amanda Fazakerly continues as secretary-treasurer. Fazakerly, M.S., CCC-SLP, is a senior speech pathologist at UC Davis Health in Sacramento. Previous board chair, Michele Linares, becomes immediate past board chair. Linares, MS, CCC-SLP, is president of The Learning Grove: Speech-Language Pathology Inc.

About California Speech-Language-Hearing Association (CSHA)

CSHA is a professional state association with some 3,000 members who are audiologists, speech-language pathologist, speech-language pathology assistant, students and affiliates in related fields. Audiologists specialize in preventing and assessing hearing and balance disorders, as well as providing audiologic treatment, including hearing aids. Speech-language pathologists identify, assess, and treat speech and language problems, including swallowing disorders, Speech-language pathology assistants work under the supervision of speech-language pathologists to help address speech-language challenges. www.cscha.org