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TN has become the 19th state to adopt the ASLP-IC! Learn more about the Interstate Compact here:

<https://aslpcompact.com>

Time to Celebrate!

Thank you to all of those that participated live in TAASLP's Day on the Hill, sent in videos or wrote letters to legislators!

Day on the Hill was a very successful event with 32 attendees plus guest speakers and legislators. Our state lobbyists, Heather Meshell and Courtney Atnip, shared information regarding the current bills impacting TAASLP members that were circulating the House and Senate. Tim Boyd, ASHA's Director of State Health Care and Education Affairs, discussed Advocacy at the national level and the Interstate Compact. Virginia Ingram, Day on the Hill Zoom host, led an Advocacy Kahoot poll and shared information on how to get involved with grassroots advocacy. Jennifer Wilson, TAASLP President, discussed this year's TAASLP Convention and shared information on how to get involved with TAASLP events.

Day on the Hill attendees had the opportunity to share experiences and concerns with legislators and participate in a letter writing campaign. Each state representative, even those not in attendance, received an email that included a one-page document highlighting TAASLP and some of the top bills impacting our professions that were currently in circulation. They also received the link to our "Day in the Life of an Audiologist and Speech-Language Pathologist" video.



Advocacy Update

TAASLP's Top 3 Advocacy Goals for 2022:

- Telehealth (bill to allow telehealth services to continue beyond April 1st, 2020): **Signed by Governor!**
 - [Senate Bill 2453/House Bill 2655](#) (hyperlink to bill to learn more)
- Interstate Compact (bill to have TN join the Interstate Compact): **Passed House and Senate Floors!** (May be signed by Governor by the time this newsletter reaches you!)
 - [Senate Bill 2453/House Bill 2655](#) (hyperlink to bill to learn more)
- Caseload/Workload Discussions: **Initial discussions underway!**
 - An invitation for TAASLP members to participate in a brainstorming session will be sent out in early May. Please review the information below for future discussions.
 - 2020 Schools Survey: <https://www.asha.org/siteassets/surveys/2020-schools-survey-slp-caseload.pdf>
 - 2020 State-by-State Caseload guidance: <https://www.asha.org/siteassets/practice-portal/caseloadworkload/state-caseload-chart.pdf>
 - ASHA Caseload/Workload Practice Portal: <https://www.asha.org/practice-portal/professional-issues/caseload-and-workload/>
 - ASHA Workload Calculator: <https://www.asha.org/slp/schools/workload-calculator/>

Visit

taaslp.com/advocacy

to learn more about
advocacy!

Jessica M. Lenden-Holt, M.A., CCC-SLP

Vice President of Legislative Affairs



Welcome to our New Executive Council Member



***Secretary/
Treasurer***

Louise Powers is an audiologist for Eargo, based out of Nashville. She received her Doctor of Audiology from University of Memphis and her Bachelor of Science in Special Education from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She enjoys educating patients on implications of their hearing loss and helping them navigate through the convoluted hearing aid market to find a solution best for them. Prior to Eargo, she was in the private practice setting for three years collaborating with all 5 big manufacturers and many third-party payers. In her spare time, you can find her cheering on the Vols, redecorating every room in her house twice and spending time with friends and family.

Membership Renewal/Application Update

See the refreshed TAASLP website links for membership

- Note that there is now an option for dual TAASLP/TAA membership at \$105 per annum
- Undergraduate and Graduate students can be a member for only \$15 per annum
- Assistants can be members for \$50 per annum
- Audiologists or SLP membership s \$85 per annum

**Make a difference in
your profession and
your state with**

Membership benefits include discounted rates at convention (we are in Knoxville this year!)

Also, members have the benefit of this advertising scheme:

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membership!

	Member	Non-Member
Survey: email blast to membership	Free	\$25
Job Posting: includes email blast to membership and social media post	Free	\$75, add website posting for an additional \$25
CEU Event: includes email blast to membership, social media post, and website post	\$75	\$150
Quarterly Newsletter:	Half Page: \$40 Full Page: \$80	Half Page: \$80 Full Page: \$160

- TAASLP members are integral in state advocacy and representation. This year, we were able to be a part of the passing of the interstate compact and telehealth bills! Your membership and involvement matter for Audiology and SLP standards in our state.



Nominate Now for Honors and Awards

What awards are available?

A. TAASLP Honors of the Association: Awarded annually
Honors of the Association may be awarded to members for outstanding service to the association, outstanding contributions towards the purposes of the association, or outstanding service to persons with speech, language or hearing disorders.

Email Nominations to

Member at Large

Sarai Ward at

mal@taaslp.org

B. TAASLP Distinguished Service Award: Awarded annually The Distinguished Service Award of the Association may be awarded to a member or non-member individual(s) or group (s) residing in the State of Tennessee for significant contributions to speech, language, and hearing on a statewide and/or national basis.

C. TAASLP Public School Incentive Award: Awarded annual The Public-School Incentive Award may be awarded to an individual TAASLP member(s) or non-member(s) who works for a public school system in the state of Tennessee for providing innovation or exceptional communication services to school-age children.

E. ASHA Foundation Awards: Awarded following ASHA Foundation guidelines (TAASLP Award/Honors Committee may submit one (1) representative from their state annually for these awards

- a. Frank R. Kleffner Clinical Career Award
- b. Louis M. DiCarlo Award for Recent Clinical Achievement
- c. Rolland J. Van Hattum Award for Contribution in the Schools

How to Nominate:

Primacy Sponsor Nomination Form:

- ▶ Name, address, telephone and email of nominee
- ▶ At least three of the required areas of demonstrated performance (i.e. clinical service, service to TAASLP, teaching, research/publications, administrative service, community service)
- ▶ Name, telephone and email of primary sponsor
- ▶ Primary sponsor statement (not to exceed 150 words) as to why the person (or group) deserves to be nominated for the particular award.

Co-Sponsor Support Letter:

- ▶ Name, address, telephone and email of nominee
 - ▶ At least three of the required areas of demonstrated performance (i.e. clinical service, service to TAASLP, teaching, research/publications, administrative service, community service)
 - ▶ Name, telephone and email of primary sponsor
 - ▶ Primary sponsor statement (not to exceed 150 words) as to why the person (or group) deserves to be nominated for the particular award.
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Some of TAASLP's Previous Recipients Include:

Janet Parham.
Melinda Richards
Paula Laaser.
Susan Amberg
Paulette Gentry
Vickie Barnes
Maurice Mendel
Judy Hurt
Kelsey Hatton
Mary Cooper

Sue Hale.
Courtney Jenkins-Atnip
Barbara Jacobson
Lynne Harmon-Burgess
Crystal Lumm
Carrie Mills
Les Hutchinson
Lauren Broyles
Angela Shofner



Sarai Ward, Ed.D. CCC-SLP
Member-at-Large

**We look
forward to
seeing you
October 5th
and 6th in
Knoxville!**

Convention Updates!

It's that time of year again! Our Call for TAASLP convention presentations will be open May 1st through June 30th. We have presentation time slots starting at 30 minutes and up to 3 hours. We have two days' worth of convention time to fill, so please consider volunteering to present.



By volunteering to present, you will be granted free admission on the day of your presentation to earn CEUs from your presentation and all others that you attend that day. Food will be provided to all speakers as well. You are welcome to purchase the second day's admission to attend the entire conference.

Please consider signing up to present either on your own, or with a group.

Additionally, graduate students are invited to present as well to help bolster resumes and gain experience.

Additionally, we will be opening our sponsorship link May 15th. At that time, I will be sending out sponsorship package details. We had amazing sponsors last year and look forward to adding to those numbers this year to facilitate the best conference possible!

Finally, TAASLP registration will open to attendees in July once we have finalized our schedule of events/presentations.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at

convention@taaslp.org or at

ljimagee91@gmail.com

Lucas McGee, M.S. CCC-SLP
VP of Convention

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TAASLP Foundation

The Sidekick Therapy Partners Scholarship in Speech-Language Pathology was awarded this year to Janine Peca. Janine is a graduate student in speech-language pathology at the University of Memphis.

This is the first year for the Sidekick Therapy scholarship in the amount of \$2500.00. Based in Knoxville, Sidekick Therapy Partners provides this scholarship to a deserving graduate student of speech-language pathology to ensure families in Tennessee will continue to have access to high-quality care.

TAASLP Foundation congratulates Janine for her excellent application. We would also like to thank Sidekick Therapy Partners for their commitment to this scholarship.



Barbara Jacobson
Chair of TAASLP Foundation