MEMBER UPDATE

Happy Holidays, friends! It was great seeing many of you at Convention this year. Everything was well organized and ran smoothly, thanks to our VP of Convention Morgan Greve. Plans are already under way for Convention 2019 in Chattanooga. If you know a TAASLP member who enjoys planning events and would like to become more involved as an executive council (EC) member, consider nominating him or her to be the next VP of Convention. It is just one of the vacant EC positions for 2019. All of the vacant positions are listed below. Consider becoming more involved in your state association today.

❖ **Vice President Convention** (2 year term)
  o Oversees planning and implementation of the Annual Convention and other continuing education activities. Also appoints the chairs of the Annual Convention and Continuing Education Committees and assures that these committees perform their duties.

❖ **Vice President Membership** (2 year term)
  o Chairs the Committee on Membership and assures that this committee performs its duties.

❖ **Vice President Communications** (2 year term)
  o Responsible for the publication of the Association newsletter, maintenance of the Association website, and appointment of the chair of the Committee on Professional and Consumer Relations and such other activities designed to enhance communication within the profession and to the public.

❖ **President-Elect** (2 year term*)
  o Serves as a presiding officer in the absence of the President. This person will assume the position of President following service as President-Elect. This person shall be responsible for appointing an Association member to chair the Committee on Third Party Reimbursement and assuring that this committee performs its duties.

*will become President (2 years) then Past-President (2 years) – 6 year commitment

If you have questions about a position and its duties, we encourage you to reach out to the person who currently holds that position (email links at taaslp.org) or email Lindsey at communications@taaslp.org.

Nominations due to communications@taaslp.org by midnight November 30th.

WE WANT YOU!
We had another successful Convention this past Fall! The 26th Annual Joint Convention of TAASLP & TAA was held in Murfreesboro, TN and attended by over 160 speech pathologists, audiologists, and students.

Attendees participated in two days of engaging breakout sessions, connected with friends and colleagues, and congratulated members awarded for their dedicated service to the professions of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology. Attendees also had a chance to network with 21 vendors throughout convention and during the Exhibitors Reception Thursday night. Colleges from across the state had a chance to show their school spirit during the spirit competition at lunch on Thursday, and the universities went head to head in a friendly rivalry during the College Bowl Thursday evening.

A big thank you to our wonderful featured speakers, our enthusiastic student volunteers, our tireless convention committee, and our gracious exhibitors. Convention would not be possible WITHOUT YOU!!!

Mark your calendars for next year’s Convention. It will be held at the Chattanooga Marriott Downtown in Chattanooga, TN on November 8th and 9th. Keep an eye out for upcoming emails with updates on next year’s Convention. If you would like to volunteer for Convention, please email Convention@taaslp.org.

Convention 2019: Chattanooga, TN Nov. 8th-9th

We hope to see you there!
2018 TAASLP Foundation Student Scholarship Winners:

**Speech:**
Maira Dawood,
Vanderbilt University
(pictured, left)

**Audiology:**
Teresa Slade,
University of Tennessee Knoxville
(pictured, right)

Pictured below: Mary Sandage, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Adult/ Medical Featured Speaker

Pictured: Breakout sessions for Adult/ Medical, Preschool/ School Age, and Audiology
2018 College and Spirit Bowl

College Bowl Champions:
1st Place- Vanderbilt University
2nd Place- University of Tennessee

Spirit Bowl Champions:
University of Memphis
Dr. Carrie Mills was honored with The Distinguished Service Award for significant contributions to the speech, language, and hearing population in the state of Tennessee and nationwide.

Vickie Barnes, M.A., CCC/SLP was honored with The Lifetime Achievement Award for significant contributions to the speech, language, and hearing population over a lifetime.
Maurice Mendel, Ph.D, CCC/A was honored with The Honors of the Association for outstanding service and contributions toward TAASLP and individuals with speech, language and hearing disorders.
On behalf of the Tennessee Association of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists (TAASLP) and Tennessee Association of Audiologists (TAA), I would like to commend the students who were involved in the 2018 TAASLP and TAA Convention in October. As a state organization, we are fortunate to receive support from both licensed professionals and those who are training to serve Tennessee’s populations in need. One of the key ways in which students can provide such support is through volunteering their time during the annual convention. During the recent convention, students supported the executive councils of both TAASLP and TAA by acting as moderators for presentations and helping during the registration process.

A total of 31 students volunteered, representing the fields of speech-language pathology and audiology as well as all six schools in Tennessee that house such programs, including the undergraduate program at Middle Tennessee State University!
In addition to volunteering, students took part in good-natured competitions during the 2018 TAASLP and TAA Convention. Professional attendees at the convention voted the University of Memphis as having the most energetic, engaging routine in the Spirit Competition.

Later the same evening, teams of four students from the schools competed against each other in the Knowledge Bowl, which acts as preparation for future Praxis exams. After a close game, Vanderbilt University went away with first place.
The recent TAASLP and TAA Convention also housed the inaugural Student Panel, which brought current students together with an audiology student completing her externship and a recent speech-language pathology graduate completing her clinical fellowship experience. Student attendees had the opportunity to then gain valuable information about the next phases of graduate school or their career after graduation.

Thank you to all the students who volunteered their time at this year’s convention. We hope to see you back again next year!
SAVE THE DATE

TAASLP Day on the Hill 2019

Tuesday February 26, 2019

Agenda:

8:30-9:15 Orientation – John Williams, TAASLP Lobbyist
Discuss current legislative issues affecting profession/patients in SLP/AUD
9:15-12:00 Visits with Legislators as assigned
Advocate for current issues affecting AUDs/SLPs/our patients
12:00-12:30 Debriefing, Discuss legislator feedback – John Williams & Brittany Day

Learning outcomes- TAASLP’s Day on the Hill 2019

Participants will be able to:

1. To explain the procedure of introducing and moving a bill through the State legislature
2. To identify critical legislative issues for SLP/AuD practice in Tennessee
3. To advocate for their profession and patients by meeting with legislators

DISCLOSURES:
John Williams is contracted as a lobbyist for TAASLP and receives compensation for those activities. John Williams has no relevant non-financial relationships to disclose.

Brittany Day has no relevant financial or non-financial relationships to disclose.

This program is offered for .40 CEUs (various levels, professional area)

Please RSVP to advocacy@taaslp.org and let us know you are coming!
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