Help MSHA to better represent you by volunteering for a committee of your choice. Not all committees meet on a regular basis and meetings are held at locations throughout the state, by conference call or even by Skype. Our standing committees conduct almost all of the business of MSHA.

- **SLP Healthcare**: Monitors issues affecting provision of services in medical speech-language pathology and audiology. Coordinates the Medical Speech-Language Pathology Forum held at the MSHA Annual Conference. Reviews nominations and selects recipients for the MSHA Clinical Service Award. Maintains contacts with reimbursement agencies including Medicaid, Medicare, and Blue Cross.

- **Continuing Professional Development**: Provides opportunities for updating professional skills and obtaining CEUs through MSHA sponsored programs. Works closely with the Professional Development and Education Committee.

- **Ethics**: Serves as a resource to MSHA membership on questions or concerns of professional ethics.

- **Finance**: Develops annual budget and serves as MSHA Treasurer.

- **Advocacy**: Follows legislative activity affecting members. Monitors bills and/or proposed rules that impact upon our profession. Active in planning and participation of MSHA legislative activities.

- **Membership**: Promotes membership in MSHA; encourages increased communication between MSHA and regional associations and special interest groups.

- **Professional Development and Education**: Plans and coordinates annual conference; assures quality conference sessions; assumes specific responsibilities and contributes to overall program planning.

- **SLP Public Schools**: Monitors issues affecting provision of services in schools and encourages excellence in programming. Activities include: Program of the Year recognition; ongoing liaison with Michigan’s Office of Special Education Services, and SEAC (Special Education Advisory Committee)

- **Public Relations**: Promotes May as Better Hearing and Speech month and creates increased awareness of professional services via media. Works closely with the Communication and Networking Committee.

- **Student Affairs**: Helps plan conference sessions of special interest to student members; responds to issues and concerns relevant to students.

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