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## *From the President*

Greetings MSHA Members!

As I share my first remarks in the MSHA newsletter, I want to begin by expressing my heartfelt gratitude for your confidence in my leadership. It is a true honor to serve as the MSHA President for 2025-2026. Kicking off my term by seeing many of you at the MSHA conference in Kalamazoo and celebrating the outstanding achievements of the association awardees was a wonderful experience.



As we move into the heart of spring, I am reminded of the sense of renewal and energy that this season brings—both to nature and to our profession. This year, our focus remains steadfast on three key pillars: strengthening our professional association, advocating for our collective voice, and advancing education and development. In pursuit of these goals, we are actively working to:

- Continue revising the association bylaws and redefine committee roles to better serve our community.
- Support our advocacy committee in policy discussions, ensuring that your voice is heard where it matters most.
- Develop Continuing Education opportunities that will soon be available on demand through our website.

As we navigate the months ahead, I want to be transparent about the financial health of our association. Like many organizations, we are facing increasing costs and tighter revenue streams. While we remain dedicated to our mission and the valuable services we provide, we must take proactive steps to secure long-term sustainability. In the coming weeks, the board will carefully review our budget and explore opportunities for cost savings and responsible revenue generation. Your support during this time will be invaluable.

I encourage you to stay engaged—whether by attending our events, joining a committee, or sharing your thoughts. Together, we can fortify our foundation and ensure a strong future for MSHA. This association thrives because of you, and I deeply appreciate your commitment and involvement in this community.

Thank you for being an essential part of MSHA.

Best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ana Claudia Harten".

Ana Claudia Harten, Ph.D., CCC-SLP  
MSHA President

# Advocacy & Legislative Updates


## Federal Updates:

Click the links for important information and resources from ASHA: [Executive Orders Impacting Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology](#) & [2025 ASHA Public Policy Agenda](#).

## State of Michigan Updates:

The 2025-2026 Legislature is in full swing and both the MI Senate and House are busy working on state budget appropriations.

Currently, the Senate School Aid Appropriations bill ([SB 230](#)) calls for up to \$20,000,000 in 2025-2026 for LETRS (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling) professional learning for educators in pre-K, kindergarten, grades 1-3, and additional elementary school educators and pre-K to grade 12 certificated special education personnel with endorsements in learning disabilities, emotional impairments, or speech and language impairments.



**36th Annual Summer Camp Program**

**2025 AG Bell Summer Camp**

One-week program (Session 1)

Sunday, June 15 to Friday, June 20, 2025


**YMCA STORER CAMPS**  
[www.ymcastorer camps.org](http://www.ymcastorer camps.org)

Operates the AG Bell camp program located on 1200 acres of wooded meadows along Stony Lake in the Irish Hills near Jackson, MI. - an hour and ten minutes west of metro Detroit.

**MICHIGAN AG BELL**  
provides professionals in Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing students on staff to support this **fully mainstream camp program.**

*Sid Kraizman and Leeann Hanse  
Camp Co-Chairs*

*Leeann Hanse, Registration Chair and  
Director for Oral Language Program*



*Campers who are deaf and/or hard of hearing using oral communication who attend this camp are fully mainstreamed in cabins with same age peers.*

*Staffing and program activities make it necessary to accept only those campers whose method of communication is auditory oral!*

Amplification support and a daily language enrichment program are provided for campers who are deaf or hard of hearing. The A.G. Bell staff offers 24-hour consultation support to cabin counselors, activity leaders, and camp staff to make the experience truly meaningful and to educate staff members on how to successfully accommodate their activities for our campers.

**!!! SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE !!!**

Funding for this camping program is provided by YMCA Storer Camps, the Michigan Elks, and individual donors to provide partial to full scholarships for children who are deaf and/or hard of hearing ages 8 – 18. Parents of children who receive a scholarship are required to pay a non-refundable registration fee to the Michigan A.G. Bell. Scholarships are dependent upon financial need based upon family adjusted gross income.

For information about the camp contact:  
Derek at YMCA Storer Camp (517) 536-8607

For information about scholarships, contact:  
Leeann Hanse at [agbellsummercamp@gmail.com](mailto:agbellsummercamp@gmail.com) or (734) 718-8784

Members of the AG Bell Association may be eligible for a reduction in fees.

**Scholarship deadline: May 30, 2025**

**APPLY TODAY!**

Apply for a camp scholarship online at <https://bit.ly/43MsKDR> or scan the QR code below.



The Michigan Chapter of the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, charitable organization. All contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law.

## Coming soon! MSHA CE Library!



MSHA is currently developing on-demand Webinars to keep you informed on the latest trends and help with your CE needs.

Look for more information to be announced very shortly!

# Annual Conference Recap



## Congratulations to the following MSHA members on their ACE recognition!

- Rosalyn Davis
- Lauren Evans
- Kathryn Genoa
- Ana Claudia Harten
- Kirsten Haverberg
- Shelby Larson
- Amy Lowrie
- Nancy Mayhew
- Cara Singer
- Katherine Van Oeveren
- Moriah Williams



Thank you to all who attended the  
2025 Conference in Kalamazoo!

Three days of great content was  
enjoyed by all!

## MSHA Outstanding Clinician Award

Nominate a deserving clinician for  
statewide recognition!

Visit [MSHA Awards](#) for more info and  
to complete a nomination form.



In our conference program, exhibitor, WPS was listed incorrectly as  
WPSA. Please accept our apologies.



## Save the Dates

### 2025 MSHA Virtual Healthcare Conference

Thursday, September 25, 2025  
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

*More information, including registration  
information to be released soon!*

### MSHA 2026 Conference

March 18 - 19, 2026  
Motor City Casino & Hotel, Detroit

### MSHA 2027 Conference

April 8 - April 10, 2027  
Lansing Center, Lansing





# Public Schools Committee Update



## Public Schools Committee



### WHAT DO WE DO?

We advocate for the professional roles, responsibilities & workloads of school SLPs in Michigan! The work of school SLPs is invaluable to the academic success and social emotional wellness of all students, especially students with IEPs who have communication, speech and language needs.

### HOW DO WE DO IT?

We zoom monthly for an hour to tackle our agenda items. Virtual meetings alternate between lunchtime and after school timeframes.



### WHAT WILL 2025-26 LOOK LIKE?

- Contributing to the creation of professional learning modules for the updated 2025 MSHA school guidelines
- Ensuring access to, marketing of and professional learning for the updated guidelines
- Advocating for issues that improve SLP workload and IEP student outcomes

Scan to learn more and join:



## Guidelines

for Speech & Language Evaluation,  
Eligibility and Service Delivery in Schools



<https://bit.ly/MSHA2025GuidelinesSchools> or

Click the above photos for more information or  
to download the new MSHA Guidelines!



# Student Affairs Committee Update

Calling all CSD  
Students!

Join us for a virtual focus  
group on May 20.

Visit here for more  
information on how to  
access this virtual  
meeting!

**CSD Students  
needed for Focus  
Group!**

The Student Affairs Committee is inviting all CSD students in Michigan (undergrad, grad, SLP, AuD) to attend a virtual focus group!

When: Tuesday, May 20 at 2:00pm on Microsoft Teams (click here to join)

Why: We want to know what is important to YOU as students so we can support your needs

Win giveaways just for attending!

**MSHA**  
MICHIGAN SPEECH LANGUAGE HEARING  
ASSOCIATION

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