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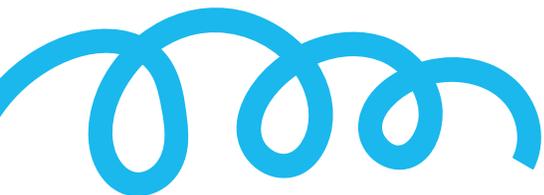
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From the President

Greetings MSHA Members!

I hope that you have had an opportunity to enjoy the warm weather this summer. I am excited to share that the MSHA Executive Board and Advisory Assembly had a very productive planning session aimed at improving the operations of MSHA and exploring membership benefits for you. I am hopeful that we will continue to engage in planning sessions to reflect on our progression as a state association and plan for our future endeavors. I encourage you to provide ideas, suggestions, or comments that would strengthen our ability to better support you as a member of MSHA by contacting me, any member of our leadership team, or our association management company. Enjoy the remainder of your summer.

Best regards,
Dr. Rosalyn Davis, President, MSHA



Educational Opportunities & Award Nominations

Hanen Centre More Than Words® Workshop

November 12-14, 2024
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM EST

To sign up for this virtual workshop, email info@mishla.org letting us know you would like to join the workshop, and we'll send you a link to where you can register.

Presentation Opportunity - American Physical Therapy Association-MI (APTA MI) Fall Conference 2025

APTA MI is interested in having an SLP present at their 2025 Fall Conference on Oct 18, 2025 in Gaylord, MI.

Interested in speaking? Send an email to info@mishla.org to request the application!

Applications are due by April 1, 2025.

Below are topics suggested by their members:

- Head & Neck Cancer
- Cognitive Strategies for TBI (peds and/or adults)
- Aphasia, Apraxia, Dysarthria: strategies PT could use during treatments
- Speaking Valves and Implications for PT

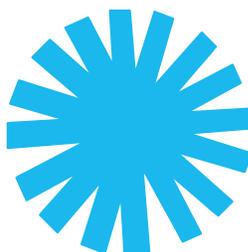


**NOMINATIONS
ARE NOW OPEN!**

PLEASE CONSIDER NOMINATING A DESERVING
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST!

AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN AT THE
MSHA 2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
MARCH 13-15, 2025

Click above picture to learn more!
**Nomination Deadline Extended until
Friday, September 13th**



Advocacy & Legislative Updates

House Bill 4101 signed into law

- HB 4101, which modified the temporary licensing of SLPs and extends, from 12 months to 24 months, the maximum time for which an educational limited license is valid passed the Senate unanimously. The bill was signed by the Governor on June 6, 2024, and will become effective 90 days after the 2024 legislative session adjourns (so likely sometime in early spring 2025). In addition, this bill provides a method for renewing the limited license for an additional 12-month term. MSHA is working on confirming if the bill is retroactive and/or if clinical fellows who are impacted would be able to apply for a second extended license.

Michigan Department of Health & Human Services - Ongoing Collaborations

- On August 13, 2024, MSHA submitted comments to Proposed Policy 2420-Therapy, Updates to Speech-Language Pathologist Enrollment. MDHHS responded that they are preparing a compilation of all the comments and questions received throughout the formal policy comment period, and that a consultation summary will be prepared shortly after the final policy is posted and shared with all commenters. MSHA will share this consultation summary with members once it has been received.

Member Updates

July is

Cleft and Craniofacial Awareness Month

- [Infographic](#) - Weill Cornell Medicine
- [ASHA Journal](#)
- [American Cleft Palate & Craniofacial Association](#)

Have a member update to share?

We want to hear from you!

Contact us at info@mislha.org to share in our newsletter and on social media!



**2025 MEMBERSHIP
RENEWAL
INVOICES
WILL BEGIN
SENDING
OUT IN**

October

Ask the Expert!

"I am currently a SLP in a school and my district is posting a job for a SLPA position. I have some concerns about licensing and how SLPAs are managed by the state. Are you able to provide some guidance?"

Thank you for the inquiry! Many school districts are trying to get creative in order to meet their IDEA obligations for students with IEPs that involve speech and language services. A few districts have asked about using SLPAs to help with the SLP workload, however this is not allowable in our state. MSHA addressed this issue in 2022, and the guidance is still the same today - all practicing speech-language pathologists must be licensed in the state of Michigan, regardless of employment setting. This means that undergraduate and graduate students may not take SLP positions, SLPAs may not work legally in Michigan and an SLP with a license that is out of compliance may not work legally. Licensure boards currently regulate support personnel, such as SLPAs; however the State of Michigan Licensing & Regulatory Affairs (LARA) does not recognize or license any SLPAs currently.

If you need a source for this information as you communicate with your special education director, [ASHA's Michigan](#) page may be helpful.

To support the SLP workload, you may want to meet with your director and break down and analyze the work tasks to see if any fall outside of the IDEA and MARSE-mandated activities for an SLP, then assign those to a paraprofessional or guest teacher. For example, duties such as recess monitoring, crisis intervention response, etc. may represent roles that a non-certified, non-licensed staff member could provide.

Annual Conference

MSHA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

ADAPTING & EVOLVING:

TOOLS FOR TOMORROW

March 13-15, 2025

Kalamazoo, MI

Important Upcoming 2025 Annual Conference Dates

- **August 12** - Call for Papers opened
- **November 11** - Call for Papers submissions due
- **November 11** - General attendee registration opens
- **February 26** - Registration closes. All payments due.



**CALL FOR PAPERS
IS NOW** *Open!*



Click the above photo
to learn more!

Save the Dates

2025 Conference

March 13-15, 2025

Radisson Hotel, Kalamazoo

2026 Conference

Date & Location TBD

2027 Conference

April 8-April 10, 2027

Lansing Center, Lansing



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