

Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Annual Report

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TEXAS SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING ASSOCIATION

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Message from the TSHA President

Dear TSHA Members,

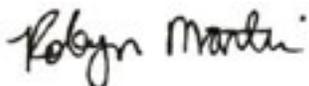
The Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Association (TSHA) was established in 1956 to support speech-language pathologists (SLPs) and audiologists living and working in Texas and beyond. Today, we remain committed to our mission of empowering members to provide the highest quality life-changing care for individuals with communication and related disorders. While balancing the great tradition of our organization, we are striding forward with innovation and inspiration as we climb out of the past few years in a pandemic and imagine the future of our organization together.

TSHA is committed to supporting you, our nearly 4,000 members who serve consumers across the state in a variety of settings including schools, universities, hospitals, private practices, home health, and other settings. The TSHA 2022 Annual Report is a summary of the tremendous work of more than 100 volunteers across Texas who have dedicated their time and talents to TSHA's vision to enhance the quality of life for the individuals we serve. In 2022, we returned to hosting an in-person Convention, established our new TSHA Tuesday and Webinar Wednesday webinar series, listened to member needs and feedback, re-invigorated our social media presence, and celebrated SLPs and audiologists during May Is Better Hearing and Speech Month.

In 2022, the TSHA Executive Board (EB) approved the 2023-2025 Strategic Plan, which lays out our future plans to support SLPs and audiologists in the field, ultimately leading to better outcomes for the individuals we serve. In 2023, we are looking forward to launching a new TSHA website, investing in our social media presence, and building on the foundational work in diversity, equity, and inclusion that we've completed to date. Also, we're thrilled to present the 67th Annual TSHA Convention & Exhibition on February 23-25, 2023, in Austin.

It's the extraordinary work of volunteers and their collaboration that enables TSHA to grow and provide more opportunities and support to the professions. Thank you to our volunteers and members, and we look forward to achieving even more in 2023!

Sincerely,



Robyn Martin, MS, CCC-SLP, BCS-F
TSHA President, 2021-2022

2022 TSHA Executive Board

President	Robyn Martin	Vice President for Professional Services	Lisa Milliken
Past President	Michelle Mendieta	TSHF President	Donise Pearson
Vice President for Educational and Scientific Affairs	Angela Kennedy	Financial Advisory Committee Chair	Cherry Wright
Vice President for Social and Governmental Policy	Bobbie Kay Turkett	Publications Board Chair	Jan Lougeay
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Vice President for Research and Development	Jessica Carter	Director of Governmental Affairs	Larry Higdon
Vice President for Audiology	Michelle Pho	Legal and Legislative Counsel	Mark Hanna
		Executive Director	Katie Strang

TSHA Mission and Vision

2022 Annual Report

The 2022 Annual Report of the Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Association (TSHA) is a summary of the tremendous work that volunteers across Texas have dedicated their time and efforts to in order to ensure that TSHA continues to strive to be the leading organization that supports speech-language pathologists (SLPs), audiologists, and their consumers in Texas.

Mission

Empowering members to provide the highest-quality, life-changing care for individuals with communication and related disorders

Vision

Enhancing the quality of life for the individuals we serve

Purpose

- Encourage and promote the role of the speech-language pathologist and audiologist as a professional in the delivery of clinical services to persons with communication disorders
- Encourage basic scientific study of processes of individual human communication with special reference to speech, hearing, and language
- Encourage clinical research and the interchange of information among speech-language pathologists and audiologists, and other professionals concerned with human communication and its disorders
- Promote prevention of disorders of human communication
- Provide continuing educational activities and opportunities for professional growth and fellowship
- Promote the highest standards of preparation and practice in speech-language pathology and audiology
- Promote public awareness and influence public opinions concerning the professions of speech-language pathology and audiology and the needs of persons with communication disorders
- Encourage affiliation and cooperation with other persons and organizations having similar interests and objectives through legislative and professional advocacy.

Top TSHA Accomplishments in 2022

Reflecting back on 2022, the Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Association (TSHA) continued to be resilient through the COVID-19 pandemic and expanded the online availability of continuing education (CE) courses. Here are just a few of TSHA's accomplishments this past year:

- Returned to an in-person Annual Convention (despite an ice storm)
- Held 10 Webinar Wednesdays, a free CE webinar series for members
- Held six TSHA Tuesdays, a discounted CE webinar series for members
- Updated our on-demand learning experience to make it easier to use
- Created and approved a strategic plan for 2023-2025
- Enhanced our presence on social media and continued to seek opportunities to connect with the community
- Celebrated May Is Better Hearing and Speech Month
- Conducted a member needs assessment survey to help us plan for TSHA's future

Looking to the future, TSHA will be resilient in brainstorming all avenues to reach our top potential for our members. We continue to be persistent in providing TSHA members with the most current continuing education courses available across a variety of platforms. In addition, TSHA will continue to develop creative resources to support and improve its members' professional careers.

TSHA 2022 Convention in Review

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TSHA 2022
FORT WORTH

Rise Up

FEBRUARY 24-26

2,702
ATTENDEES

23°
IN FORT WORTH
ON THE NIGHT BEFORE
CONVENTION STARTED

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54
POSTER PRESENTATIONS

131
EXHIBITORS

11 PRAXIS BOWL TEAMS

HIGHEST RATED SESSIONS

- Helping Breastfed Babies Latch: Tongue-Tie and Beyond
- Strategies for Success: From Application to Graduation
- SLP Guide for Documenting in PDPM
- The Use of DEI Initiatives by Communication Sciences and Disorders Programs
- Aural Rehabilitation for School-Aged Children with Cochlear Implants

Keynote Presentation from Courtney Clark

DETOUR

66th ANNUAL CONVENTION & EXHIBITION
TEXAS SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING ASSOCIATION

TSHA 2022 Membership in Review

2022

YEAR IN REVIEW



20 LIVE WEBINARS

Here were the **hot** topics this year:

- Texas Medicaid Individual Enrollment for Public School SLPs and AuDs (459 attendees)
- What's Your Licensure IQ? (246 attendees)
- Subordinate Conjunctions & Complex Sentences – Help!! Explore Syntax Interventions for the Young Child through Adolescents (227 attendees)
- Telepractice Delivery: Standards, Supervision, Service, Settings, and Software (213 attendees)
- Debunking the Myths of AAC (196 attendees)

3,976 MEMBERS

Our community of Texas-based speech-language pathologists, students, assistants, interns and audiologists provide the highest quality life-changing care for individuals with communication-related disorders.

NEW Learning Experiences

In 2022, we created TSHA Tuesdays and Webinar Wednesdays to give you more opportunities for free and discounted CEs. We also updated the on-demand learning library for smoother learning experience.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

The TSHA Executive Board evaluated our mission and goals and created a strategic plan and action items for committees that will be in effect beginning in 2023.

#IAMTSHA

PRESIDENT: ROBYN MARTIN

Graduate Student Representatives

- **Matthew Randal** and **Alyssa Schulz**
- Encouraged students to join TSHA by presenting through university visits at each school's National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association (NSSLHA) meeting
- With the help of the president and state office, rearranged the application process for future Graduate Student Representatives to make the process easier for students and to include a larger application pool
- Updated contacts with every university to have both a faculty advisor and NSSLHA officer

ASHA Liaisons

- State Advocate for Reimbursement (STAR): **Caitlin Perryman**
- State Advocate for Medicare Policy (StAMP): **Lisa Milliken** and **Mendi Lancaster**
- State Education Advocacy Leader (SEAL): **Whitney Dittman**
- Monthly meetings were attended and reports were given to the EB regarding topics that were discussed

Financial Advisory Committee

- Chair: **Cherry Wright**
- Members: **Brad Briscoe** (Public Member), **Melinda Corwin**, **Martha McGlothlin**, **Lisa Milliken**, **Margarita Limon-Ordonez**, **Donise Pearson**, **Jennifer Watson**, **Robyn Martin** (President/Ex Officio), **Michelle Mendieta** (Past President/Ex Officio), **Katie Strang** (Executive Director)
- Reviewed the 2020 audit. The auditors identified no discrepancies
- Met with the TSHA financial advisor and reviewed the investment portfolio. As of September 23, 2022, the portfolio totaled \$1,512,044, which reflected a loss of \$451,898, or 23% of the portfolio, as compared to the S&P 500 with a loss of 23.7%, the Nasdaq with a loss of 31.2%, and the Dow Jones Industrial Average with a loss of 19.78%. As of the end of the year, the portfolio's value was \$1,587,466
- Reviewed the anticipated year-end budget for 2022. At the time of the adoption of the 2022 budget, there was a projected deficit of \$178,383, due primarily to an anticipated continuation of lower membership numbers and lower attendance at the annual Convention as compared to pre-pandemic numbers. As of September 2022, the anticipated deficit for the end of the year was \$276,709
- Reviewed the proposed budget for 2023. The FAC and the

Executive Board, with the assistance of the Executive Director, worked diligently on the budget originally proposed with a deficit of \$342,351, which includes a necessary upgrade to the website in the approximate amount of \$55,000. The deficit budget was reduced to \$278,449. The website expenses have been anticipated for the past two years. The remainder of the deficit in the amount of \$223,449 is related to an increase in operations due to inflation and a conservative estimate for membership and Convention attendance

Publications Board

- Chair: **Jan Lougeay**
- Members:
 - *Communicologist* Co-Editors: **Lisa Carver**, **Hillary Elizabeth Klimkowski**
 - *Communicologist* Reviewers: **Gillien Oliver**, **Candace Bourland Hicks**
 - TSHA Talk Co-Editors: **Tiffany Cruz**, **Emily Touchstone**
 - TSHA Talk Reviewer: **Lisa Milliken**
 - Advisory Committee: **Donise Pearson**, **Martha McGlothlin**, **Sherry Sancibrian**
 - Café TSHA: **Sarah Guigneaux**
 - Publications Editor: **Shelby O'Neill**
- We have added two new members to the publications board. **Andrea Nycamp** will be replacing Tiffany Cruz as TSHA Talk co-editor. **Zeth Collom** will be replacing Lisa Milliken as TSHA Talk Reviewer and also will be assisting with editing of the *Communicologist*, Annual Report, and other documents including social media posts as needed.
- The board, in partnership with Shelby O'Neill, reviewed and modified procedures to increase the efficiency of production of all publications. This includes working in partnership with the VP for Member Engagement to clarify social media post responsibilities of the publications board. This discussion resulted in the elimination of the position of Social Media Editor from the Publications Board
- In collaboration with the President, an ad hoc committee was formed to review the mission and objectives of the *Communicologist* to ensure the current practices are in alignment and to recommend changes if necessary. The committee's report was shared at the January 2023 EB meeting
- The TSHA Publications Board will continue to work with members of the TSHA EB to publish the *Communicologist*, TSHA Talk, the Annual Report, and other publications as assigned by the TSHA EB
- In 2023, our website committee, under the leadership of **Peggy Kipping**, will begin working with state office staff

Activities of the Association

to overhaul our website including updating information, streamlining the search function, and reorganizing to make the website more user-friendly

Honors and Awards Committee

- Chair: **Gina Glover**
- Members: **Erin Bellue, Martha McGlothlin, Margarita Limon-Ordonez**
- 2022 Honorees: Award of Honors: **Erinn Hengst**, Hall of Fame Award: **Larry Higdon**

Nominations and Elections Committee

- Chair: **Carolyn Perry**
- Members: **Kristi Kelley, Corrie Cavada, Erinn Hengst**
- 2022 Elected Candidates: President-Elect: **Lisa Milliken**, VP for Audiology: **Michelle Pho**, VP for Member Engagement: **Sadaf Ali**, VP for Professional Services: **Suzanne Bonifert**

Past Presidents Committee

- Chair: **Martha McGlothlin**
- This committee gave advice to the Executive Board regarding important issues throughout 2022

Past Vice Presidents Committee

- Chair: **Brittany Hall**
- This committee was available to give advice to the Executive Board regarding important issues throughout 2022

Leadership Development Committee

- Chair: **Rebecca Linke**
- Members: **Erin Bellue, Sydney Perricone, Lori Colletti, Marva Mount, Karla Williams, Jill "Hannebaun" King, Lydia Richardson, Kathy Soland**
- Contacted past participants in the TSHA Leadership Academy (TLA) to get their feedback on their participation after the program and took suggestions for the future
- Looked at the Policy and Procedures Manual and made suggestions for edits to help encourage more leadership opportunities within TSHA
- Discussed plans for 2023 and made recommendations to the Executive Board

PAST PRESIDENT: MICHELLE MENDIETTA

- The Executive Board approved a new strategic plan. The updated strategic plan is available on the TSHA website

VICE PRESIDENT FOR EDUCATIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS: ANGELA KENNEDY

TSHA 2022 Convention

- The 66th Annual TSHA Convention and Exhibition, themed "Rise Up," returned to Fort Worth on February 24-26, 2022
- The Convention had a total of 2,702 attendees and 131 exhibitors participating

Councilor for Education

- **Brittany Hall**
- Supported and assisted with planning details for TSHA 2022 Convention

Career Development Committee

- Co-Chairs: **Rachel Wehner, Diane Longnecker**
- Offered two Career Corner meet-ups over topics such as PhD vs. SLPD and board certifications, which were well attended and received by attendees
- Offered resume review services two times during Convention, and coordinated TSHA EB members and seasoned SLPs to assist.
- Facilitated a professional space for employers and job seekers to meet, conduct interviews, and collaborate

Philanthropy and Hospitality Committee

- Co-Chairs: **Nickole Hines-Staples, Katie Pordash**
- Planned and coordinated philanthropy projects on site at Convention benefiting two skilled nursing facilities, Garden Terrace and the Stayton at Museum Way in Fort Worth
- Planned and coordinated a second philanthropy project in

partnership with Ella Mae Shamblee Public Library to make bookmarks to encourage young people to rise up during challenging times and continue to engage in literacy programs

- Provided TSHA hospitality to the keynote and invited speakers and also planned a wonderful reception to thank all Convention volunteers serving on committees

Programming Committee

- Co-Chairs: **Lori Cochran, Hesper Holland**
- **Courtney Clark** was the keynote with a presentation titled, "Detour: Winning When Life Doesn't Go According to Plan"
- Reviewed, selected, and scheduled sessions worth 26 TSHA CE credits and 2.55 ASHA CEU credits for attendees
- Invited speakers included **Melinda Corwin, Jennifer Buhrmann, Lori Cook, Colleen LePrell, Theresa Rogers**
- This committee and the Strand Chair Committee under it did an amazing job of being flexible and adaptable to make the most of educational offerings by modifying and rescheduling sessions around weather constraints!

Scholarship/Volunteer Committee

- Co-Chairs: **Karen Hennington, Casey Taliancich-Klinger**
- Reviewed and selected 13 professional and student scholarships to the TSHA 2022 Convention
- Prior to Convention, they solicited and scheduled volunteers, and while on site, coordinated volunteers to support the operations of Convention
- While on site, they provided answers, assistance, directions, and smiling faces to all who graced their booth

Spirit Day Committee

- Co-Chairs: **Erin Keeling, Zeth Collum**
- Coordinated University Meet and Greet for SLP and audiology programs on site
- Coordinated tailgate games on site for all student attendees
- Revamped, restricted, and then executed Praxis Bowl on site with excellent success and feedback from participants

VICE PRESIDENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: LISA MILLIKEN

Business Management Committee

- Co-Chairs: **Mendi Lancaster, Cathleen Lochte**
- Presented an ethics course for CE credits at the TSHA Convention
- Produced two articles for the *Communicologist*
- Curated new and updated information for our TSHA webpage
- Submitted a proposal for a presentation for the TSHA 2023 Convention

Cultural and Linguistic Diversity (CLD) Committee

- Co-Chairs: **Daniel Ibarra, Mirza Lugo-Neris**
- Submitted three articles for publication in the *Communicologist*, of which two were published
- Identified new committee chairs in order to continue CLD advocacy within the organization
- Initiated and obtained approval to update the CLD articulation guidelines

Medical Speech Pathology Committee

- Co-Chairs: **Julian Garcia IV, Melanie Van Noy**
- Hosted three medical speech pathology networking events in three large cities across Texas on the same day (San Antonio, Houston, Dallas)
- Curated and hosted three TSHA Tuesday events presenting new and relevant research from Texas university professors
- Provided graduate student outreach by hosting question-and-answer seminars at both University of Texas-Dallas (UTD) and University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA)
- Hosted two medical speech forums at TSHA Convention (pediatric and adult), followed by a successful medical speech happy hour attended by more than 100 SLPs

Activities of the Association

Public School Committee

- Chair: **Kendall Cain**
- Updated the TSHA public schools webpage
- Submitted the TSHA public schools survey results in the August issue of the *Communicologist* (in conjunction with the Public Schools Advisory Joint Committee)
- Presented on public school-related topics via TSHA webinars

Public School Advisory/Joint TSHA-Texas Council of Administrators of Special Education (TCASE) Committee

- Chair: **Cherry Wright**
- Developed and distributed public school SLP survey
- Developed procedures for securing enrollment in School Health and Related Services (SHARS) Medicaid and provided webinar for members
- Met with TCASE to discuss legislative agendas of both associations
- Held annual Public School Forum at TSHA Convention

SLP Assistants/SLP Assistants' Supervisors Committee

- Co-Chairs: **Venessa Grandjean, Jalily Lopez**
- Published *Communicologist* article in October on "ASHA Certification and its Application to SLP Assistants" by **Erin Keeling** and **Richa Deshmukh**
- Published *Communicologist* article in December on "Candid Conversations with SLP Assistants" by Venessa Grandjean
- Prepared presentation on "Supervision 411: Teamwork Makes the Dream Work" for TSHA 2023 Convention
- Website revisions are still under review
- Modules 1, 2, and 8 are still being developed

Telepractice Committee

- Chair: **Maria Resendiz**
- Presented TSHA Webinar
- Presented at the TSHA 2022 Convention
- Accepted for TSHA 2023 Convention Ethics Presentation

University Issues Committee

- Chair: **Theresa Kouri**
- Held an all-directors meeting at the TSHA 2022 Convention in Fort Worth whereby a number of department chairs, program directors, and clinic directors from a number of Texas universities attended. Discussion topics focused on a number of COVID-19-related issues, Council on Academic Accreditation (CAA)/Council for Clinical Certification (CFCC) and ASHA updates, academic admissions trends, university student well-being, essential functions associated with student success, and other academic and clinical issues
- Transcripts of the all-directors meeting were disseminated to all Texas program directors
- Throughout 2022, a number of programmatic questions and issues have been discussed virtually among university members, which has proven to be an efficient and productive exchange of clinical and academic-related ideas and information

VICE PRESIDENT FOR AUDIOLOGY: MICHELLE PHO

Audiology Issues Committee

- Co-Chairs: **Shelby Callaway, Brandi Murphy**
- The committee hosted an audiology social and fundraising event for the Frank Brister Audiology scholarship at the TSHA 2022 Convention and raised more than \$700
- The committee collaborated with relevant stakeholders to address and offer input on current issues in audiology, including over-the-counter (OTC) hearing aids and the Medicare Access for Audiology Services Act
- The committee continues to connect with the larger Texas audiology community through updates and communication via an active social media presence
- The committee will continue to advise upon and provide support for audiology-related bills in the upcoming legislative session

Audiology Education Committee

- Co-Chairs: **Lara Dilollo, Deepa Suneel**
- The audiology education committee recruited many speakers for the TSHA 2022 Convention covering a diverse range of topics in public health concerns, clinical practice, and

auditory science

- The committee hosted its second annual Audiology Student Research Symposium and awarded monetary prizes to four students presenting original research
- The committee collaborated with the newly formed Webinar Committee under the VP of Research and Development to host two audiology webinars for TSHA members

VICE PRESIDENT FOR MEMBER ENGAGEMENT: MELISSA LISKA

University Visits Committee

- Chair: **Jennifer Winchester**
- Conducted University Visits to inform students about TSHA membership benefits in order to boost student membership

Membership Committee

- Chair: **Victoria Parker**
- Provided feedback on membership renewal campaigns and graphics

Social Media Committee

- Chair: **Sadaf Ali**
- Worked on revamping social media messaging
- Created a Google form to facilitate VPs and committees requesting content
- Worked with State Office marketing to refine strategy and procedure

May Is Better Hearing and Speech Month (MBHSM) Committee

- Chair: **Corrie Cavada**
- Provided input on a marketing campaign to the TSHA database for MBHSM
- Held a video submission raffle for members to tell us why they love being a SLP or audiologist
- Provided members with resources and graphics to tell their professional story on social media

Diversity Committee

- Co-Chairs: **Dana Burrell, Elizabeth Surita**

VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT: JESSICA CARTER

Assistive Technology Committee

- Chair: **Sara Loving**
- Gathered content for the TSHA website designed to support professionals' alternative and augmentative communication (AAC)/assistive technology (AT) knowledge
- Designed an AT round-up for the TSHA 2023 Convention where individuals can interact with various AT/AAC devices
- Shared content through social media highlighting AAC Awareness Month

Continuing Education Approval Committee

- SLP Chair: **Carmen McElfresh**
- Audiology Chair: **Sharon Miller**
- Recruited and trained new reviewers
- Committee continues to investigate improvements for streamlining the CE submission, review, and approval process
- Reviewed hundreds of CE submissions for TSHA CE credit approval

Continuation of Guidelines Committee

- Co-Chairs: **Sarah Kelly, Judy Rich**
- Recorded education modules of the *Disability Determination Guidelines for Speech Impairment* that are available for CE credit on the TSHA website for the following areas: Overview Manual, Articulation, Fluency, Voice, Language, and Language and Autism
- Updates are being conducted for the *Disability Determination Guidelines* in the area of Fluency to reflect current issues in neurodiversity
- The *Disability Determination Guidelines* for Language for

Activities of the Association

Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students is completed and expected to be published in early 2023

- Development of **Disability Determination Guidelines** for Language and Intellectual Disability and Articulation for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students are in progress

Professional Development Committee

- Chair: **Whitney Dittman**
- Committee conducts ongoing reviews and organization of CE content on the TSHA website
- Developed informational videos for social media spotlights

Swallowing and Feeding in Schools Task Force

- Chair: **Lisa Gore**
- Compiled resources and completed research
- Drafted an initial document designed to support speech-language pathologists within the public school system related to dysphagia services and considerations

Webinar Committee

- Chair: **Jyutika Mehta**
- Created systems for developing, scheduling, and advertising webinars
- Launched the Webinar Wednesdays series with general content applicable to the professions of audiology and speech-language pathology (free to TSHA members)
- Launched TSHA Tuesdays webinar series with targeted content for specific areas of expertise and interest with in audiology and speech-language pathology (discounted rates for TSHA members)

VICE PRESIDENT FOR SOCIAL AND GOVERNMENTAL POLICY: BOBBIE KAY TURKETT

- Director of Governmental Relations: **Larry Higdon**
- Legislative and Legal Council: **Mark Hanna**
- TSHA PAC
 - Chair: **Rolando Vasquez**
 - Members: **Victoria Parker, Karla Williams, Beverly Carroll Lily Garza, Kristi Payton, Brett Durham, Erica Avila, Alex Carrillo, Brandi Murphy, Blayke Drury, Sydni Crouch**
- Distributed contributions to legislators who were supportive of speech-language pathology and audiology.
- Organized an event in order to educate members about importance of the professions having a voice

Student Legislative Advocacy Committee

- Chair: **Emma Harrison**
- Increased student awareness and involvement in the legislative process
- Created goal to have one student representative from each university

Member Advocacy Capitol Visit Day Committee

- Planning for Capitol Day Visit at the Annual Convention in Austin
- Created information for members on advocacy of their professions

Special Interest Committee

- Available to research and identify areas/information that may be needed by the legislative team

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TEXAS SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING FOUNDATION

- President: **Donise Pearson**
- President-Elect: **Judy Erwin**
- Past President: **Gina Glover**
- Treasurer: **Melinda Corwin**
- Recording Secretary: **Candace Hicks**

The Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation (TSHF), a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation, supports student scholarships, clinical research, and exceptional programs for the benefit of audiologists and speech-language pathologists who serve individuals with communication disorders.

On behalf of the TSHF, we are proud to share the following 2022 highlights:

- The Foundation proudly awarded \$48,800 in scholarship, research grants, educational awards, and service awards at the TSHA 2022 Convention in Fort Worth
- The Foundation is preparing to give scholarships, grants, and awards to deserving recipients in 2023
- The breakfast awards event at the TSHA 2022 Convention was a great success in spite of the icy and snowy weather. Twelve Texas universities showed support by purchasing tables as well as the Association, Fort Worth ISD, and a table in memory of Dr. Lear Ashmore
- The online auction and Kendra Scott pop-up were exciting and successful
- Article contributions were submitted to every *Communicologist* for publication
- The Thelma Zirkelbach Pediatric Scholarship Fund was created and fully endowed
- The Frank Brister Doctorate of Audiology Endowment Fund was fully funded
- The Judson Erik Mount Memorial Fund was created and executed for future funding
- The first graduate student member of the Foundation completed a two-year term in December
- The Foundation increased social media notifications through the website, an annual newsletter, Facebook, and Instagram
- The Board of Directors is extremely grateful to everyone who supported the Foundation through monetary donations, auction prize gifts, participation in fundraisers, and attendance at the awards event
- To learn more about the Foundation, to browse awards, or to donate, visit <https://www.tshfoundation.org/>



TSHA Member Benefits

AS A TSHA MEMBER, YOU RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS:

Continuing Education: TSHA's Professional Development and Convention Committees work throughout the year to provide you with a challenging variety of seminars and workshops to help you maintain your Texas state license and your ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC). ASHA will accept your TSHA registry as proof of your CEUs! Remember that conference registration fees are considerably reduced for TSHA members. Visit the [Continuing Education](#) section on the TSHA website.

TSHA CE Registry: View your continuing education credits online through the TSHA website. When you attend a TSHA approved course, the hours you earn will be posted on a special page made available to you to print and send to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation. This benefit is available only to TSHA members! Visit the [TSHA CE Registry](#) page on the TSHA website for more information.

Disability Determination Guidelines for Speech Impairment (SI): TSHA SI Disability Determination Guidelines trainings are available as recorded webcasts online, along with the manuals and training handouts. SLPs can request 2 hours of TSHA continuing education credit for each of these trainings. The cost is free for TSHA members. Visit the [SI Eligibility Guidelines Courses](#) section of the website for further details.

Online Ethics Courses: Complete your TDLR-mandated ethics requirements for license renewal by participating in online courses from TSHA. The TSHA Professional Development platform currently offers two ethics courses to choose from: Ethics in Audiology: Implications for Billing, Coding, Reimbursement, and Documentation, and Ethical Issues & Ethical Violations. TSHA members can participate in these courses at the reduced rate of just \$40 each. For more information, visit the [Ethics](#) page in the Professional Development section of the TSHA Website.

Legislative Advocacy: TSHA advocates in the legislature and with regulatory agencies for the rights and protection of speech-language pathologists and audiologists and the consumers we serve. TSHA supports legislative candidates for state office whose records and policy positions demonstrate an understanding of our professions and the needs of our consumers. TSHA also supports legislators who are in a position to further the legislative goals of our association. Find out more in the [Advocacy](#) section of the TSHA website.

Publications: TSHA offers [several informative publications](#) to its membership each year. As a TSHA member, you will receive all of these publications at no charge. TSHA's e-zine, the *Communicologist*, is published six times annually and includes current professional news, legislative updates, member news, upcoming events, continuing education opportunities, and much more! Published biweekly, the *TSHA Talk* e-newsletter provides TSHA members with timely information related to TSHA news, the latest in research breakthroughs, national and state policy updates, and mainstream media stories of interest to the professions. *TSHA Capitol Watch* is published as needed and provides TSHA members with a synopsis of state legislative and regulatory activity impacting the professions.

Scholarships, Research Grants, and Education and Service Awards: Members of TSHA may be eligible to apply for certain Scholarships, Grants, and Awards offered through the TSH Foundation. Visit the [TSH Foundation](#) website for more information.

Public Information Exhibit: TSHA now has a Pop-Up-Banner PIE Exhibit available to members at no cost. Shipping cost for the PIE exhibit will be paid by TSHA. More information regarding the [PIE](#) is available on the TSHA website.

Career Awareness Information: TSHA acknowledges that there is a shortage of speech-language pathologists and audiologists in Texas. To encourage students to pursue careers in the professions, TSHA developed an information kit with brochures, PowerPoint, and a short 8-minute video. Visit the [Career Awareness](#) page to view and order these materials.

Online Membership Directory: Ability to search for members by name, city, professional setting, and/or employer. Search results include name, city, email, professional setting, employer, and phone numbers. Members can access the [Membership Directory](#) in the Member Center section of the TSHA website.

Important Contacts

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