

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) is an organization that is committed to support speech-language pathologists and audiologists in the state of Texas. TSHA, established in 1956, has been striving for more than 60 years to fulfill its mission of empowering members to provide the highest-quality, life-changing care for individuals with communication and related disorders. TSHA has approximately 5,000 members who serve consumers across the state in a variety of settings including schools, universities, hospitals, private practice, home health, and other settings.

The TSHA 2020 Annual Report is a summary of the tremendous work of more than 100 volunteers across Texas who have dedicated their time and effort to ensure that TSHA accomplishes its vision to enhance the quality of life for the individuals we serve. With extraordinary work from these volunteers and continued team work, TSHA continues to grow and provide more opportunities and support to the professions.

TSHA has accomplished so much in 2020! I am extremely grateful to the volunteers and the board members for all of their hard work and dedication. Despite all of the challenges in 2020, their commitment and support never wavered as we navigated our way through the pandemic and a social justice movement. Never has our work been more important than now. I thank you for your continued support as a TSHA member and for all of your tireless efforts and contributions to our professions. I'm excited to see what 2021 has in store for TSHA!

I wish you and your family good health and a happier 2021. Stay safe.

With great appreciation,



Michelle Mendieta, MS, CCC-SLP
TSHA President, 2020-2021

2020 TSHA EXECUTIVE BOARD

President Michelle Mendieta

President-Elect-Elect Robyn Martin

Past President Bobbie Kay Turkett

Vice President for Educational and Scientific Affairs Brittany Hall

Vice President for Social and Governmental Policy Jenny McGlothlin

Vice President for Member Engagement Corrie Cavada

Vice President for Research and Development Dalan Gore

Vice President for Audiology Tori Gustafson

Vice President for Professional Services Pamela Laing

TSHF President Gina Glover

Financial Advisory Committee Chair ... Cherry Wright

Publications Board Chair Peggy Kipping

Graduate Student Representatives .. Whitney Dittman and Cesar Jaquez

Director of Governmental Affairs Larry Higdon

Legal and Legislative Counsel Mark Hanna

Executive Director Kelly Hayes

TSHA MISSION AND VISION

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

The 2020 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.

TSHA ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2020

BY CORRIE CAVADA, VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

During 2020, TSHA continued to provide its members with expanded continuing education courses and outreach to local communities while managing the challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. Here are just a few of TSHA's accomplishments during the past year:

- Lobbied Governor Greg Abbott to sign the COVID-19 Emergency Waiver allowing for the expansion of telepractice capabilities to SLP-Assistants and interns
- Held a successful 64th Annual Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Association (TSHA) Convention in Houston, Texas
- TSHA Cares gave back to the Houston area by making handmade cards for the local community through BakerRipleys, assembling hurricane essentials kits for the Jewish Family Services Organization, constructing kits for adoptive children with Arms Wide Adoptive Services, and creating keychains for newly housed clients of SEARCH Homeless Services
- Increased continuing education (CE) available online for TSHA members
- Conducted a Facebook Live conversation on diversity, inclusion, and equity
- Began spotlighting TSHA members through #TSHA Voices
- Café TSHA featured tips to assist TSHA members in conducting successful telepractice sessions.
- The *Communicologist* offered free CE to TSHA members through its EBP Edge article series
- Developed the TSHA Governmental Policy Agenda, focusing on issues related to our fields through advocacy and education of our Texas Legislature
- Provided up-to-date resources to our TSHA members in all fields of practice



Looking forward, TSHA will continue to strive to provide its members with the most recent and up-to-date continuing education courses available across a multitude of platforms. In addition, TSHA will continue to develop resources to advance and support its members' professional careers.

TSHA 2020 CONVENTION IN REVIEW

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64th Annual Convention
& Exhibition

HOUSTON
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4,000+
ATTENDEES

KEYNOTE

SHARI ROBERTSON, PhD, CCC-SLP
ASHA Immediate-Past President



LEARN

- 1 Pre-Convention Workshop
- 1 Post-Convention Workshop
- 4 Short Courses
- 14 Invited Speaker Courses
- 46 Poster Sessions with Authors
- 175+ General Sessions

INSTRUCTION LEVELS

Introductory

Intermediate

Advanced

Professional Strands

Audiology and Aural Re/Habilitation
Augmentative and Alternative Communication
Cognition and Behavior Across the Lifespan
Ethics | Language Across the Lifespan | Speech and Voice
Professional Issues | Swallowing and Feeding | Student Interests

29.5
hours

**CE EARNING
POTENTIAL**

141

**EXHIBIT HALL
BOOTHS**

TSHA 2020 MEMBERSHIP IN REVIEW



MEMBERSHIP YEAR-IN-REVIEW



That's **31** more Online Education Center courses than last year!

THE POWER OF CONNECTION

64th Annual Convention & Exhibition

NAVIGATING COVID-19

The TSHA Telepractice Committee compiled valuable COVID-19 resources and practice guidelines for providing telehealth services.

President **Michelle Mendieta** wrote to Governor Abbott to advocate for the need for SLP assistants and interns to be able to practice telehealth during the pandemic, and it was **approved**.

4,000+ ATTENDEES

6 CONVENTION TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

3 to TSHA members
1 to a first-time presenter
2 to full-time students

ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

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TSHA EXECUTIVE BOARD



PRESIDENT: MICHELLE MENDIETTA

Graduate Student Representatives

- **Cesar Jaquez** and **Whitney Dittman**
- Placed students on TSHA committees in order to support committees with a student perspective
- Met with each TSHA committee to encourage reception of students on committees
- Communicated with National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association (NSSLHA) chapters across the state
- Completed regular social media outreach on the [student Facebook page](#) and submitted articles for each *Communicologist* issue

ASHA Liaisons

- State Advocate for Reimbursement (STAR): **Kristina Kelley**
- State Advocate for Medicare Policy (StAMP): **Lisa Milliken** and **Mendi Lancaster**
- State Education Advocacy Leader (SEAL): **Margarita Limon-Ordonez**
- Advocated for reimbursement policy for consumers who were receiving speech-language pathology services and audiology services
- Participated in calls from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), disseminated information to the TSHA membership regarding modifications, created presentations, and answered questions from members

Financial Advisory Committee

- Chair: **Cherry Wright**
- Members: **Lynn Flahive, Peggy Kipping, Martha McGlothlin, Margarita Limon-Ordonez, Lisa Milliken, Judy Rich, Brad Briscoe** (public member), **Jennifer Giles** (student member), **Bobbie Kay Turkett** (ex-officio), **Michelle Mendietta** (ex-officio), **Kelly Hayes** (ex-officio)
- Reviewed the 2018 Audit. The auditors identified no discrepancies.
- Met with the TSHA Financial Advisor to review investments of the Association. As of September 18, the investment portfolio totaled \$1,846,254. Year to date, the portfolio was up 6.3% net of fees compared to 2.7% in the S&P 500.
- Reviewed the anticipated year-end budget for 2019. As of September 2020, it was anticipated that revenue would be greater than expenses.
- Reviewed the status of and forecast for the 2020 budget. As of September 2020, it was anticipated that the Association would realize revenue over expenses at the end of the year.
- Considered the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on member benefits and the financial solvency of the Association.
- Reviewed the projected budget for 2021.

Publications Board

- Co-Chairs: **Peggy Kipping** and **Janice Lougeay**
- **Janice Lougeay** and **Lisa N. Carver** continued in their roles as alternating editors of the *Communicologist*. **Hillary Elizabeth Klimkowski** continued as a reviewer for the *Communicologist*, and **Gillian B. Oliver** also served as a reviewer. In 2021, **Sarah Guineaux** will serve as editor for the Cafe TSHA section of the *Communicologist*.
- **Hannah Marie Schrauner, Jessica Valles, and Tiffany Marie Cruz** served as content editors for *TSHA Talk*, and **Lisa Young Milliken** and **Candace Bourland Hicks** continued as content reviewers. **Courtney Michaela Hunter** continued as social media liaison.
- **Donise Pearson, Sherry Lynn Sancibrian, and Martha McGlothlin** served as Advisory Committee members. The work of the TSHA Publications Board was also supported by **Shelby O'Neill**, who served as the TSHA Publications Editor and as an ex-officio member of the TSHA Publications Board.
- The TSHA Publications Board monitored and directed the production of accurate, timely, and informative publications for TSHA members. Highlights included the design and production of six issues of the *Communicologist*, 26 issues of *TSHA Talk*, and the *TSHA 2019 Annual Report*.

ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

• In 2021, **Janice Lougeay** will take on the role as TSHA Publications Board Chair. **Lisa N. Carver** and **Hillary Elizabeth Klimkowski** will serve as co-editors for the *Communicologist*, and **Tiffany Marie Cruz** and **Emily W. Touchstone** will serve as *TSHA Talk* co-editors. The TSHA Publications Board will continue to work with members of the TSHA EB to publish the *Communicologist*, *TSHA Talk*, and the *2020 Annual Report*.

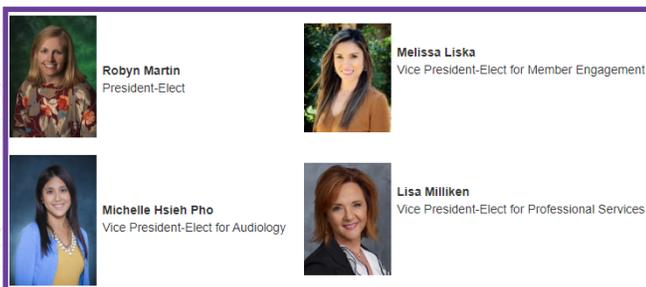
Honors and Awards Committee

- Chair: **Donise Pearson**
- TSHA Award of Honors: **Candace Hicks** (clockwise from left)
- Hall of Fame Award: **Denise Barringer**
- Jack L. Bangs Award: **Judy Rich**



Nominations and Elections Committee

- Chair: **Keri Gonzalez**
- President-Elect: **Robyn Martin**
- Vice President-Elect for Member Engagement: **Melissa Liska**
- Vice President-Elect for Professional Services: **Lisa Milliken**
- Vice President-Elect for Audiology: **Michelle Pho**



Ethical Practices Committee

- Chair: **Bess Sirmon Taylor**
- There were no ethical violations to report.

Past Presidents' Powerhouse

- Chair: **Martha McGlothlin**
- Communicated with past presidents on tasks assigned by the Executive Board

Past Vice Presidents' Village

- Chair: **Rebecca Linke**
- Completed tasks assigned by the Executive Board

Leadership Development Committee

- Chair: **Robyn Martin**
- Began the third cohort of the TSHA Leadership Academy (TLA) by providing leadership opportunities to students. TLA will alternate from professionals to students



PAST PRESIDENT: BOBBIE KAY TURKETT

- Increased organization and structure to the Volunteer Committee
- Placed volunteers in positions where needed and where there was volunteer interest
- Reviewed Policy and Procedure Manual and recommended updates

VICE PRESIDENT FOR EDUCATIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS: BRITTANY HALL

Spirit Day Committee

- Co-Chairs: **Lydia Richardson** and **Erin Keeling**
- Planned an exciting Spirit Day on Friday with Tailgate Games, University Meet-and-Greet, and a fun Praxis Bowl



Volunteer/Scholarship Committee

- Co-Chairs: **Karen Hennington** and **Hesper Holland**
- Reviewed applications to award six TSHA members with scholarships to attend Convention
- Developed the volunteer schedule for Convention

Hospitality/TSHA Cares Committee

- Co-Chairs: **Sydney Perricone** and **Holly Ford**
- Researched and worked with four local organizations so TSHA members could directly give back to the community

Career Development Committee

- Co-Chairs: **Angela Kennedy** and **Rachel Wehner**
- Facilitated interview opportunities between numerous employers and job applicants and coordinated a resume review time for Convention attendees

Programming Committee

- Co-Chairs: **Diane Longnecker** and **Lori Cochran**
- Scheduled more than 190 sessions for attendees to learn more about our professions through a variety of sessions, including technical, oral posters, short courses, a pre-Convention workshop, and a post-Convention workshop

TSHA 2021 Convention

- After thoughtful deliberation and evaluation of the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the [TSHA 65th Annual Convention and Exhibition](#) pivoted to a fully virtual event
- Our first-ever fully virtual convention experience will offer attendees the opportunity to attend up to 35 live and on-demand educational sessions (one keynote, seven advanced live sessions, 27 on-demand sessions, and a myriad of poster sessions)

VICE PRESIDENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: PAMELA LAING

Telepractice Committee

- Chair: **Rosanne Joseph**
- Created a three-part webinar series
- Wrote an article for the *Communicologist*

Cultural and Linguistic Diversity (CLD) Committee

- Co-Chairs: **Irmgard Payne** and **Andrea Hughes**
- Provided link to an older article dealing with diversity during social justice protests in June 2020
- Completed six articles for the *Communicologist*



ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

Public School Committee

- Chair: **Jessica Alanis**
- Wrote an article for the *Communicologist* concerning the missed session survey
- Submitted a question-and-answer article for the February *Communicologist*
- Updated webpage



Joint TSHA/Texas Council of Administrators of Special Education (TCASE) Advocacy Committee

- Chair: **Cherry Wright**
- Produced information for public schools concerning the COVID-19 pandemic
- Used social media and also placed information on the public school webpage

Medical Committee

- Co-Chairs: **Suzanne Bonifert** and **Shannon Presley**
- Completed six articles for the *Communicologist*
- Updated webpage
- Produced a question-and-answer article for the *Communicologist* from questions submitted during the Medical Forums at the TSHA 2020 Convention

Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP)/ Speech-Language Pathology Assistants (SLP-As) Committee

- Co-Chairs: **Kay James** and **Fallon Johnson**
- Presented at the 2020 Convention
- Updated the SLP Assistant Modules

University Issues Committee

- Chair: **Deborah Rainer**
- Submitted changes concerning the role of the committee as it concerns TSHA, and these changes went into effect on January 1, 2021

VICE PRESIDENT FOR AUDIOLOGY: TORI GUSTAFSON

Audiology Issues Committee

- Co-Chairs: **Renee Zimmerman** and **Rajarshi Pratihar**
- Added a student representative
- Established the Texas Audiology Initiative, which began to work with Texas Education Agency (TEA) Lead for Audiologic Services Susie Tiggs to provide resources for educational audiologists in the state of Texas. Formed a task force for 2021 that will be chaired by **Tori Gustafson** and will be working on developing eligibility guidelines for educational audiologists
- Hosted a meeting of educational audiologists to discuss concerns at the TSHA 2020 Convention



- Provided information to TEA about providing hearing screenings during COVID-19 restrictions
- Hosted an audiology social event at the TSHA 2020 Convention to facilitate networking among audiologists and students in TSHA
- Solicited sponsor for the audiology social event (Phonak)
- Worked with Vice President of Social and Governmental Policy to meet with Texas legislators on issues related to Texas Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (TEHDI)
- Provided input to the committee working to address assessment of children with hearing loss educationally for Texas House Bill 2255

- Promoted getting donations to the Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation (TSHF) scholarship for audiology students
- Worked interactively with the Texas Academy of Audiology (TAA) to promote audiology research in the state of Texas
- Promoted working with TAA on the interstate licensure compact
- Provided public comment on proposed wording for the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) rules
- Summarized Medicare Part B proposed changes for audiologists in Texas

Audiology Education Committee

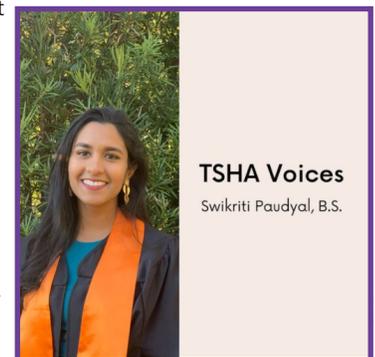
- Co-Chairs: **Jayna Adams** and **Michelle Hsieh**
- Added a student representative
- Solicited speakers for the TSHA 2020 Convention (total of 18 audiology-specific presentations)
- Provided two student-specific presentations about graduate school and careers in audiology, which were presented at the 2020 Convention
- Presented to Student Academy of Audiology (SAA) organizations (as well as participated in the National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association [NSSLHA] presentations) about the TSHA 2020 Convention to recruit student participation
- Solicited an article, which was published in the *Communicologist*, related to childhood balance issues
- Sponsored webinar on early intervention for children with hearing loss
- Solicited 20 calls for papers for the TSHA 2021 Convention
- Recruited advanced speaker for the TSHA 2021 Convention (Dennis McFadden) related to otoacoustic emissions (OAEs) and audiology
- Have three people who have agreed to provide webinars in 2021
- Established a regular interval for Facebook posts to increase social media presence of audiology
- Developed Research Symposium for TSHA 2021 Convention
- Started scheduling university visits to SAA organizations to promote convention and Research Symposium

VICE PRESIDENT FOR MEMBER ENGAGEMENT: CORRIE CAVADA

- Councilor: **Melissa Liska**; Website Committee Chair: **Peggy Kipping**; University Visits Committee Chair: **Jennifer Winchester**; Membership Committee Chair: **Victoria Parker**; Social Media Committee Chair: **Max Pell**; May Is Better Hearing and Speech Month Committee Chair: **Alisa Woods**; Diversity Committee Chair: **Jerrold Jackson**
- Formed Diversity Committee with members
- Conducted Diversity Committee Facebook Live session pertaining to issues within disciplines and current issues of concern to TSHA members



- Began separate Highlight on Instagram platform for TSHA Voices highlighting current members
- Highlighted activities and courses from the TSHA 2020 Convention on various social media platforms
- Redesigned University Visit PowerPoint
- Engaged members in giveaways via various social media platforms
- Produced and published short informational video on various social media platforms related to new licensure issues and contacting the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR)



ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT: DALAN GORE

Assistive Technology (AT) Committee

- Chair: **Hesper Holland**
- Implemented first Assistive Technology Fair for the TSHA 2020 Convention
- Established relationships with augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) vendors to support future trainings
- Identified AT resources to support TSHA membership

Continuation of Guidelines Committee

- Co-Chairs: **Jessica Carter** and **Judy Rudebusch Rich**
- Published *Disability Determination Guidelines for Speech Impairment* for articulation, fluency, and language as well as the Overview manual
- Ongoing updates are being conducted for the *Disability Determination Guidelines for Speech Impairment* in the areas of voice, articulation for culturally and linguistically diverse students, language and learning disability, language and autism, language and intellectual disabilities, and language for culturally and linguistically diverse students

Continuing Education Approval Committee

- Chair: **Robin McLeod**
- Trained new reviewers and continued to approve CE applications

Evidence-Based Practice Committee

- Chair: **Emily Baucom**
- Published four EBP Edge articles in the *Communicologist*
- Offered free CE opportunities for TSHA members



Professional Development Committee

- Chair: **Jessica Baker**
- Organized website content to support more efficient identification of CE content for members
- Reviewed CE content for TSHA members

VICE PRESIDENT FOR SOCIAL AND GOVERNMENTAL POLICY: JENNY MCGLOTHLIN

- Director of Governmental Relations: **Larry Higdon**; Legislative and Legal Counsel: **Mark Hanna**; Political Action Committee (PAC) Chair: **Suzanne Oglesby**; Student Legislative Advocacy Committee Chair: **Masha Pobedinsky**; Member Advocacy Committee Co-Chairs: **Sara Adams** and **Amy Grant**; Consumer Advocacy Committee Co-Chairs: **Tamika Harris** and **Cierra Gianni**; ABA Encroachment Committee Co-Chairs: **Courtney Willis** and **Aleah Pace**; School Finance Committee Chair: **Kathy Wheat**
- Sent letters and made calls to Governor Abbott's office and to Texas legislators advocating for a rule waiver to allow interns and assistants to serve their clients and students via telehealth
- Met with TDLR regarding our concerns about the lack of commensurate rules for behavior analysts' supervision of Registered Behavior Technicians (RBTs)
- Drafted legislation to grant TDLR statutory authority to create supervision rules for behavior analysts
- Wrote letter to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) requesting extension of Medicaid telehealth and telemedicine reimbursement policy
- Submitted comments for TDLR rule review advocating for interns and assistants to be allowed to practice via telehealth and to update supervision rules to reflect telehealth practice
- Met with other interested parties, drafted bill language, and solicited legislative sponsors for legislation that would allow Texas to become a part of the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC)
- Committees continued to work on Capitol Visit Day logistics as well as consumer advocacy and scope of practice projects



TEXAS SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING FOUNDATION



PRESIDENT: GINA GLOVER

- Past President: **Melinda Corwin**; President-Elect: **Donise Pearson**; Treasurer: **Debbie Sears**; Secretary: **Candace Hicks**
- Awarded \$40,150 in scholarships, research grants, and education and service awards to deserving recipients at the awards breakfast during the TSHA 2020 Convention. The awards total was a \$5,550 increase over the amount awarded in 2019.
- Recent generous donations allowed three student loan repayment awards to be given out at the awards breakfast during the TSHA 2020 Convention
- For the first time ever, 16 university programs sponsored tables at the awards breakfast during the TSHA 2020 Convention. Also, for the first time, a school district, Fort Worth ISD, sponsored a table at the awards breakfast
- Increased social media presence via [TSHF website](#) updates, [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#)
- Contributed articles to each issue of the *Communicologist*
- Partnered with TSHA to co-sponsor the 2020-2021 Oscar Mauzy/TSHA Leadership Academy to promote future leaders in both TSHA and TSHF as well as in our professions
- The TSHF board approved adding a student board member beginning in January 2021. The student member will serve a two-year term and will be a non-voting member of the TSHF board
- The TSHF board granted Director Emeritus status to **Sherry Sancibrian**, who recently completed her 12-year term on the TSHF board of directors. She will continue to serve and advise the board in her new role as well as continue to chair the Foundation's financial advisory committee



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](#) as well as the reservation form are 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April

9: Executive Board Meeting, online
12-15: TSHA Convention, online



June

25: Strategic Executive Board Meeting, online

October

21-22: Executive Board/Council Meeting, online

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Licensure Questions

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TSHA SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS

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Twitter

<https://twitter.com/TSHAtweets>

Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/txsha/>

YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYg8rpYsxwledP7ODImA8GA>