



OSSIP Business Meeting

October 15, 2024



2024 Executive Board

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Ethics: Amy Pruitt

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AuD Conference Program Chair: Tyler Householder

SLP Supervisory Network Liaison: Jenni Cheek



Representatives


OSHA Representative: Jane Mariani-Walker

OCECD Representatives: Jessica Hoefler & Abby Foltz-Hottle

GAC Representatives: Jane Mariani-Walker & Bethany Whidden



**Welcome
Kelley Mendoza
and
Sarah Prahler as
our new
Co- Executive
Directors!**



A special thanks to those who spent countless hours planning to make conference a success!

Sarah Prahler
Ellen Reaser-Lasure
Laura Novotny
Taylor Gershom
Brooke Finch
Dawn Belacic
Abby Foltz-Hottle
Crystal Gorianitis

Kelly Metcalf-Lattime
Kelley Mendoza
Jackie Bungo
Gina Stolicny
Natasha Howard
Doreen Binnie
Kathy Nash
Stacey Gardner
Samantha Hofmann



Goals and Objectives of OSSPEAC

Goal 1 Advocacy

Objective 1: Promote the profession

Objective 2: Support lobbying efforts

Objective 3: ODE/OSHPA/OEC

Goal 2 Empowerment

Objective 1: Optimal use of technology

Objective 2: Increase membership and involvement across the state

Objective 3: Improve utilization of liaisons

Goal 3 Serve our SLP/AUD Community

Objective 1: Provide professional development via conference & regional events

Objective 2: Increase opportunities for involvement in OSSPEAC

Objective 3: Benefits for members



Agenda

- Approve minutes from previous meeting
- Approve 2023-2024 Treasurer's Year End Report
 - (Total Income \$115,731.31 ; Total Exp.\$129,198.36 ; Net Income \$ -13,467.05)
- New Business
- Individual Committee Member Reports



New Business

The 2025 OSSPEAC Conference is moving to Columbus next year!



Individual Committee Member Reports

Thank you to all
Committee members
who have helped make
OSSPEAC a success!

Scholarships and Grants

**Thank you to all of those who
contributed and donated for baskets
to support our Grants and
Scholarships!**

2024 Award Recipients

SOS Grant Recipient: **Applications Due 12/31/24!**

2023 SOS Winner was Carrie Spangler from Summit ESC

Julie S. Kelly Scholarship: **Emily Yurko**

Emily is a 2024 graduate of Boardman High School and pursuing a degree in chemistry at Westminster College.

Graduate Scholarship: **Braedyn Ayers**

Braedyn is a third-year audiology doctoral student at the Northeast Ohio Audiology Consortium (NOAC). His goal is to become a successful pediatric audiologist.

Barbara J. Conrad Fellowship Grant: **Katelyn Patrick**

Katelyn Patrick works as a speech language pathologist at Washington-Nile Local School District in West Portsmouth, Ohio and currently serves K-12th students.



2024 Grants - Please mark your calendar and apply!

SOS Grant: Applications Due 12/31/24!

Graduate Scholarship: Applications Due 3/1/25

Julie S. Kelly Scholarship: Applications due 4/30/25

Barbara J. Conrad Fellowship Grant:
Applications due 8/1/2025

All applications are available at [https://osspeac.org/
resources/scholarships-and-grants/](https://osspeac.org/resources/scholarships-and-grants/)

2024 Honors Recipients

OSSPEAC Honors: Vicki Wade

Vicki has worked as an audiologist and member of the Hearing Intervention Department at the Montgomery County Educational Service Center for 21 years. She has acted as a Community of Practice Mentor and is a recognized leader in the field of Educational Audiology and exemplifies living a life of service.

Kathleen D. Shelby Outstanding Service Award: Lori Hudson

Lori works as an Intervention Specialist at Akron Public Schools at Sam Salem Community Learning Center. She works to initiate interventions for students being educated in general ed classrooms & collaborates with teachers & school slps to provide supports that result in increased student self-regulation & ultimately, academic success.

Founder's Award: Cara O'Flannigan

Cara currently works at Kent State University in the position of Program Coordinator - Speech Pathology & Audiology. She has held many positions with OSSPEAC including University Liaison and President. Cara currently serves as Co-Chair of OSSPEAC's Community of Practice.

Nominations for 2025 can be submitted online at www.OSSPEAC.org



OSHGAC

Ohio Speech and Hearing Governmental Affairs Coalition Legislative Report

OSSPEAC's priorities for GAC:

- Improved working conditions for school-based SLPs and Audiologists.
- Universal use of workload approach to managing caseloads.



OSHSA

Ohio School Health Services Association

- Expand School Based Health Centers (SBHCs) throughout Ohio, with Medicaid reimbursement for eligible students whether identified as a Student With a Disability (SWD) or Gen Ed.
- Increase Ohio's share of federal funding for the Medicaid in Schools Program (MSP) by billing for administrative services.



OCECD

Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities ocecd.org

- End of Summer Newsletter with Assistive Tech info: <https://secure.smore.com/n/5n8pq-ocecd-fall-newsletter?ref=email> (quarterly newsletters available)
- Youth Empowerment infographic series on social interactions and support (comics!): <https://secure.smore.com/n/1jyqa-my-adventures-in-youth-empowerment?ref=email>
- OCECD has a mobile app! <https://www.ocecd.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=6YPAGII&dasi=1B>
- Multiple trainings coming up: Partnership with the Center for Disability Empowerment, OCECD is presenting 4 trainings for Multicultural and Multilingual families understand and engage in Special Education. Trainings are presented in English, Spanish, and Somali: <https://www.ocecd.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=6YPAGII&dasi=1B>

University Outreach

Engaging our Future School Audiologists and SLPs

University Outreach continues to promote what OSSPEAC has to offer to graduate students and new graduates.

Recent Events

Preparing for Your Career as an Educational Audiologist - March 19, 2024

Jessica Hoefler, CCC-AUD & Lauren Thomas, CCC-AUD

If you are interested in helping with these events or have an idea for engaging students in learning about working in the schools, please contact Bill Bolden at wbolden@kent.edu

Membership

Engaging Ohio's School-based SLPs and Audiologists

- Updated information flyer shared with existing membership and with statewide list serv of Ohio SLPs and Audiologist
- Updated glossy postcards shared at events around the state
- Collaboration with CoP to share updated marketing materials with districts and ESCs across the state who have hired recently

If you have an opportunity to share OSSPEAC marketing materials please contact Sarah Barnett at shalloranbarnett@gmail.com

ETHICS

The Ohio Speech and Hearing Professionals Board requires licensees to earn 20 hours of professional development during each 2 year maintenance interval.

They now allow members to count continued education hours related to programs about human trafficking towards license renewals.

At least 2 continued education hours must be related to Ethics.

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ASHA Certificate Maintenance Standards require all certificate holders to accumulate 30 PDH's during each 3 year maintenance interval.

Beginning January 1, 2023: At least 2 hours must be in cultural competency, cultural humility, culturally responsive practice or diversity, equity and inclusion.

COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE (CoP)


WELCOME TO YEAR 3!



Our sincere thanks
to all of the
members who
volunteer their time
to make this project
a success!

- We are starting this year with a bigger group than either of our previous years and recruiting continues. **We need you!**
- Fewer meetings BUT opportunities to meet face to face
- Addition of Area Mentor Leaders and meetings with local groups
- **Mark your calendars for 6/5/25**
- **BIG THANKS** to Bernadette Laughlin and ODEW

SUPERVISORY NETWORK



The **Ohio SLP/AUD Supervisory Network** is comprised of school based speech and language supervisors, consultants, communication specialists, district lead SLPs, and Educational Audiologists. The Network was created in the early 1970's and continues to work with ODE, OSHPB, GAC and more to bring about change, develop policies, and ultimately support SLPs and Educational Audiologists and their students.


Visit our OSSPEAC.org tab for helpful resources developed for YOU by the Network.

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Questions?

Visit us at the “**Ask the Supervisor**” table in the vendor area!

MEDIA



Newsletter - goes out 3-4 times during the school year. Highlights opportunities for school based SLPs and “need to know” info!

Please visit our Facebook Page, search OSSPEAC, for updates and reminders. We will post PD opportunities, as well as news/events in our field. Look for pictures from conference too =)

Please also check our website www.osspeac.org for the most updated scholarship winners, news/legislation, job opportunities, and COP information .



Anticipated Vacancies for 2025


Treasurer

Secretary

Audiologist at Large

GAC Representative

OSHSA Representative



We are excited to
announce that the
2025 conference
will be held in
Columbus!

Quest Conference Center
in
Westerville, OH
October 12-14, 2025