

CSAP 2006 Fall BRING BRAG AND MOAN Miami, Florida

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AK	No written report		
AZ	<p>Audiologists have finished formulating new licensure revisions that are aligned to ASHA's mandate of a doctorate in audiology as the minimal entry level. Next step is to get the revisions into "rule language".</p> <p>Increase in audiology membership to ArSHA in light of our support with the proposed license revisions.</p> <p>ArSHA's President-Elect is Audiologist Debra Venkatesh. There are now 2 audiologists on the Executive Board.</p> <p>University of Arizona NSSLHA chapter is organizing the first Southwest NSSLHA Conference to be held in conjunction with our May convention.</p> <p>New certification rules were approved for school based speech-language pathologists. We are still one of 3 states that accept the bachelor's level as the minimal entry requirement, however, the requirements for employment are more stringent and continuing education supports continuing for a Master's degree.</p> <p>ArSHA partnered with National CEU to host our Arlene Matkin Fall Workshop. This annual workshop for school based slps was not held for several years. National CEU did most of the legwork and gave us a percentage of the profits. The presenter, Frank Bender spoke on "Considerations for Identification of ELL Students". This Arizona presentation drew 380 participants, the largest ever attendance for National CEU.</p> <p>SLPAs licensing law was passed last summer. Rules writing is slated to be done by September 2007. There are two slpa programs in Az. One at Estrella Community College and the other at Northern Arizona University.</p>	Recruit slps and audiologists for Executive Board positions.	<p>Bring: The warm weather of Arizona to Miami...Az is also in the 80's.</p> <p>2 Navajo necklaces for the Silent Auction.</p>
AR	<p>Leadership conference with facilitator who gave us a 'partner-member' perspective</p> <p>Increased convention attendance</p> <p>Mike McKinley spoke at opening session of convention Convention</p>	<p>Poor attendance at Leadership Conference Poor attendance at special convention events, i.e.</p>	<p>Little Rock brochures</p> <p>Convention portfolio</p>

	<p>sessions that were developed out of strategic plan-- successful advocacy session that prepared members to work to obtain appropriation of salary supplement bill for school-based SLP's Portfolio with convention logo for attendees</p>	<p>awards luncheon or reception</p>	
CA	<p>CA has been involved with several endeavors these last six months. Legislatively, our Legislative Counsel and the Commissioner on Legislation have monitored approximately 900 bills that impact our profession in some way. CSHA sponsored four bills, actively supported with testimony 30 bills, and was on record with another 30 bills. Also, there were various agency issues that we monitored, made presentations to, and followed. We continue to monitor and support various legislative/political partnerships, coalitions, and collaborations with other organizations. Continuing Education activities have been prolific, providing 60 continuing education workshops since January 2006. Several more are planned for this winter. Topics include pediatric dysphagia, language development through music, interaction, and play, writing legally defensible SLP reports, phonological processing, and craniofacial management to name a few. These CSHA workshops provide affordable CEU acquisition at the local level and provide an opportunity for recruitment and reacquaint Bring: copies of our CSHA Magazine, jewelry for auction dance with fellow colleagues. We have reactivated and expanded our Audiology Committee from four members to six members. CSHA is hoping to facilitate better communication between its audiology members, as well as support endeavors related to the practice of audiology within CA. We are all very excited about our newly revised Website. Besides looking great, it is more useful and easier to navigate than our old site. Our CSHA Magazine continues to provide invaluable information to our members as well as a marketing tool for CSHA. Please help yourself to the copies I brought.</p>	<p>SLP shortages continue to plague us. CSHA is in the process of developing a committee to work in conjunction with ASHA and other stakeholders on these shortage issues. The HR and SELPA directors are looking for a solution immediately, and unfortunately their ideas do not always coincide with ours. Increasing membership is another concern. We would love to have all the ASHA members in the state be CSHA members, too.</p>	<p>copies of our CSHA Magazine, jewelry for auction</p>
CT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This year CSHA defeated, in legislative committee, a Department of Mental Retardation proposal that would have allowed them, as the lead Birth to Three agency, to develop an additional credential as an Early Intervention Specialist for all Birth to Three providers. The credential would have been required in addition to state certification and/or licensure already held by the provider. This was the second time in two years that CSHA successfully defeated this proposal. ▪ Our Multicultural Affairs Committee in collaboration with the Communication Disorders programs at the University of Connecticut and Southern Connecticut State University is implementing a State Department of Education grant to promote careers in speech-language pathology among minority students in Connecticut's middle and high schools. 	<p>Our primary concern is a continuing decline in attendance at our major conference which is held every May. We bring in nationally known speakers covering various areas of both speech-language pathology and audiology. This year we had the theme of Evidence Based Practice addressed in some way in nearly all of the sessions. When we surveyed members trying to learn more about why attendance was poor many people responded that the topic was not relevant to their job!</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Our School Affairs Committee has produced a power-point presentation, available to CSHA members free of charge, which outlines the role of speech-language pathologists in public schools. There is a strong emphasis on the role speech-language pathologists play in supporting literacy along with information on the wide range of services speech-language pathologists provide in schools. The power-point was designed for presentation to bargaining units, school administrators and boards of education. ▪ We are developing a working relationship with the newly established Connecticut Academy of Audiology. We have worked out a reciprocal agreement regarding the awarding of ASHA and AAA CEUs at conferences held by either organization . 		
FL	<p>1. we have had successful passing of legislation to update our Practice Act in the state of Florida 2. We have increased our membership numbers in the Association 3. Streamlined the continuing education processes within our association with an online database. We have gone online for submissions to ASHA and CE Broker.</p> <p>4. We have completed 2 research Journals that can be submitted for CEUs in the past 12 months</p>	<p>1. Increasing numbers of school SLP members and addressing their needs of caseload caps.</p> <p>2. Increasing membership of Audiologists 3. Increasing funding for the FLASHA, Inc. since we split up the single association into a Foundation, PAC and Association (Inc</p>	
GA	<p>New lobbyists – superb, highly responsive, excellent learning curve, uninvited summary of activities</p>	<p>1. Increasing number of audiologists as members 2. Last year we got a new reimbursement law passed which was our brag which has now unfortunately turned into out moan as the state has not only dragged it feet in implementation, but has actually changed the rules to</p>	<p>Our good will and wishes from our state to all the participants here</p>

		limit the number of opportunities for our clients to receive these services.	
ID	We have made progress with our legislatures regarding Medicaid issues and retention of SLP's in the schools. We are collaborating with various stakeholders and are participating in the School Board Association's annual meeting to head off a resolution.	The School Board Association is going to adopt a resolution to lower SLP standards in the school, stating some body is better than no body!	Some talking points that our state has developed.
IL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Annual Convention in February broke records for revenue: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Registration revenue.....\$319,800. ▪ Exhibit revenue.....59,825 ▪ Employment Referral Service Revenue...\$6340 ▪ Sponsorship/Ad Revenue.....11, 425 ▪ Total gross revenue.....\$397,390 • We've revamped our organizational structure so that each division has roughly even numbers of committees. • We've rolled out our new website and are tweaking it. We just developed a policy for accepting Website advertisements, thanks to California for sharing theirs. 	<p>We wrote a bill so that CFs could be reimbursed through Medicaid by virtue of a temporary license. So CFs have to get a temporary license before they start working. The requirements for applying for the temporary license include (a) proving you have a master's degree and (b) proving you passed the Praxis. We didn't anticipate this problem: people wait weeks after graduating until their diploma or certificate of completion arrives. Then they apply for the temporary license and wait while the department of professional regulation processes that. Meanwhile they're hungry, their student loans are due, and they can't work without the temporary license. We're introducing legislation this fall session to institute a 120 day grace period so they can work while they wait for the paperwork.</p> <p>That still means they have to take the Praxis while they're still in school, and the test is normed on graduates, not</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • our president-elect, Marjorie Goodban from Elmhurst College. Elmhurst has had a bachelor's degree program in CDS and is planning to open a graduate program. How's that for solving the shortage problem? • I bring thanks for the evaluation instruments you emailed in. Our executive director was evaluated last August for the first time since we hired her 15 years ago, thanks to CSAP. • I bring pens with our website and email address on them.

		<p>students. We will introduce legislation next year, when our practice act is reauthorized, so solve that problem. Also, we wrote that the temporary license expired after one year, but could be renewed once “for good cause shown.” The department of professional regulation hasn’t figured out how to renew a temporary license yet, so those SLPs who try are facing roadblocks.</p> <p>We couldn’t get the state board of education to accept licensure as equivalent to a teaching or non-teaching certificate, but we did get them to require licensure for issuance of a non-teaching certificate. They used to be granted a non-teaching certificate by entitlement upon completion of the degree, so they could start working in schools the day after they graduate. Now they have to wait until they get the temporary license.</p>	
IN	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. membership slowly increasing 2. established an ISHA-PAC 3. revitalized our Foundation acct for scholarships 4. developing a working relationship with other stakeholders (ASHA Grant) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. still problems with DOE and licensing for school based SLPs 2. problems recruiting membership for leadership roles 3. Restricted Test List – still alive and kicking 	

IA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Foundation scholarships increased from 2 to 4 2. Changed format of convention from 2 and ½ days to 2 days; will hold next convention in a different city and hotel for the first time in many years. Made \$20K at O5 convention 3. Stan Dublinske coming in Feb to help with strategic planning 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Membership decreasing 2. Volunteers decreasing 3. Shortages increasing 4. AuD and state licensure 	
KS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Our website now offers online dues renewal, electronic membership letter and card, online voting and online conference registration. 2. Our Association worked in collaboration with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Kansas School for the Deaf to get the funding for a state hearing aid loan bank. 3. We developed a legislative brochure outlining KSHA issues for legislators and members distributed them during a “day at the capital” event. 4. Language in a bill has been amended during the last legislative session granting a hearing aid license to audiologists who hold a doctoral degree. 5. The annual fall convention drew an attendance of nearly 700 which represents 86% of our members. 6. To follow up an ambitious campaign to recruit student members from our university programs, a special session was developed at the convention just for students. It was a collaborative effort between the Career Services Department at Wichita State University, the President-Elect (membership chair) and selected members who represented various employment areas. After instruction, students were divided into small groups and they rotated around centers manned by the selected members. They discussed specific interviewing questions, styles and appropriate responses. The time at each center was fashioned after the “speed-dating” craze. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bringing the “workload vs. caseload” idea to all clinicians in KS 2. Advocating incentives for clinicians with their CCC’s in the school sector. 	
KY	No registrants		
LA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Updated website allows more interactive use especially by those Professionals still living away due to hurricane disaster including new student section and health care committee page 2) Strong board of directors with very diverse backgrounds from Different regions of the state 3) Legislative effort helped to pass a teacher's pay raise which for the first time included nationally certified speech-language pathologists and audiologists 4) New Healthcare Committee held a CUE seminar on reimbursement using ASHA materials and local presenters 	<p>Salary supplement for school-based professionals with national certification Did not pass the legislature</p> <p>Need improved public awareness of LSHA and difference between licensing board</p> <p>As always, need more volunteers</p>	New president elect Sandra Hayes

MA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passage of the Assistant’s Bill requiring state licensure board oversight and credentialing • Worked cooperatively with the licensure Board and the DOE to write the regulations related to the implementation of the Assistant’s Bill • Defeat of the “Billerica bill” that would have granted licensure to 3 women found to be practicing without a license for 20 years; this would have by-passed the licensure board • Participation in the DOE Task force on caseload/workload study, personnel shortages and other strategic issues (passed as part of the Assistant’s Bill) • Strategic Planning Retreat in July to plan ahead for 2007 (many projects already in progress) • Revamped and greatly expanded our website (www.MSHAHearSay.org) to include members-only area with online discussion forum, event registration and 2-part member directory (also includes on-line referral directory, as in ASHA’s ProSearch) • Exploration of new non-dues revenue via National CEU conference to be held in Massachusetts next year, Job Target job board and resume bank • Exploring relationship with AAA in MA to share costs of lobbyists and maintain an Audiology voice in MSHA • Revamped our handbook • Held a successful Convention in 05, with over 400 attendees • Have successfully used a 1-day, 3 track format for conferences 1-2X per year for the past several years; this increases revenue and decreases work on the front end • Have begun to plan for ASHA 07 in BOSTON! • We will likely have a full board in 07- the first time in years! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lagging volunteerism; the same people always step up • Increasing membership numbers • Maintaining revenue and exploring new non-dues related streams • Public awareness of the professions and MSHA; battling the “what has MSHA done for me?” virus • Continuing education-offering courses without volunteers to run them (This has particularly affected Convention, which has been sporadic) • Reimbursement concerns for members in the state • Had to give up our lobbyist due to lack of funding 	
ME	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hosted “Leading Best Practice in Literacy” Conference with attendees from 22 states and 5 countries 2. Changed conference format using a keynote speaker in the AM (thanks Mike McKinley!) 3. Monterey group hosted “block party” to share their successes (i.e. ideas they have implemented since attending Monterey “Leading Best Practice” conference) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Main DOE has implemented a second praxis exam in order to work in the schools and to work with special needs kids. 2. MDOE moving to a single provider for birth-2, but usually a Developmental Therapist. Also moving to service 3-5 in schools 	
MD	<p>This past legislative season we were successful in passing Licensure Reimbursement for al school-based SLPs. We are fiscally sound with with almost \$200,000 in our reserves.</p>	<p>We were unable to pass Comprehensive Licensure because the clock ticked down to midnight but we are making another run this year.</p>	<p>Greetings from Maryland</p>

MI	<p>1. We supported and attended the 1st Annual MAC (Michigan Audiology Coalition Conference in September of 2006. It was an absolute success in every way and well received by those in attendance. We are looking forward to next's year's endeavor! This was put together by Mike Macione and Margot Beckerman and their committee.</p> <p>2. Plans are well along for our first Leadership Conference to be held in conjunction with our annual conference in March. We have invited our colleges and universities with speech/language, hearing programs to nominate qualified students to attend this half day workshop to learn about opportunities for leadership, characteristics of a good leader, mentoring with established leaders, etc. We are currently collecting the applications and determining scholarship status. This event will take place on Thursday afternoon, preceding the opening session of our conference. Thanks to Heather Balog and her committee for all their hard work.</p> <p>3. Our Michigan Speech/Language Hearing Foundation is now a reality and we are continuing to identify funding and fund raising for the Foundation. Dr. Lizbeth Stevens was the drive behind this dream coming to fruition.</p> <p>4. Michigan is one of seven states awarded an ASHA Focused Initiative Grant. Our grant was awarded for the purpose of identifying and implementing resources to resolve workforce issues within our state. We are also serving on the ASHA Workforce Committee to the same end.</p>	<p>It is once again the lack of licensure in the state of Michigan! Even with the recent election seeing sympathetic supporters being elected to our House and Senate, the climate of getting our bills out of committee and onto the table is extremely slim.</p>	<p>Anticipation of learning more about CSAP and how to apply what I absorb at CSAP to our own organization in Michigan!</p>
MN	No written report		
MS	<p>1)Held a seminar on Autism free of charge to MSHA members in July...Well attended...Dr. Pat Rydell donated his time...Awesome presentation & speaker, highly recommend him for your conferences.</p> <p>2)Completed a needs assessment with Katrina affected school districts; Contacted companies for donations; Donations distributed to representatives from school districts at autism seminar...Christmas in July!!!</p> <p>3) MSHA sponsoring the first tri-alliance seminar on medical rehabilitation for SLP, PT & OT during MSHA continuing ed conference</p> <p>4) In cooperation with MS Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program completed draft proposal of legislation for mandatory coverage of hearing aids for children. Two legislators have agreed to introduce in upcoming session...The battle is on!!!</p>	<p>Afraid my epitaph will read: MSHA President forever & ever...Amen!!!</p>	

	<p>5) Participated in completion of revision of state policies & procedures for SpEd services to align with IDEIA...Whew!!!</p> <p>6) Committee work for establishing an independent licensure board has begun...Hopefully will have our ducks in a row for 2008 legislative session</p> <p>7)Largest attended conference, over 700 (considering our membership is 550, not bad...)</p> <p>8) Finances significantly improved over the course of the last 5 years. Just implemented an automatic roll over from checking to savings to cd program...Currently have 4 cd's varying \$20K to \$30K & enough in checking/savings to run the organization for one year...Yeah, we are solvent!!!</p> <p>9) Employed a second lobbyist to present a multi-faceted front in support of technical amendments for medicaid to be introduced 2007 legislative session.</p>		
MO	<p>*exemplary, thoughtful, courageous Executive Board that is not afraid to effect change, undergo an intensive strategic planning process, and create a vision for the future</p> <p>*membership numbers continue to increase</p> <p>*successfully worked with 2 other state associations (one who was very adversarial) to offer an audiology licensure bill to allow dispensing of hearing aids as a CONSENT bill for the next legislative session</p> <p>*sent 2 Executive Board members (one SLP, one Aud) to the state school counselor's convention to recruit students at the high school level to our professions</p> <p>*EXCELLENT student involvement (Quest for the Cup competition, graduate student voting Executive Board member, minority student leadership program highlighted in ASHA Leader on 12/26/06, SWAP Meet—Students Will Accept Professional Stuff)</p>	<p>*lobbyist employed for 15 years but not effective. Previous boards have “stayed the course” but now we are looking into options but must tread carefully due to retaliatory fears</p> <p>*renegotiate the contract we had with our Convention Coordinator due to misunderstandings of roles/responsibilities</p>	<p>*WORLD SERIES Championship St. Louis Cardinals t-shirt and commemorative edition Sports Illustrated</p> <p>*all 3 Presidents</p>
MT	<p>Montana is closer than ever to re-establishing a Speech Language Training program at the University of Montana. Our Licensure Law has been rewritten and approved. The SLPA section will be adjusted and sent out for public comment this week.</p>	<p>Montana has unfilled SLP positions in both schools and clinics. The new IDEIA is making it more difficult to qualify students for Speech Therapy. One School District interpretation requires that the student FAIL a core class before they can qualify for services.</p>	
NC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ NCSHLA with the assistance of all of NC SLP/Audiology universities hosting NC Alumni Reception at ASHA Friday November 17 at 7:30 p.m.- 9:30 InterContinental Miami, Mezzanine East ❖ NCSHLA advocating for employability of SLPA with the schools with Ad 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Working to improve communication among board liaisons to the Standing and Executive 	<p>NCSHLA bags with our state logo, chocolate mints with our logo, and copies of our newsletter, Constitution and</p>

	<p>Hoc committee looking at employability in all areas of SLP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Executive Director/lobbyist working on swallowing evaluation/treatment in the legislative language January 2007 ❖ NCSHLA Member on the Board of our NC Allied Health Council ❖ One board member who works for SDPI has defined with input from Ad Hoc Committee established by the board <p>NC's position on ELL (will be on the NC State Department of Public Instruction web site)</p>	<p>Committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Focusing on how to improve audiology volunteerism and attendance at the fall and spring conferences ❖ Trying to achieve adequate volunteers/nominations for committee and executive voted positions 	<p>Bylaws/Policy and Procedures</p>
ND	<p>Successful convention Increased student attendance at convention</p>	<p>No nominees for president-elect Decrease in membership</p>	
NE	<p>newly designed website www.nslha.org</p>	<p>We are working hard on universal licensure. We are dealing with a great deal of misinformation and miscommunication among stakeholders. The Department of Ed is putting up a strong fight against it, yet the Technical Review Board is recommending it to Health and Human Services. We have potentially 2 bills to introduce to the legislature in January, 2007 - one is regarding universal licensure and the update of our speech-language pathology and audiology scope of practice and</p>	<p>newly designed business cards for board members of the association with new NSLHA logo (they coordinate with our new letterhead/envelopes)</p>

		the other is regarding salary supplements for schools-based professionals.	
NH	No registrants		
NJ	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NJSHA Newsletter now on website 2. New Association Manager with strong corporate background 3. Excellent Strategic Planning Meeting with ASHA Representation 4. njsha.org website continually changing – has interactive Forum, special area reports (Legislative, Healthcare, School, Audiology) 5. Student Board Member actively recruiting new members from various universities 6. Health Care Committee actively completing a research project on shortage of SLPs/Audiologists in Healthcare settings 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continuing Education Volunteer Positions difficult to fill partly due to strenuous ASHA requirements 2. The College of NJ closing its speech-language pathology program despite shortage 3. Multi-Million Dollar Grant given by Governor Corzine for Autism Programs (HOWEVER, it excludes SLPS as one of its providers) 	Brought a Rutgers sweatshirt- Football team is currently undefeated!!!!
NM	<p>We just had a very successful convention with 400 participants due to excellent convention chairs.</p> <p>Thank you to Wayne Secord and Barbara Hodson for presenting.</p>	New Mexico Speech-Language-Hearing Association will for the fourth year support a three-tier design bill to establish via the NM Public Education Department a career pathway for SLPs/AUD.	
NY	No registrants		
OH	<p>One of our focuses this year is to build on membership and student involvement. Our last legislative council meeting in October brought representatives from 13 of 15 university NSSHLA chapters from both officers and advisors. October also included the first ever state wide NSSLHA meeting at Miami University with 175 attendees and presenters with rave reviews. We have added a Professional Practice Representative in the Supervisory role to Legislative Council. We anticipate another well attended convention to be held in Columbus in March featuring several different professional practice tracks. We continue to pour education and grass roots advocacy toward our Governmental Affairs Coalition to continue to lobby for hot topics such as insurance reimbursement. We also have focused a lot of attention toward improving consumer awareness regarding speech and hearing issues through our website</p>	<p>.The issue regarding speech assistants has once again been addressed by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) as a potential solution to the shortage of SLP's in the schools. We have assigned a task force to address this issue and are investigating other alternatives such as eliminating the student teaching requirement and developing a "fast track" program for SLP's</p>	<p>We are well represented by an incredible Executive Council, and I'm pleased to be attending with my past-president, Sandi Grether and my president-elect, Katrina Zeit. In addition, we come with our state favors, candy buckeyes. Native to the Ohio area, these nuts are replicated into delicious chocolates which are a favorite</p>

	and local news stations.	to obtain their current school certification.	and the mascot of Ohio State University.
OK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB3XX – In special session our salary supplement for ASHA certified speech-language pathologists and audiologists, and nationally certified school psychologists was funded. The \$5,000 checks will be awarded by January of each year. We are still working on the procedures for identifying those who are eligible. • Medical Issues Committee has been formed from our Tri-Alliance Committee to address the needs of medically based SLPS. • Fall Conference was a success with an increase in overall attendance. We awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to students in CSD. • Strategic Planning – Stan Dublinske came (October 27-28) to lead our association through our first strategic plan. We have great plans for the future that we can stay focused by using this plan. • OSHA received a grant from ASHA on the Maintenance of Standards for School-based SLPs and Audiologists. We are developing definitions and guidance in several areas to hopefully be included in our updated SDE Policies and Procedures in 2007. We also are developing strategies for recruitment and retention. 		
OR	No registrants		
PA	<p>PA Licensure CE requirements finally became effective August 1 - looking forward to seeing an increase in attendance at PSHA events with the new requirements.</p> <p>First PSHA Fall Continuing Education Workshop and an event to encourage participation by Audiologist.</p> <p>Participated in Senior Expo as guest of State Senator.</p> <p>Our booth was constantly busy with attendees of the expo.</p> <p>VP of Audiology provided hearing screenings to the seniors who wished to have their hearing checked.</p> <p>Have filled most PSHA committees with participants from the membership thanks largely to the efforts of President Elect.</p> <p>This time last year PSHA was run by the Board members.</p>	Only 23 attendees at Fall CE convention.	

RI	<p>Rhode Island legislature passed a line item that provides a salary supplement (and funding) to public school SLPs. How did we do it? We have tried everything over the last 10 years, including baby-sitting bills at the state house, hiring a lobbyist, participating in an ASHA focused initiative, political action committees, and grassroots campaigns. What ultimately did the trick, in spite of the fact that our previously active players had given up and we no longer employed a lobbyist or had a PAC, was the fact that one of our members had become a state senator. This was the unique and invaluable resource that turned the tide.</p> <p>Efforts are underway and growing steadily stronger to affect further political change to establish a caseload cap for public school SLPs.</p> <p>Our Executive Board is strong with newly elected wonderful and accomplished people holding office.</p>	<p>We are having very poor attendance at our conferences. At this time the events represent a financial wash. We are actively considering other options, among them are: Just live with it and keep providing CEUs regardless of the financial return. Provide more "in house", less expensive speakers &/or video conferences. Hire management.</p>	
SC	<p>We teamed with AG Bell for our Fall Conference. It was a successful event, SCSHA choose speaker for one day, AG Bell the second day. There were 100 people each day with 70 attending both days.</p> <p>Our Foundation is operating independently of the Executive Board now that the Foundation has it's own board. They are now taking applications to award their first scholarship at our 2007 convention.</p> <p>Biggest Brag – For the first time, SCSHA is able to hire a full time lobbyist (been hiring as issues arose). Just signed a contract with the #1 lobbying firm in SC!!</p>	<p>Lack of nominees for our association awards. There were no nominations made for 2 of the awards.</p>	<p>South Carolina Car Coasters (For cup holders in your car) SC cups</p>
SD	<p>No registrants</p>		
TN	<p>1. New Management firm selected 2. Very successful state conference with just over 500 attendees (SLP & Aud 3. Passed state ruling allowing parents to pursue private insurance coverage for services to autistic children</p>	<p>1. SDE passed watered down version of SLP assistants in the schools with very loose supervisory & scope of practice guidelines 2. Unfavorable legal opinion to St. Brd of Licensure on endoscopy use by SLPS</p>	<p>Tennessee's own Gentleman Jack (Jack Daniel's Liquor with bourbon Glasses)</p>
TX	<p>1-Our SLP School Vacancy committee has been meeting with a group of Special Education Directors for the past two years. Recently we have begun offering a session at annual conferences of elementary principals, human resource administrators and superintendents. In addition to offering a session at the Jan. sp. ed. director's winter conference, university department administrators have been invited to meet with sp. ed.</p>	<p>1-The Texas Department of State Health Services has responded to a mandate by the state legislature to cut their budget by 10% by eliminating the SLP Licensure</p>	

	<p>directors to address the shortage issue in the schools.</p> <p>2-We have just hired a second lobbyist to broaden our influence in the legislature and help develop the political strength of our members</p> <p>3-The effort to gather the resources of our statewide regional professional associations continues to prove beneficial. Two new regional associations are under development and for the first time in history, the ties to the state organization are strengthening.</p> <p>4-Our CE application process, payment process and the CE registry (a member benefit at no cost) are now on line. The next step is to include our Independent Study application process and payment on line.</p> <p>5-Monte Roberts, of "Horse Whisperer" fame has agreed to be the keynote speaker at our 51st Annual Convention.</p>	<p>Board</p> <p>2-We are working on a more effective method of getting articles for our newsletter</p> <p>3-We lost our state office administrative assistant of one year and thus one year of a sharp learning curve (but we think we have a another good one working fast to get up to speed!)</p> <p>4-We wrote a proposal to our state education agency late last spring for money to help with the shortage issue in the schools and even after repeated efforts to secure feedback, have received none as yet.</p>	
VA	<p>Craven and Associates are our new management company</p> <p>Conference planning is ahead of schedule</p> <p>**Mailing packet in December</p> <p>**Postcards to be mailed in December to target non-members</p> <p>**Pre-conference targeting medically based SLPs is planned, set, and ready to go (hoping to increase membership of this group)</p> <p>**Scheduling speakers is complete</p> <p>State Association Recognition Paperwork was completed and turned in by the due date</p>	<p>MOAN: Anticipated changes to by-laws</p> <p>**Code of Ethics</p> <p>**Non-discriminatory statement</p> <p>Still battling caseload reduction and SLP assistants</p>	Highlighters and Nail-Clipper sets
WA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Membership continues to increase ➤ Committees are forming ➤ All board positions are filled ➤ Record number of folks volunteering for committees ➤ Very successful joint convention with Oregon 	<p>Board of Hearing & Speech is proposing CE requirements made without our association's input. Just starting to ask for comment. Not sitting well with the membership. This is also a concern as we have a two tiered system of certification, one for school SLP/Aud and a license for others. This could lead to having requirements due at different times as some of our</p>	

		<p>school colleagues are also licensed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Inconsistent support across the state for SLPA licensure 	
WI	<p>We have a new management company and we're already seeing \$\$\$ savings and increased efficiency. Our work with legislators to gain sponsorship of our licensure bill (changes for AuD) are going well. We are continuing to benefit from a strong alliance of the 3 professional groups that are covered within our state license bill—hearing instrument specialists, audiologists and speech-language pathologists. We have identified an audiologist who is willing to run for ASHA LC in the next election and the Board has agreed to support her nomination in all possible ways.</p>	<p>In a year when we changed the timing of convention from Apr to Feb, we were forced to change our management and meeting planning service and we're challenged to catch up with our prep for convention. We face a likely challenge from the national Hearing Instrument Specialists group with respect to our protest of use of the term “audioproctologist” as part of our licensure changes.</p>	
WY	<p>Successful adoption of new WSHA By-laws and Constitution, pending approval from ASHA. Continued strong student involvement at state level and volunteering at conference. Smooth transition from president-elect to presidency in light of sudden change to executive board. Planning the second annual IMASH (Intermountain Speech and Hearing) conference with the addition of one new state.</p>	<p>On-going struggle with active members for various tasks given the rural nature of the state, increasing membership across the state, while dispelling old ideas of what WSHA was in the past for some members.</p>	<p>WY State pins showing “Cowboy Joe” on the bucking bronco, the University of Wyoming mascot; a sample brochure from the 2006 state conference; and 2006 fall newsletter. Other miscellaneous items included a membership form, letterhead, and description of organization.</p>