

SOUND EXPRESSIONS

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



*Carol Fleming,
2005 ArkSHA President*

Summer is here! This is a time when many of our members take the opportunity to enjoy vacations and special moments with their families. I want to assure you that during this time your ArkSHA Board has been busy working for you.

Effective July 1, 2005, Act 1187 was implemented. As you recall it recognizes our CCC as comparable to the NBPTS certification. I know many questions have arisen over what that means to the public school SLPs. As we informed you in the last newsletter, we did not get the appropriations during this legislative session. That does not mean that public school SLPs do not get anything. Check with your personnel departments. Some school districts provide stipends for "Nationally Board Certified faculty". Depending on the wording, SLPs may be eligible for stipends from their school districts.

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2005 ArkSHA Convention

October 19-21, 2005
(Wednesday, Thursday & Friday)

**Hot Springs Convention Center
and Embassy Suites**

This year's convention is packed with continuing education opportunities from "home grown" speakers. A wide variety of clinical and research presentations are slated.

Traditional events are planned, such as **Jane Willard's** Wednesday evening program. New grads will have an opportunity to present the findings of their recently-completed projects at the **Student Research Forum**.

Betty Bass, Executive Director of the Arkansas Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, will be on hand to answer questions about ABESPA's guidelines and continuing education requirements.

Commercial and non-profit **exhibitors** will be displaying their products and services.

Our annual **business meeting** will take place on Friday morning and the 2006 slate of officers will be presented.

In addition, new social events and activities are planned. We will have **Lunch with the Vendors** on Thursday, as well as a **Wine and Cheese Party/Awards Ceremony** that evening.

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Depending on the wording, SLPs may be eligible for stipends from their school districts. This isn't to say you will get it, but you may be eligible. Different school districts have different rules/stipulations. Rest assured, ArkSHA is trying to work with the Department of Education on a manner in which to inform the school districts of our Act.

With the beginning of the new school year, we will have to see what changes the Reauthorization of IDEA 2004 will bring to our professions. In a recent ASHA Leader, members were informed of a national register of proposed regulations related to IDEA 2004, which are aligned with the No Child Left Behind Act. ASHA will continue to update members through the ASHA Leader. Members can also contact ASHA's IDEA Information Center for further updates.

What an exciting time for our audiologists! Effective April 1, 2005, Medicaid recognizes audiologists as providers of aural rehabilitation, aural habilitation, and vestibular testing services. ArkSHA has worked diligently to get this recognition for audiologists. Not all states recognize audiologists as providers of these services. Perhaps other states will be looking at the process we used to obtain this victory.

Finally, plans are underway for a great annual convention. Margie Gilbertson and her committee have been working closely with Randy and Nancy Martinsen to compile an excellent continuing education opportunity that covers a wide variety of clinical and research presentations. They have a great group of speakers and other social events/activities planned. You will not want to miss this. Be sure to make your reservations early. ArkSHA has a block of rooms with the Embassy Suites Hotel reserved. Time to reserve your room at the special discounted rate is limited. We are excited about these arrangements with the Embassy Suites Hotel. Just imagine waking up and getting a hot breakfast cooked to order! I can tell you I plan on being in the lines early to get my Belgian waffle. I hope to see you there, too.

Carol



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By October 5th

Treasurer's Report

Richard A. Neeley
ArkSHA Treasurer

For those of you that spend your leisure moments reading the Arkansas Speech-Language-Hearing Association By-Laws, you are intimately aware of the duties and responsibilities of the various officers of the association. Just in case you haven't read that laundry list of duties lately, let me take the liberty to share with you one of the specified duties of the office of Treasurer. *"The Treasurer will serve as the chairperson of the Scholarship Committee."* This treasurer's task is the one that I take the most pleasure in performing.

Each year at this time, the ArkSHA Scholarship committee has the privilege of reviewing the scholarship applications of a number of the most talented graduate students in the state. These applications portray a group of students that are striving for perfection in classes, labs, and clinical rotations at a time in history when the sheer volume of knowledge and skills within the profession continues to increase exponentially. By reviewing and evaluating the information in these scholarship applications, the scholarship committee is often made aware that these students are pursuing their dreams while incurring significant financial and emotional stress. The purpose of the ArkSHA Scholarship was to provide some measure of financial stress relief for at least one deserving student.

There was a time in the not too distant past that the scholarship investment account earned sufficient interest to allow the awarding of two scholarships in the same year. In the current economic investment climate, I am certain that awarding two scholarships this year will not be possible. The reality of the economic times should provide some impetus for the ArkSHA Association and the ArkSHA Board to re-evaluate our collective efforts with regard to scholarship fund raising and possibly scholarship fund management in the hope of maximizing our ability to financially support our graduate students. Over the next three months as we prepare for the annual convention, I pledge to each of you that I will be exploring fund raising and fund management options for the ArkSHA Board to review and evaluate. Perhaps there is a better way to "skin this cat."

As we approach the annual convention, please encourage your graduate students to review the eligibility criteria for the ArkSHA Scholarship. The scholarship application is located on the ArkSHA web site and can be accessed and printed without the use of a password. Completed applications should be sent directly to ArkSHA at the following

address: ArkSHA, P.O. 250261, Little Rock, AR 72225. The deadline for submitting applications is September 30, 2005. If you or your students have specific questions about the scholarship, please contact me at ASU using e-mail (rneeley@astate.edu) or office phone (870-972-3106).

Speech Pathology Services

Jeffrey C. Adams, M.S., CCC-SLP

Vice President for Speech Pathology Services

The Therapy Workgroup is still meeting to address the perpetual needs and issues with the provision of therapy services to Medicaid recipients in Arkansas. During the May 5th Open Meeting, many pertinent issues for speech-language pathologists were discussed. Of particular mention was the Medicaid Fairness Act 1758 that passed in the most recent legislative session. In compliance with the language of this act, Medicaid providers and recipients have the right to appeal denials on therapy services. This change will likely take necessity over the peer review process because providers are offered the opportunity to appeal. In addition to these expected changes, the therapy test list promulgation has been delayed due to the Medicaid Fairness Act. Arkansas Medicaid attorneys are working to add the changes to the Medicaid manual so that the wording reflects the new law. The projected timeline for the promulgation of the test list is August or September. In the meantime, if you get a new test and like it, please forward the test name and information to jeffreycadams@comcast.net or to Cheri@accessschools.org so that it can receive consideration when the test list is updated. The next Therapy Workgroup meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2005. If anyone in the membership has a Medicaid related issue that needs to be addressed in this meeting, please forward your concern or issue to the above listed email addresses.



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ArkSHA Convention

October 19-21, 2005

400 Convention Boulevard
Hot Springs, AR

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Audiology and Hearing Services

Charlie Palmer

ArkSHA Vice Pres.

Audiology and Hearing Services

Well, glad to say most things are quiet on the audiology front. Instead of the legislative news, etc, that will be brought to you via another source, I thought I'd share a personal experience. While searching for the latest in audiology news, I stumbled across (repeatedly) the issue of ipods and hearing loss. We all know that even back to the "walk-man" days these types of personal listening devices have been blamed for hearing loss, with little proof. So, when I saw a British article suggesting that most ipods can easily exceed 90dBHL, my curiosity was peaked.

My concern is that my daughter's ipod holds more than 300 hours of music. If we hold the standard of 90dB of exposure for more than an hour, we've exceeded OSHA's standard of allowable exposure in a given eight hour day, and we're already in trouble. We all know that if given a fourteen-year-old and unlimited music downloads, one hour per day is certain to be exceeded, no matter what the music interest. On my daughter's ipod, just over 2/3rds rotation of the volume control is equivalent to, or exceeds 90 dBHL, and 90dBHL for just one hour per day can at least contribute to tinnitus, if not noise induced hearing loss.

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Gainesville, Fla. — The University of Florida Doctor of Audiology Program is pleased to invite our alumni to join us in Gainesville, Fla. for an Au.D. Alumni Reunion November 4 and 5, 2005.

Reunite with friends and colleagues from across the country at this first time event that will feature a Friday evening reception to honor the inaugural Au.D. class of May 2000 and a UF vs. Vanderbilt football game on Saturday. Reunion activities will be held in conjunction with the UF College of Public Health and Health Professions' college-wide alumni reunion.

We have reserved a block of hotel rooms and game tickets, but quantities are limited. A complete schedule of the weekend activities and registration forms will be mailed this summer.

For more information, please contact Carlee Thomas at (352) 265-8097 or cthomas@vpha.ufl.edu.

Nominations for 2006 Officers

DeAndra Gibson

ArkSHA Immediate Past- President

The following individuals have agreed to run for the vacant ArkSHA board positions. Nominations from the floor will be accepted as well at the Annual Business Meeting which will take place at the convention. Ballots will be mailed immediately following the 2005 ArkSHA Convention.

President-Elect

Laura Smith-Olinde

Treasurer

Linda Edwards

Vice-President Elect for Continuing Education

Colleen Allen

Vice-President for Speech Language Pathology

Brandi Nixon



The 2005 session of the Arkansas General Assembly is a distant memory now. We have Act 1187 and other helpful measures, so we are done until next session far off in 2007. Not exactly. Legislative and constitutional officer campaigns will be getting under way soon. The candidates need our help getting elected. We will need their help in the next session to obtain appropriation for Act 1187. Arrange a meeting with your local legislator to explain our issue. It would be a good idea to provide a copy of Act 1187 to help explain how it will benefit school programs to appropriate the necessary money to retain certified speech pathologists. Then offer to help in the campaign. Work in the campaign, put out yard signs or many other tasks needed by the campaign. Now is the time to begin to prepare for the '07 Session.

Scholarships for the Artistically Inclined

The THEA Foundation is a nonprofit, public foundation founded in 2001 by the parents of Thea Leopoulos, Linda and Paul David Leopoulos. The founders and Board of Directors have adopted the mission of carrying Thea's legacy forward through promoting and advocating the development of youth through participation in both visual and performing arts.

Thea blossomed after discovering her artistic gifts in painting, writing, speech and drama. Getting in touch with her talents seemed to inspire Thea to share her enthusiasm and love of life with others. The THEA foundation was created soon after Thea's untimely death as a way to provide other young people the opportunity to develop their gifts.



The THEA Foundation has established partnerships with many public and private schools that add to the THEA Scholarship if the winner selects their institution. These partnerships leverage the dollars awarded to these students. The partnerships increased the money available to these students to more than \$100,000. THEA Foundation collegiate scholarships are for Arkansas High School seniors in the visual and performing arts. Scholarships are awarded to winners in the competitions of both disciplines. THEA Scholarship winners are not required to major in art to qualify for these scholarships. The Visual Arts competition includes entries of two-dimensional art in any medium. Each entry must reflect that year's theme selected from Thea's writings. Performing arts competition consists of a three-minute audition in dance, acting or singing.

Along with the scholarship program, the THEA Foundation presents workshops throughout the year. One of the most successful is the Actor's Workshop for Arkansas' high school junior and senior students. Attendees are brought together with established actors to share ideas, open minds, and expand the "what's possible" concept of these students. Mary Steenburgen, Lawrence Hamilton, and Ted Danson have all shared their talents and hearts with hundreds of Arkansas' young people through the THEA Foundation Actor's Workshop.

Through the generous support of individuals and corporations, the THEA Foundation is making a difference in the lives of young people and their families. If you are already involved with the THEA Foundation, we thank you. If not, we invite you to join us.

To learn more, go to www.theafoundation.org or contact the Foundation at:

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2005 ArkSHA Convention

October 19 - 21, 2005

Home Grown

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Home Grown

We have a great program planned featuring speakers who are Arkansans or have their roots in Arkansas. The featured speakers will present for three hours in the morning and will repeat the session in the afternoon so that you can attend different sessions. The featured speakers and topics confirmed for Thursday include:

Speaker

Richard Zraick
James Thelin
Donna Fox
Tom Guyette & Karen Bright
Dee Lance
Kim McCullough & Donna Fisher Smiley
John Halloran

Topic

Voice
Hearing & Communication Development
Swallowing
Cleft Palate
Child Language
Adult Language
Augmentative Communication

Wednesday Evening - Embassy Suites - 6:30 to 8:30

For public school clinicians, we'll be offering a two-hour session **by Jane Willard** on the topics of Leadership and Intervention. There will be another public school forum on Friday morning chaired by **Shelly Weir** that was so popular last year

Thursday Lunch with the Vendors - Convention Center - Noon to 1:30

This fun event is a great opportunity to enjoy a delicious sandwich buffet lunch with your friends and colleagues as you browse around the vendor booths.

Thursday Evening

WINE & CHEESE PARTY/AWARDS CEREMONY - Convention Center - 5:00 to 6:30

Compliments of John Halloran, and Prentke-Romich

We look forward to seeing you all again at the Hot Springs Convention Center and Embassy Suites!



Summary of ArkSHA Board of Directors Meeting April 21, 2005

The Board met at Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas. Board members present at the meeting included: Carol Fleming, DeAndra Gibson, Rick Neeley, Margie Gilbertson, Jennifer Fisher, Charlie Palmer, Suzanne Miltich, Donna Smiley, Beckie Weaver and Amy Shollenbarger. Also present were Mike Mitchell, Association Lobbyist, Randy and Nancy Martinsen, ARKSHA administrators, and Kay Hall, Salary Initiative Task Force Chair and ASHA SEAL.

President Carol Fleming called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

Presentation and approval of minutes

Amy Shollenbarger presented the minutes from the February 2004 board meeting. **DeAndra Gibson made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Charlie seconded.** The minutes were approved as corrected.

Committee Reports

**Past President
DeAndra Gibson**

Nominations and Election Committee

DeAndra reported that a committee has been formed. The committee is made up of DeAndra Gibson, Donna Fisher Smiley, and Gretchen Hicks. The committee began developing a slate of officers for 2006. Action needed includes completing a slate of officers for 2006.

Honors and Awards Committee

DeAndra completed a request to Governor Huckabee for "May is Better Hearing and Speech Month". The members of the Honors and Awards Committee are DeAndra Gibson, Donna Fisher Smiley, and Gretchen Hicks. A Call for Honors and Awards was placed in Sound Expressions. An article announcing Heidi Courtway as the 2005 Poster Ambassador for ArkSHA was submitted for Sound Expressions. Continued action is needed to select recipients for the Honors and Awards, which will be presented at the ArkSHA Convention.

Marketing Committee

The marketing committee ordered 1500 pens and 1500 notepads with the ArkSHA logo to be handed out at CSAP Fall Meeting and the ArkSHA Convention. The committee placed the order on April 20, 2005, totaling \$1444.50. Committee selection is needed.

**President Elect
Suzanne Miltich
Membership Committee**

Suzanne made contact with audiologists, SLP's, and student members from around the state to serve on the Membership Committee. There are currently two audiologists, one SLP, and one student on the committee. Working with the Randy Martinsen, the committee is mailing the following to new and renewing ArkSHA members: letter, membership card, and committee pool form. Current ArkSHA membership includes 363 full member renewals, 5 new members, 33 student members, 6 associate members, and 4 life members. **Suzanne moved to accept one new member. Rick seconded. The motion carried.** The committee will continue to recruit members, both new and renewing. One more member is needed for this committee. The membership committee will review membership applications and make recommendations to the Board regarding new members. The Board agreed that student members who graduate in May would pay the professional rate at the Convention.

Treasurer's Report

**Treasurer
Rick Neeley**

Acting on approval of the Board, Rick moved all ArkSHA monies from Regions Bank to Simmons Bank. \$7000 was left in the Regions Bank checking account to cover outstanding checks and various bills that would need to be paid before getting new checks printed. Once all the checks and bills were paid, the remaining \$718.83 was moved to the Simmons checking account. As of 4-19-05, ArkSHA has \$40,937.60 in checking. Currently at Simmons, ArkSHA has a \$50,000 CD at 4.35% interest for 36 months, a 15 month CD at 3.51% interest at \$20,000 for the Scholarship account. ArkSHA can withdraw the interest from this account for the scholarship award at the convention at no penalty. The remaining \$6,573.50 was put into a 12 month CD at 3.11% interest. ArkSHA can access this money on an emergency basis. Rick stated that ArkSHA needed to make a decision about an audit. A discussion of various types of audits took place. **DeAndra moved to table the discussion until we get more information. Suzanne seconded. The motion carried.**

**Secretary
Amy Shollenbarger**

Archives and History Committee
Members are needed for this committee.

April 21, 2005 Board Meeting Minutes—Continued

Vice President for Audiology Charlie Palmer

Charlie created a Professional Practices Committee as co-chair with Jeff Adams. Jamie Putro, audiologist, is also on the committee. Charlie reported that he is continuing his dialog with AAA concerning data collection of varying state movements to include the Au.D degree in licensure laws. No further action is needed at this time.

Vice President for Speech-Language Pathology Services Jeff Adams

Jeff did not attend the meeting, but did submit his report for the meeting. Jeff submitted his quarterly article for Sound Expressions. He contacted Jana Addison, M.S., CCC-SLP, to serve on the ArkSHA Practices Committee. He continues to respond to members around the state regarding AMFC guidelines for IQ testing and language therapy, and denials on the use of the SPAT-D. Jeff plans to attend the AFMC/Medicaid provider open meeting on May 5, 2005.

Vice President for Continuing Margie Gilbertson

Margie Gilbertson reported on the status of the upcoming ArkSHA convention. An article naming the upcoming convention speakers was written for Sound Expression. Committee chairs for the convention have been named and assigned duties. The registration committee will meet in May. Association awards will be given during the Wine and Cheese Reception. Margie also attended the AAA convention. An audiology speaker for the convention is still needed. A decision must be made about speaker gifts and hospitality bag donations. Convention committees need to be finalized.

Legislative Council Donna Fisher Smiley Beckie Weaver

Donna and Beckie reported about the ASHA Legislative Council meeting in Washington, D.C. They offered to speak about legislative issues at the ArkSHA convention if needed.

Association Lobbyist Mike Mitchell

Mike stated his appreciation to all that worked on HB 1622, which is now Act 1187. He reported that the next goal is to get the money for Act 1187

appropriated. Appropriations will be discussed in the next legislative session.

Salary Supplement Task Force/ASHA SEAL

Kay requested that the Ad Hoc Salary Committee stays together and continues to work on getting monies appropriated for Act 1187. She suggested that ArkSHA send a thank-you letter to all legislators, expressing appreciation for their support of our salary initiative. **Carol made a motion to keep the task force together and continue working. Amy seconded. The motion carried.**

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

ArkSHA has not made its annual CSAP Regionalization contribution. **Rick moved to send in the contribution. DeAndra seconded. The board voted and the motion carried.**

Jason Fuller resigned as the ASHA STAR. A new one will be selected.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

ACE Recipients Named

The American Speech-Language Hearing Association Registry for Continuing Education recently named the professionals from Arkansas who earned an Award for Continuing Education (ACE) from January 1, 2005 through March 31, 2005. Individuals may meet the requirements for the ACE by earning 7.0 ASHA CEUs within a 36-month period.

We would like to recognize these professionals for their notable efforts.

Congratulations to:

**Debora K. Baldwin
David W. Kuzemka**

Enjoy Lunch with the Vendors

Thursday, October 20
Noon until 1:30 p.m.

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Vendors so far include:

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By: Shelly Weir

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Between January 1, 1990 and December 31, 2004	January 1, 2007 and December 31, 2009
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September 2005	January 1, 2006 and December 31, 2008
March 2007	January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2010
January 2008	January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2011

Top Ten Myths about Maintaining Your ASHA Certification – CCC-SLP

Myth 1: You must accumulate 30 Continuing Education Units (CEUs).

Contact Hour	Calculation
1 contact hour	.1 ASHA CEU
10 contact hours	1 ASHA CEU
15 contact hours	1.5 ASHA CEUs or 1 semester hour or 1.5 quarter hours
20 contact hours	2 ASHA CEUs
30 contact hours	3 ASHA CEUs or 2 semester hours or 3 quarter hours

You need 30 *contact hours*, not 30 CEUs. When calculating CEUs, college credit, and contact hours, you can use the following chart:

A contact hour is equal to one clock hour, i.e. 60 minutes.

Myth 2: You must use ASHA-approved programs and CEUs to meet the requirement.

In addition to ASHA CEUs, you may use any combination of employer-sponsored in-service activities, college coursework, and other organizations' continuing education activities. You will not earn ASHA CEUs for these activities; however, you may use them as contact hours towards meeting the professional development requirement. Also, you do not need ASHA's approval for non-ASHA continuing education activities.

Myth 3: I can pay the CE Registry fee and ASHA will keep track of my in-service activities too.

Only activities offered through an ASHA-approved CE Provider can be recorded on the ASHA CE Registry. If you choose to maintain certification through any of the other options available, you will be responsible for keeping your records, submitting your activities to ASHA, and if audited, submitting a copy of your documentation of attendance. If you do use the ASHA CE Registry and ASHA-approved CE Providers, you will not be required to report your activities or provide documentation of attendance.

Myth 4: ASHA will not accept the kinds of educational activities we have at our in-services.

ASHA will accept your in-service activities as long as they occur within your 3-year maintenance interval and if the activity gives you new knowledge and skills and/or enhances your current knowledge and skills. Activities need to be in the area of or related to

speech-language pathology, audiology, and/or the speech/language/hearing sciences. An example of an acceptable in-service activity in a hospital setting is Grand Rounds. An example of an acceptable in-service activity in a school setting is a presentation about autism or literacy.

Myth 5: States have to listen to ASHA and change their renewal requirements to match ASHA's certification maintenance requirements.

Since ASHA has no jurisdiction over state licensing and education boards, it is unlikely that state regulatory agencies will change their requirements and effective dates to coincide with ASHA's certification maintenance requirements. State regulatory agencies are autonomous bodies with the primary responsibility of determining the best ways to protect the individuals who live in that state.

Myth 6: I have to take college courses for my state requirements but ASHA will not give me credit for them.

ASHA will accept all college course work from regionally accredited colleges and universities. Courses may be at the associate's level, bachelor's level, master's level, and doctoral level. As long as the course is completed during your 3-year maintenance interval, ASHA will accept it. You may also audit a course. Colleges designate the credits they grant by quarter hours or semester hours; 3 quarter hours are equivalent to 30 contact hours and 2 semester hours are equivalent to 30 contact hours. You will need to report college course work to ASHA using the Recording Keeping Form (go to http://www.asha.org/NR/rdonlyres/4D677003-0C5A-4E57-B28F-8980C79FDD4F/0/24296_1.pdf). If you are audited, you will need to provide a copy of the transcript as your documentation of attendance.

Myth 7: I do not think my certification will lapse if I fail to earn the required hours by the end of my 3-year maintenance interval.

Certification will lapse at the end of your 3-year maintenance interval if you have not complied with the certification maintenance requirement; that is, accumulated 30 contact hours during your 3-year maintenance interval and are current with your annual dues and fees. If you have extenuating circumstances preventing you from meeting the requirement, contact the ASHA national office to request an appeal prior to the end of your interval.

Myth 8: When I'm audited, ASHA's going to tell me some of my activities will not count.

The audit will not include an evaluation of the content or types of activities certificate holders are using to meet the requirement at this time. The audit's purpose is to determine whether or not significant numbers of certificate holders accumulated the 30 contact hours during the 3-year maintenance interval. ASHA will be collecting the information reported on the Record Keeping Form to identify the different ways certificate holders have chosen to accumulate their professional development contact hours. The Council for Clinical Certification will review this information when they begin their regular review of certification standards.

Myth 9: I am going to have a lot of paper work and record keeping to do.

All certificate holders will have to complete is a Compliance Form at the end of each 3-year maintenance interval confirming they met the requirements. The compliance Form will be available after the summer of 2005 via the web, email, and U.S. mail. A small percentage of individuals will then be randomly selected for audit. Individuals who are members of the ASHA CE Registry will not be required to report activities or to submit documentation of attendance if they are randomly selected for audit. Individuals who are not members of the ASHA CE Registry will be required to report activities using the Record Keeping Form in addition to providing the Compliance Form. Only individuals who are audited will be required to submit a copy of documentation of attendance.

Myth 10: There's nothing on ASHA's web page and no one at ASHA who I can call to find out more about the certification maintenance requirements.

Guidelines for Maintaining Certification in Speech-Language Pathology	0803077 http://www.asha.org/about/membership-certification/certification/maintain-ccc.htm
Record Keeping Folder	0803076 (\$5.00 fee)
Record keeping form	0803112 http://www.asha.org/about/membership-certification/certification/maintain-ccc.htm
Verification of attendance form	http://www.asha.org/about/membership-certification/certification/maintain-ccc.htm
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