

# Pennsylvania State Board of Speech-Language and Hearing Administrators Newsletter

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## Message from the Chairperson

By Amy S. Goldman, MS, CCC

Welcome!

This issue introduces you to the many new board members. We are delighted that the board now has full representation of the professions, including – for the first time in several years – a teacher of the deaf/hard of hearing.

As we approach the end of the first year of the biennial renewal cycle, the board office is wrapping up its first cycle of continuing education audits. While it was a bit of a bumpy experience for some licensees, we trust that our efforts to educate all licensees on the continuing education requirements have paid off. Please feel free to suggest additions to the "[Frequently Asked Questions](#)" (FAQs) about license renewal by contacting the board, as these can serve as a handy reference. With just a little more than a year to go before you need to have met the next 20 hours of continuing education, take the time now to see how many hours you have accrued and begin to plan for obtaining the rest! The FAQs details the many different ways you can earn these hours.

As you may know, your professional associations have introduced legislation to update the practice of speech-language and hearing professionals in the commonwealth. We encourage you to keep informed about the content and progress of the proposed legislation, and become aware of its impact on your license.

## Meet New Board Members

### Clifford N. Steinig, D.O.

Clifford N. Steinig, D.O., of Dauphin County, is serving in his first term as a member of the board. He is a graduate of Albright College, where he pursued the pre-med curriculum. He received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from the Kansas City College of Osteopathic Medicine.

His internship was at Tri-County Hospital in Springfield,

Delaware County, and his residency in Otorhinolaryngology was at Cherry Hill Medical Center in Cherry Hill, NJ. He is Board Certified in Otorhinolaryngology, Facial Plastic Surgery and Otolaryngic Allergy. He has been in private practice in Harrisburg since 1975 and is currently practicing with Associated Otolaryngologists of Pennsylvania with offices in Camp Hill, Hershey and Harrisburg.

### James Shafer, Au.D.

James Shafer, of York County, is serving his first term on the board. He received his master's degree from Temple University and doctoral degree from the Arizona School of Health Sciences. He has been in private practice for the past 25 years in the Central Pennsylvania area. He served on the Pennsylvania Academy of Audiology board for eight years, most recently as the past president. Goals for his role include ensuring quality audiology services for all in need of hearing and vestibular services.

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