

## Presidential Address - February 2007

Monday, 12 February 2007

### President's Message

On behalf of the ArSHA Executive Board, I extend hearty greetings for the New Year! May this year overflow with fulfilling experiences for you.

In December of 2006, the Audiology Task Force was already garnering its energies in preparation for the time when House Bill 2439 would be in legislative hands. The New Year began and the Bill is now in legislative hands. Audiologists and ArSHA lobbyist Jason Isaak have been busily monitoring and discussing the intricacies of getting this Bill passed. I have been privy to the flurry of e-mails between the members of the Audiology Task Force and I marvel at their enthusiasm, camaraderie, and comments. ArSHA President-Elect, Audiologist Debra Venkatesh is out of the country for a couple of weeks and I can imagine the amount of e-mails awaiting her. Read the current information about House Bill 2439 on the ArSHA website AND please contact your legislator in support of this Bill.

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The National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association (NSSLHA) chapters in Arizona have been very active in professional and community based activities. One of their activities is reaching out to undergraduates at orientation with information on careers in Audiology and Speech and Language Pathology. ArSHA Public Relations Chairperson Kim Robinson has e-mailed several ArSHA slps around Arizona to help "spread the word" about speech pathology and audiology at high school career fairs. Will you volunteer your time to speak with high school students at your school district's career fair? If so, Kim would love to hear from you! Please contact her at kimecko@yahoo.com

Convention planning is progressing very well. The Convention Committee has organized a program with something for everyone. The convention is not only a time to gain information and establish connections but also to recognize individuals for their service to ArSHA and our professions or who have contributed significantly in their area of expertise. Please read the article on the various honors given at the ArSHA business meeting and do consider nominating a deserving individual for recognition.

The New Year also reminds us that several Executive Board positions will need to be filled for the next term starting July 1st. Past-President Amy Heck is already recruiting potential candidates with the intention of having Spring elections and a full slate of Board members to be introduced at the convention business meeting. Way to go Amy!

Respectfully Submitted,

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