

Nebraska Speech-Language-Hearing Association



Fall Road Shows--We're Coming To You!!!



Don't Miss Out On This Unique Opportunity

Meet With Your Local Senators Along With Fellow Members and Colleagues to Learn About Being Involved in Advocacy and Discuss Issues That Are Vital To Your Profession



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This is a FREE event, but please register on page 2 or register online at www.nslha.org. A light meal will be provided.

Wednesday, October 5th, 2016
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
ESU # 13
4215 Avenue I
Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Thursday, October 6th, 2016
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
ESU # 16
1221 W. 17th Street
North Platte, Nebraska

Wednesday, October 12th, 2016
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
CHI St. Francis Conference Room 2
2620 W. Faidley Avenue
Grand Island, Nebraska

Thursday, October 13th, 2016
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Barbara Weitz Community
Engagement Center-UNO Campus
Omaha, Nebraska

Wednesday, October 19th, 2016
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
LPS District Office ESU # 18
5905 O Street
Lincoln, Nebraska

Thursday, October 20th, 2016
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Columbus Wellness Center
3912 38th Street
Columbus, Nebraska

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Learning Objectives:

- ▶ Increase awareness of Nebraska's legislative process.
- ▶ Gain a better understanding of legislative and regulatory issues impacting the speech-language-hearing profession.
- ▶ Learn how to respond to calls to action and build effective relationships with federal and state lawmakers.
- ▶ Learn how to work with legislators to reduce barriers impacting the ability to deliver speech therapy and audiology services.
- ▶ Become successful advocates with lawmakers, regulators and other professional stakeholders through face-to-face meetings, social media, and other communication vehicles.

Agenda:

6:00-6:30 p.m. Legislative Updates from Your State Senators - Senators Brett Lindstrom, Robert Hilkemann and Merv Riepe at Region 1; Senators Roy Baker, Kate Bolz and Patty Pansing Brooks at Region 2; Senator Paul Schumacher at Region 3; Senators John Kuehn and Matt Williams at Region 4; Senator Mike Groene at Region 5 and Senator John Stinner at Region 6

6:30-7:00 p.m. "Advocacy: The Power of a Strong and Effective Voice for Your Clients" - Presented by Rich Lombardi, Eric Gerrard, Cindy Johnson and Jessica Thoene

7:00-7:15 p.m. "The Power of NSLHA as Your State Advocacy Leader" - Presented by Shari DeVeeney and Marc Brennan

7:15-8:00 p.m. Roundtable Discussions on Relevant Issues Currently Impacating the Speech Language-Hearing Profession

Please indicate which Road Show you will be attending:

- Wednesday, October 5th, in Scottsbluff
- Thursday, October 6th, in North Platte
- Wednesday, October 12th, in Grand Island
- Thursday, October 13th, in Omaha
- Wednesday, October 19th, in Lincoln
- Thursday, October 20th, in Columbus

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Students: Graduate _____ Undergraduate _____	Audiology _____ Speech-Language Pathology _____



The Nebraska Speech-Language-Hearing Association is approved by the Continuing Education Board of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) to provide continuing education activities in speech-language pathology and audiology. See course information for number of ASHA CEUs, instructional level and content area. ASHA CE Provider approval does not imply endorsement of course content, specific products or clinical procedures.

Earn 0.2 ASHA CEUs
(Intermediate, Professional
related area)

Presenters

Senator Brett Lindstrom, District # 18

Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2014
Education: Graduate of Millard West High School, 1999; University of Nebraska at Lincoln. (B.S. in history), 2004
Occupation: Financial advisor
Committees Standing: Banking, Commerce & Insurance; Natural Resources; Nebraska Retirement Systems
Special: Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact; State Tribal Relations, Chairperson
County: Douglas

Speaker Disclosure Statement:

Senator Lindstrom has no financial relationships relevant to his presentation.
Brett Lindstrom is the Senator for District # 18 and has no non-financial relationships to disclose.



Senator Robert Hilkemann, District # 4

Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2014
Education: Graduate of Randolph Public High School, 1965; Nebraska Wesleyan University (B.S. in Biology), 1969; Illinois College of Podiatric Medicine (D.P.M. cum laude), 1976
Occupation: Retired podiatrist
Committees Standing: Appropriations, Vice Chairperson
County: Douglas

Speaker Disclosure Statement:

Senator Hilkemann has no financial relationships relevant to his presentation.
Robert Hilkemann is the Senator for District # 4 and has no non-financial relationships to disclose.



Senator Merv Riepe, District #12

Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2014
Education: Graduate of Griswold High School, 1960; University of Nebraska at Omaha (B.S. in Finance), 1968; University of Iowa (M.A. in Health Policy and Management), 1970
Former: Hospital and health care manager.
Committees Standing: Agriculture; General Affairs; Health & Human Services
Special: Legislature's Planning
County: Douglas

Speaker Disclosure Statement:

Senator Riepe has no financial relationships relevant to his presentation.
Merv Riepe is the Senator for District # 12 and has no non-financial relationships to disclose.



Senator Roy Baker, District # 30

Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2014
Education: Graduate of Benedict High School, 1963; University of Nebraska at Lincoln (B.S.), 1967, (M.Ed.), 1970 and (Ed.D.) 1977
Occupation: Partner, Baker and Rastovski School Services, LLC
Committees Standing: Education; Health & Human Services
Special: Education Commission of the States
Counties: Gage & Lancaster

Speaker Disclosure Statement:

Senator Baker has no financial relationships relevant to his presentation.
Roy Baker is the Senator for District # 30 and has no non-financial relationships to disclose.



Presenters

Senator Kate Bolz, District # 29

Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2012

Education: Graduate of Palmyra High School, 1997; Nebraska Wesleyan University, 2001;
University of Michigan (M.S.W.), 2005

Occupation: Executive director, Nebraska Association of Service Providers (NASP);
Professor, Nebraska Wesleyan University

Committees Standing: Appropriations

County: Lancaster



Speaker Disclosure Statement:

Senator Bolz has no financial relationships relevant to her presentation.
Kate Bolz is the Senator for District # 29 and has no non-financial relationships to disclose.

Senator Patty Pansing Brooks, District # 28

Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2014

Education: Graduate of Lincoln Southeast High School, 1976; Colorado College, 1980;
University of Nebraska College of Law (J.D.), 1984

Occupation: Attorney, co-founder and vice president, Brooks, Pansing Brooks, PC, LLO

Committees Standing: Education; Judiciary

County: Lancaster



Speaker Disclosure Statement:

Senator Pansing Brooks has no financial relationships relevant to her presentation.
Patty Pansing Brooks is the Senator for District # 28 and has no non-financial relationships to disclose.

Senator Paul Schumacher, District # 22

Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2010; re-elected 2014

Education: Graduate of Humphrey St. Francis, 1969; Platte College (Associate degree),
1971; Fort Hays State College (B.S., summa cum laude), 1973;

Georgetown University (J.D.), 1976

Occupation: Attorney; president, Community Lottery Systems, Inc.; vice-president,
Community Internet Systems, Inc.

Committees Standing: Banking, Commerce & Insurance; Revenue, Vice Chairperson

Select: Committee on Committees; Rules

Special: Legislature's Planning, Vice Chairperson

Counties: Colfax, Platte, Stanton



Speaker Disclosure Statement:

Senator Schumacher has no financial relationships relevant to his presentation.
Paul Schumacher is the Senator for District # 22 and has no non-financial relationships to disclose.

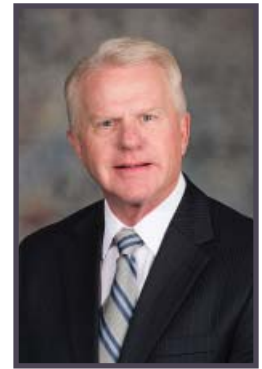
Presenters

Senator Matt Williams, District # 36

Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2014
Education: Graduate of Gothenburg High School, 1967; University of Nebraska at Lincoln (Business Administration), 1971; University of Nebraska College of Law (J.D.), 1974
Occupation: Banker
Committees Standing: Banking, Commerce & Insurance, Vice Chairperson; Judiciary
Counties: Buffalo, Custer, Dawson

Speaker Disclosure Statement:

Senator Williams has no financial relationships relevant to his presentation.
Matt Williams is the Senator for District # 36 and has no non-financial relationships to disclose.



Senator John Kuehn, District # 38

Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2014
Education: Graduate of Minden High School, 1992; Hastings College (B.A. in biology), 1996
Kansas State University (D.V.M.), 2000
Occupation: Rancher, veterinarian, professor
Committees Standing: Appropriations
Special: Legislative Performance Audit, Vice Chairperson
Counties: Buffalo, Clay, Franklin, Kearney, Nuckolls, Phelps, Webster

Speaker Disclosure Statement:

Senator Kuehn has no financial relationships relevant to his presentation.
John Kuehn is the Senator for District # 38 and has no non-financial relationships to disclose.



Senator Mike Groene, District # 42

Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2014
Education: Graduate of Dodge High School, 1973; University of Nebraska at Lincoln (B.S. in Agricultural Economics), 1977.
Occupation: Territorial sales manager
Committees Standing: Education; Government, Military & Veterans Affairs; Nebraska Retirement Systems
County: Lincoln

Speaker Disclosure Statement:

Senator Groene has no financial relationships relevant to his presentation.
Mike Groene is the Senator for District # 42 and has no non-financial relationships to disclose.



Senator John Stinner, District # 48

Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2014
Education: Graduate of Montour High School, 1969; University of Nebraska (B.S. in Business Administration) 1973; and (M.A. in Economics) 1976
Occupation: Banking chairman and CEO, Valley Bank and Trust Co.
Committees Standing: Appropriations
Special: Building Maintenance, Vice Chairperson
County: Scottsbluff

Speaker Disclosure Statement:

Senator Stinner has no financial relationships relevant to his presentation.
John Stinner is the Senator for District # 48 and has no non-financial relationships to disclose.



Presenters

Rich Lombardi

Rich is the Chairman of American Communications Group, Inc. Uniting skills in statutory research analysis, strategic organizational communications, and government relations Rich brings four decades of political expertise to national, regional and state clients seeking successful statutory policy in Nebraska. Born in Boston, Massachusetts he became a political science graduate of Nebraska Wesleyan University and while there was elected President of their Student Affairs Senate. Rich furthered his education through specialized training in media, community organization, tax research and renewable energy at the New School of Social Research in New York City, the Industrial Areas Foundation in Chicago, the George Meany Center in Washington D.C. and the Solar Energy Research Institute in Golden, Colorado. Appointed by several Nebraska Governors to committees to distribute funds for recycling, alternate energy, trails development, historic preservation and conservation practices Rich has been active in public service work throughout Nebraska. Following an appointment to the Board of Directors of a major public utility, Rich and Julie Erickson created American Communications Group, Inc. in 1985.



Speaker Disclosure Statement:

Rich Lombardi works for American Communications Group, Inc., and receives a contractual fee as NSLHA's lobbyist. Rich Lombardi represents NSLHA with legislative advocacy issues and has no other non-financial relationships to disclose.

Eric Gerrard

Eric serves as legal counsel and as a registered lobbyist for ACG, Inc. He is able to provide state level lobbying for all clients while also utilizing his legal expertise on compliance issues, election law and legislation relating to municipalities. Eric was born in Norfolk, NE and raised in Lincoln. After completing his undergraduate degree in Advertising at the University Nebraska Lincoln, Eric moved to Chicago and worked at the corporate headquarters for OfficeMax in corporate communications and online marketing. Following his time in Chicago, Eric moved to San Diego to attend law school and received his law degree from the University of San Diego School of Law in May of 2012. While in law school, he spent a summer as a law clerk for a corporate law firm in Cape Town, South Africa and also clerked for a summer at Bartle and Geier Law Firm in Lincoln. Upon graduation Eric returned to Lincoln to practice law. It was at that time he connected with ACG, Inc. and took a strong interest in the Nebraska Unicameral and the public policy side of the law. He is active in the community and serves on numerous non-profit boards.



Speaker Disclosure Statement:

Eric Gerrard works for American Communications Group, Inc., and receives a contractual fee as NSLHA's lobbyist. Eric Gerrard represents NSLHA with legislative advocacy issues and has no other non-financial relationships to disclose.

Presenters

Cindy Johnson, Au.D., NSLHA's Legislative Affairs Committee Co-Chair

Cindy Johnson, Au.D. is currently a Pediatric Audiologist at Children's Hospital & Medical Center in Omaha. She has been there for 8 1/2 years. Prior to that, she worked in private practice for 17 years, with 5 of those in a practice she started in Norfolk. Cindy is currently co-chair of the Legislative Affairs Committee and a member of the Insurance and Reimbursement Committee. She is a Past President of NSLHA and has also served on the Continuing Education and Public Relations Committees.

Speaker Disclosure Statement:

Dr. Johnson has no relevant financial or nonfinancial relationships to disclose.

Jessica Thoene, M.S. Ed., CCC-SLP, NSLHA's Legislative Affairs Committee Co-Chair

Jessica Thoene is a native of Kearney, Nebraska. She received her Master's Degree in Speech Pathology from the University of Nebraska at Kearney in 2003. She is an owner of outpatient clinics. She has experience in treating in a variety of settings and diagnoses, including neurologic, pediatrics, skilled nursing, outpatient and acute care. Jessica serves as co-chair of the Legislative Affairs and Insurance and Reimbursement Committees for the Nebraska Speech-Language-Hearing Association, advocating for patient access to therapy services. She represents the state on the ASHA StAMP and STAR committees.

Speaker Disclosure Statement:

Financial Disclosure Statement: Jessica Thoene, M.S., Ed., CCC-SLP has no financial relationships relevant to the content of her presentation.

Non-Financial Disclosure Statement: Jessica Thoene, M.S., Ed., CCC-SLP has no non-financial relationships to disclose.

Shari DeVeny, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, NSLHA President

Shari DeVeny is an assistant professor in the Special Education and Communication Disorders department at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Her undergraduate work was completed at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln (UNL), masters at Kansas State University, and doctorate at UNL – all in speech-language pathology. Prior to graduating with her doctorate in 2012, she spent about 10 years as a practicing clinician, working mainly in early childhood and K-12 educational settings in Nebraska, Kansas, and Texas. Her research focus revolves around young children at risk for communication delays, including toddlers slow to begin speaking (late talkers). This year, she is honored to be serving as President of the Nebraska Speech-Language-Hearing Association (NSLHA).

Speaker Disclosure Statement:

Financial Disclosure Statement: Shari DeVeny, Ph.D., CCC-SLP has no financial relationships relevant to the content of her presentation.

Non-Financial Disclosure Statement: Shari DeVeny, Ph.D., CCC-SLP is currently the President of the NSLHA Executive Board. This is an unpaid volunteer position.

Marc Brennan, Ph.D., CCC-A, NSLHA President-Elect

Marc Brennan, Ph.D., CCC-A graduated with a Master's degree in Audiology from the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 2001. He completed his clinical training at Boys Town National Research Hospital. After his training, Marc worked as an audiologist at Boys Town and at the VA in Madison, Wisconsin. In 2011, Marc completed his Ph.D. at the University of Washington, where he studied the effects of amplification on the perception of temporal cues. Currently he works in the clinic as an audiologist at Boys Town National Research Hospital and conducts research examining the perceptual consequence of amplification on the perception of temporal cues, spectral cues, and speech.

Speaker Disclosure Statement:

Financial Disclosure Statement: Marc Brennan, Ph.D., CCC-A, has no financial relationships relevant to the content of his presentation.

Non-Financial Disclosure Statement: Marc Brennan, Ph.D., CCC-A, serves on the Boards of Nebraska Hands & Voices, NSLHA, and the Department of Health & Human Services Hearing Instrument Specialists. These are unpaid volunteer positions.

