

ARTICLE VIII - COMMITTEES

Section 1 - Creation

The President of the Association shall be empowered to appoint committee chairpersons with the approval of the Board of Directors, as provided in Article VI, Section 5. Committee chairs shall function as the appointed officers.

Section 2 - Liaison Committee

- a. The function of this committee will be (1) to establish and maintain liaison between NSLHA and related professional service organizations and professionals within the State; (2) to facilitate liaison between NSLHA and ASHA; and (3) to help solve problems of interdisciplinary relationships and responsibilities on a state and local level.
- b. The membership of this committee shall consist of all chairs of the standing committees of the Association as specified in Article VIII, Section 3-9. The President-Elect will be the Chairperson of the Liaison Committee.

Section 3 - Legislative Affairs Committee

- a. The function of this committee shall be (1) to study existing state, federal and national legislation which may affect NSLHA or its members, (2) to establish and maintain communication with Board of Directors and membership, and (3) take action as approved by the Board of Directors.
- b. The membership of this committee shall be appointed by the Chairperson.

Section 4 - Nominating Committee

- a. The function of this committee shall be to formulate a slate of nominations for all elected officers of this Association in accordance with Article VI, Section 2.
- b. The membership of this committee shall consist of a chairperson and the six Regional Representatives.

Section 5 - Clinical Services Committee

- a. The function of this committee shall be (1) to establish and maintain communication with the Board of Directors and membership with regard to current practices and issues relative to speech, language, and hearing services in clinical settings and (2) to monitor, review, and recommend Association action on state, federal and ASHA legislation which has implications for speech/language pathologists and audiologists working in clinical settings.
- b. The membership of this committee shall consist of a minimum of three members, with the chair(s) appointed according to the Board of Directors' policy, and should consist of:
 1. Speech/language pathologists and audiologists working in clinical settings; and,
 2. These professionals will represent a broad geographic area.

Section 6 - Schools Committee

- a. The function of this committee shall be (1) to establish and maintain communication with the Board of Directors and membership with regard to current practices and issues relative to speech, language, and hearing services in the schools and (2) to monitor, review, and recommend Association action on state, federal, and ASHA legislation which affects speech/language pathologists and audiologists working in school environments.
- b. The membership of this committee shall consist of a minimum of three members, with the chair(s) appointed according to Board of Directors' policy.

Section 7 - Honors Committee:

- a. The function of this committee will be to solicit nominations for recognition by the membership and select individuals and/or organizations to receive recognition by the Association.
 - 1. Recognition shall include, but not be limited to, individuals or organizations that have offered outstanding support to individuals with communication disorders and special awards offered by ASHA and the American Speech-Language and Hearing Foundation (ASLHF).
 - 2. Honors of the Association (the highest honor the Association can bestow) recognizes distinguished contributions to the field of speech, language, and hearing and participation in NSLHA.
 - 3. Recognition of NSLHA members and/or organizations and/or individuals that have offered outstanding support to NSLHA and/or the field of speech, language and hearing.
- b. The membership of this committee shall consist of all Regional Representatives. The President-Elect will be the Chairperson of the Honors Committee.

Section 8 - Public Relations Committee:

- a. The function of this committee shall be:
 - 1. To establish and maintain communication with the Board of Directors NSLHA membership and other related professions with regard to the promotion of the Association and the fields of audiology and speech-language pathology;
 - 2. To promote the purpose of the Association and the professions through the use of appropriate media including radio, television, print and internet sources;
 - 3. To promote Better Hearing and Speech Month in Nebraska with appropriate professional and consumer organizations including arranging for a child/adult to be chosen as the Association's representative; and
 - 4. To be responsible for all aspects of the annual Senators' Breakfast.
- b. The membership of the committee shall consist of a minimum of two members with the chair(s) appointed according to Board policy.

Section 9 – Continuing Education Committee:

- a. The function of this committee shall be:
 - 1. To establish and maintain communication with the NSLHA board and membership regarding continuing education needs and opportunities via print and electronic media, and
 - 2. To provide the NSLHA membership with continuing educational opportunities to promote professional development at least two times per year.
- b. The membership of the committee shall consist of the Vice-President who serves as the chair, the Vice-President-Elect, and NSLHA members representing speech-language pathologists and audiologists in educational and clinical settings across a broad geographical area.