

Miechelle McKelvey, Ph.D., CCC-SLP
Candidate Statement

Miechelle McKelvey earned a Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Doctor of Philosophy, Communication Disorders. Area of emphasis: Acquired Neurogenic Disorders and Augmentative Alternative Communication. She earned an M.S. Ed. From the University of Nebraska-Kearney in Speech-Language Pathology. Dr. McKelvey also earned a B.S. in Communication Disorders from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.



Dr. McKelvey is the Communication Disorders Department Chair and Professor at the University of Nebraska-Kearney. She was previously Associate Professor, Assistant Professor and Adjunct Professor-Clinical Supervisor.

Dr. McKelvey was previously a Clinical Speech-Language Pathologist at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney; and was a Speech-Language Pathologist at Grand Island Public Schools as well as Howard Elementary in the Wood River Public School District.

Dr. McKelvey said, "I have previously served on this board (faculty representative-student organization at UNK) and am knowledgeable about the programs and activities of the Association. I believe I have demonstrated the qualities of sound judgment and the ability to facilitate discussions in the multiple leadership positions I have held on campus (faculty senate, general studies committee, coordinating council, academic affairs.) Membership on these committee requires active participation, a willingness to see another point of view, and informed debate."

Please review [NSLHA's Long-Range Strategic Plan](#) and describe how you would like to be involved in using your experience and expertise to help achieve the goals in the plan.

"I believe I can contribute to the focus areas in the strategic plan (e.g., advocacy, membership growth and engagement, networking/professional development and financial health) by actively connecting with key stakeholders about issues that impact services in the medical and school settings. I will do this by keeping abreast of legislative activities, informing the membership, and seeking/supporting individuals within the organization that can represent our viewpoint at critical gatherings. Advocacy is at the heart of my practice, and I look forward to this opportunity in the organization. I believe that supporting/connecting and professionals, stakeholders, and students in academic, professional programs is an excellent way to promote membership and identify contributions of NSHLA to these individuals. The financial health of an

organization is critical to moving forward with the areas mentioned above. I have experience in managing a large budget and will seek the assistance of other board members to keep the organization solvent and progressing toward our goals.

I want to thank the board in advance for consideration of my application and the opportunity to serve as president-elect.”