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# KSHA Communicator

## Evaluating Convention 2010



Thanks to all who participated in the 2010 KSHA Convention. We had approximately 1,400 people in attendance this year and according to the evaluations, the Convention was quite successful. I want to assure all of you that took the time to fill out the evaluation forms that we do review this information and use it to plan for future Conventions. I want to take this opportunity to once again thank the Convention Planning Committee for their hard work prior to and during the Convention. We could not have one of the largest state Conventions in our area of the country without the countless hours of volunteer support.

I will mention a few of the highlights of the Convention based on your comments. Many of you were amazed and touched by the Keynote Address given by Cyndi Masters. She has been through the unthinkable and continues to view the world in such a positive manner. Her message of perseverance resonated with many in the audience. The Awards Luncheon was a nice time to reflect on what our colleagues are accomplishing in different areas of the field. We were able to honor students and fellow professionals at this event. I was personally pleased that you were able to meet David Housel to hear his message to *Live, Love, Laugh and Never Give Up*. He is a living example of overcoming obstacles to succeed and it was a pleasure to hear his touching and humorous speech. We were also pleased that Barbara Hodson was able to present in the area of phonology. This may be the last time many of us will hear her present as she discussed the possibility of retirement. You expressed that you received many therapy ideas that you could implement quickly. The Smart Board presentation by Matt Simons, Shannon Schieder, Sharon Napier-Pearson and Becky Wright was also very successful and you indicated that you wanted more information on this subject at the next Convention.

We are already looking forward to the 2011 Convention which will be held in Covington. There were many people that expressed concern about the location for the Convention as it is a longer distance for some to travel. In order to have facilities that meet the needs of the KSHA members, we make reservations for the Conventions two to three years in advance. KSHA is in the process of evaluating each Convention site and will make future decisions based on the information from the 2010-2012 Conventions. I hope many of you will make the extra effort to attend the Convention. In that same area, you had concerns about the University of Kentucky basketball game and the Tim McGraw concert during our Convention and how this affected the attendees. I can assure you that the Convention location was booked long before the basketball game and concert were scheduled. We have little control over what other activities are going on at the venues when we are there. We tried to be proactive and let you know via email as soon as we knew that these events were going on so that you could plan accordingly.

It is now easier than ever to get involved in the planning of the KSHA Conventions. We had the majority of our meetings via webinar so you can participate from anywhere in the state. If there are things that you would like to see changed or speakers that you would like to hear, I urge you to contact the KSHA Office about the ways you can volunteer for the Convention. I will be working with the new Convention Planning Committee as a liaison and am open to your suggestions as well.

In closing, I would like to share one more horse-themed quote with all of you.

***"In riding a horse, we borrow freedom."* – Helen Thompson**

I hope that you found new ideas to implement in your practice from your attendance at the 2010 KSHA Convention. I wish you all the freedom to do just that!

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# Message From the President



**Greetings KSHA members,**

**A**fter a wonderful Convention, everyone's back in their routine, but still talking about the great time in Lexington. The Convention Planning Committee, Co-Chaired by Margaret Cain-Miracle and Becky Goss, did an outstanding job. The program was exceptional. The Keynote Address and Awards Luncheon Address were thought-provoking and entertaining. The Friday social event was great fun.

No detail was overlooked so attendees could have a great professional and social experience. To everyone who participated in the Convention planning and preparation, please accept my heartfelt thanks on behalf of KSHA.

A special congratulations goes to Becky Vinson, who received the Honors of the Association at the Awards Luncheon for her dedication to our field and her leadership in many roles over the years, including Convention Chair (twice) and KSHA President. Our successes as an organization today are due in large part to Becky's efforts over the years.

Congratulations also to Mary Lloyd Moore who is the 2010 recipient of the Clinical Achievement Award. What an outstanding example of dedication and excellence! Kentucky will be well represented at the national level for the DiCarlo Award.

I want to thank the KSHA officers with whom I have had the honor and pleasure of working this year: Doug Keefe (President Elect), Jeff Holbrook (Secretary), Anne Swinford (Treasurer). This group of individuals has made a great team and you, the members, should be proud of the quality of professionals you have elected to serve you as KSHA officers. While we all hold our offices through June 30, I wanted to take this time to publicly thank them for all their hard work, particularly since they have contributed so much during the Convention. Speaking of Officers, on August 1, Doug Keefe will take over as President, Secretary will be Lisa Coleman, and Treasurer will be Tammy Cranfill. Please give them your congratulations and support for the upcoming year.

House Bill 376 (the salary supplement bill for SLPs and audiologists) was introduced in the State House on February 3. On February 8, it went to the Education Committee and on March 2, it was put on consent calendar, which simply means that the bill should pass the House quickly and without any obstacles. The next step is Senate. All members are strongly urged to contact their state senator to urge him/her to vote for the bill when it gets to the Senate. Please review the information on the KSHA website homepage ([www.ksha.info](http://www.ksha.info)) for information about Bill Watch. You will hear me make reference to House Bill 376 as the Keefe Bill because of Doug Keefe's tireless work for the past four legislative sessions. He has almost single-handedly gotten the bill to this point and we are all very grateful for his efforts. So look for updates on the Keefe Bill in the very near future.

Again, thank you all for a wonderful Convention and support of your Officers and Executive Council.

**Lonnie Harris**  
*President*



# KSHA- PAC

## What is KSHA-PAC?

The Kentucky Speech-Language Hearing Association Political Action Committee (KSHA-PAC) is a non-profit, unincorporated, and non-partisan committee of speech-language pathologists and audiologists. The KSHA-PAC operates as a separate legal entity which can receive and distribute contributions to Kentucky Election campaigns.

The purpose of KSHA-PAC is to encourage and facilitate participation by members of the profession in the policy making process. Another purpose is to support candidates for state office whose records and policy positions demonstrate that they work to further the goals of the Association in areas such as education and healthcare.

## Why is KSHA-PAC needed?

Legislation enacted by Congress can have important consequences for members of the profession and persons with speech, language and hearing disorders. This committee provides our profession with an important vehicle for participating in the political process and helping to choose members of government who share in our policy goals. Also, the committee helps to provide members in our profession with a means of registering their views on state issues by supporting candidates who espouse positions favorable to people with communication disorders and disabilities.

## How You Can Participate?

Participation in KSHA-PAC by all speech-language pathologists and audiologists is encouraged, but involvement is always an individual and voluntary decision. Individuals become involved with KSHA-PAC by making a contribution of any amount to the Committee. They receive acknowledgment of their contribution and news of the PAC's activities.

Participants can be confident that their contributions will be used to support political candidates who will further the goals of health and education professionals and people with disabilities.

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# KSHA 2010 Convention: Reflections from the Pediatric Program Chair

American writer, Peter F. Drucker, once stated, "Follow effective action with quiet reflection. From the quiet reflection will come even more effective action." As the 2010 KSHA Convention comes to an end, I hope that you will heed these words of wisdom and reflect upon the knowledge gained from attending this year's Convention. The 2010 Pediatric Program was developed in an effort to provide several opportunities for learning and professional growth. Focusing on the Convention theme of **Beating The Odds, Reaching Your Potential**, the Convention Planning Committee sought to identify obstacles practitioners are facing and to provide training opportunities to address these issues. From implementation of the Response to Intervention educational framework to Childhood Apraxia of Speech, the program provided practical instruction in a variety of important topics for pediatric practitioners. I am hopeful that you experienced several "ah ha" moments as you learned of a new therapeutic technique or thought of the practice of speech-language pathology in a novel or different way. I encourage you to capitalize upon this new learning and make plans to discuss your reflections with colleagues. Whether it is an informal discussion over lunch or a formal training presented to co-workers, continued dialogue and consideration of this year's Convention will only contribute to our learning and strengthen our practice. The Convention Planning Committee is looking forward to reviewing the input received from evaluations as we reflect upon ways to strengthen Conventions in the future. It is our hope that our reflection will lead to "even more effective action" as KSHA will continue to supply one of the best state Conventions in the nation!

**Kellie C. Ellis, M.A., CCC-SLP**  
2010 Pediatric Program Chair

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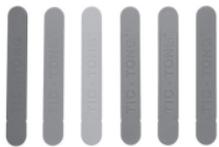
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## KSHA Silent Auction

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our University NSSHLA groups for another successful KSHA Silent Auction!

We implemented several changes this year and will take forward the successes from attendees, students and Silent Auction Chair. Food and drink were enjoyed by many as we networked, reconnected with friends and supported our student groups in their fund raising efforts for great community projects! We all enjoyed the acoustic entertainment of Wayne Whitehouse which provided a fun musical background and set a relaxed atmosphere for the evening.

We still have some "kinks" to work out that will further streamline the check-out process, but all in all, the auction went smoothly and participants were out in time for dinner and to enjoy the rest of their evening plans. (If Rupp Arena had not been hosting a home game that night, our departure from Silent Auction would have been even smoother! I can't believe Coach Cal didn't call me about the conflict in schedule!! GO CATS!!!)

Also considering that generally, the economy has been tight for everyone, including KSHA members, we really "showed up" to support the auction and the NSSHLA groups are being issued checks in the following amounts:

**Silent Auction Totals:**

Murray State University	\$281
University of Kentucky	\$1067
Eastern Kentucky University	\$837
KSHA	\$109
WKU	\$356
UofL	\$830
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$3475</b>

Thanks a BIZILLION to each person who planned, attended, supported and gave your time, energy and support to a great event! Our Northern Kentucky hosts will be positioned well to kick it up a notch for the 2011 Convention!



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