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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY: Vickie Pullins

Summer is fleeting and fall is fast approaching which means it is almost time for our 31st NCSB conference which will be held at Tysons Corner Marriott on Leesburg Pike in Vienna, Virginia, on October 4-6, 2018. Kerri Phillips, President Elect, has worked tirelessly to put together an agenda for our conference that will broaden our horizons.

The conference will equip and encourage us to "Fight the Good Fight- Regulating AUD/SLP in the Anti-Regulatory Ring". Because we are all facing numerous challenges as legislators across the nation introduce and promote legislation to consolidate and/or eliminate regulatory boards, this conference will be of utmost importance to all board members nationwide.

We will be hearing from Kathy Arney from the North Carolina physical therapy board about the physical therapy compact and from Elliot Vice regarding the nursing compact. Rick Masters and Daniel Logsdon will return again this year to update us on the compact that NCSB has been leading, along with ASHA support and support from other professionals, for speech-language pathologists and audiologists.

Nathan Standley will be our keynote speaker addressing how antitrust laws have facilitated a national deregulation movement against occupational licensing. He will also help us to develop a working knowledge of the primary groups behind the deregulation agenda and the policies they are advancing. A feature of the conference will be an update on the National Practitioner Data Bank presented by William West from HRSA.

In addition to this session, Mr. West will participate in a panel discussion with Board administrators as they discuss scenarios related to appropriate coding for reporting violations and sanctions to the NPDB. One of the highlights of each NCSB conference for me is the state information exchange where we will hear from each state represented, their greatest challenges and their sweetest victories over the past year.

In this deregulation climate, this session is poised to be one of our best. Tysons Corner is a great venue for our conference as it close to a wide variety of renowned shopping and dining destinations. Within less than a mile from the hotel is the Tysons Corner Mall known for its many shops and restaurants.

Vienna is also close to numerous places to visit in Washington, DC, so plan to take advantage of sightseeing opportunities while you are so close to DC.

We are excited to provide a venue for you to acquire more knowledge equipping you to return to your respective states to advocate for occupational licensure and the protection of consumers since the primary purpose of NCSB is to:

- Facilitate communication and interaction among state boards
- Promote the protection of consumers
- Stimulate interest in and discussion of issues pertaining to licensure boards
- Provide a forum for discussion
- Assist licensing boards in fulfilling statutory, professional and ethical obligations
- Promote uniform standards for licensure

So, put on your boxing gloves, weigh in and join me at ringside to bob and weave with numerous hooks and jabs as we counterpunch and hope to win the main event for consumer protection and occupational licensure. This fall conference will advance our purpose and equip us for the battles that lie ahead in our respective states. See you at Tysons Corner!

Respectfully,

Vickie Pullins, NCSB President

NCSB TO PRESENT POSTER SESSION AT ASHA

Please view the NCSB poster during the ASHA Convention. Plan to attend and share your licensure experiences with others who have an interest in licensure. The poster will include demographic data on a number of topics, including continuing education, hearing aid dispensing, telepractice, universal licensure, support personnel, and others. Handouts will be provided, as will a listing of web addresses for audiology and speech-language pathology boards.

“Licensure Compacts in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology: Enhancing Service Delivery”

Session Number 6152, Poster Board 274
 Thursday, November 15, 2018
 4:30-6:00 PM
 Location: Hall C, Boston Convention & Exhibition Center

Hope to see you in the Convention Center in Boston.

NCSB 2019 BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTION RESULTS

NCSB is pleased to announce the results of the recent ballot and vote for the following Board positions:

<p>President Elect Gregg Thornton, Ohio</p>	<p>Directors (3) Jayme Pultro, Arkansas Rachel Thompson, Wyoming Nahale Kalfas, North Carolina</p>
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Terms for the above positions will begin in January. NCSB would like to thank each candidate along with the outgoing Board/Committee members for their interest and dedication to serving the Speech - Language Pathology and Audiology community.

NCSB's 31st ANNUAL CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 4-7, 2018, TYSONS CORNER, VIRGINIA

Registration brochures announcing the 31st annual NCSB Conference have been mailed. If you or your state board did not receive one of the brochures, a registration form and hotel information are included in this newsletter. As in past years, a pre-conference workshop on Training for Board Members will be held on Thursday, October 4, 2018, and the one and one-half day conference will follow on October 5 & 6. NCSB invites boards to participate in both the board training and the conference. Following is a synopsis of the pre-conference workshop and the conference.

Visit the conference website at <http://www.ncsb.info/2018/schedule> to view the schedule or download a registration form.

Venue

<http://www.ncsb.info/2018/venue>

Conference Hotel
Tysons Corner Marriott
8028 Leesburg Pike
Tysons Corner, VA 22182

P: 703-734-3200

Guest Room Group Rates: Single/Double: \$139, per night, not including taxes (additional charges may apply for triple/quad). The group rate is available through September 13 or when rooms sell out.

Room Reservation Procedures:

[Click to reserve](#) your room online or contact the hotel directly at 703-734-3200, mention the NCSB Conference to receive the group rate. The group rate is available through September 13 or when rooms sell out.

Registration

<http://www.ncsb.info/2018/registration>

CONFERENCE FEE (includes continental breakfast and lunch on Friday, plus breaks)

- Individual from National Council member state - \$325
- If more than one individual from member state - \$300
- Individual from non-member state - \$500

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP (Includes refreshment break and flashdrive with NCSB Reference Manual)

- Training for Board Members-Individual from member state - \$210.00
- Training for Board Members-Individual from non-member state - \$300.00

Registration Cancellation

Refunds due to cancellation will be processed as follows:

- On or before September 13: 90% of registration fees
- After September 13: No refund due to cancellation

Sponsorship & Exhibits

<http://www.ncsb.info/2018/sponsorship>

An exhibit table (\$450) includes one conference registration. Exhibits will be open for the duration of the conference. Contact Kerri Phillips NCSB President-Elect, at kphillip@latech.edu for additional information. The sponsorships listed below do not include an exhibit table.

- Keynote Speaker Sponsorship - 2 @ \$1,500 each
- Council Luncheon at Conference - \$1,000
- Breakfast - \$1,000
- Morning/Afternoon Breaks - \$500
- Program Sponsorship:
 - Platinum Level - \$2,000
 - Gold Level - \$750
 - Silver Level - \$500
 - Bronze Level - \$100

Schedule

<http://www.ncsb.info/2018/schedule>

Time	Thursday, October 4
	Pre-Conference Workshop - Training for Board Members (Additional Fee Required)
Time	Friday, October 5 (subject to change)
8:00 - 8:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration & Continental Breakfast
8:30 - 8:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Card; Welcome and Introductory Remarks</i> Vickie Pullins, NCSB President Kerri Phillips, NCSB President-Elect
8:45 - 10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Counterpunch; KEYNOTE SPEAKER</i> Nathan E. Standley, Esq., CIPP/US
10:00 - 10:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BREAK
10:15 - 11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Weigh In; National Practitioner Data Bank</i> William West, HRSA

11:00 - 11:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bobbing and Weaving; Administrator Panel Jolie Jones, LA Patti Nesbitt, WV Gregg Thornton, OH William West, HRSA
11:30 - 1:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saved by the Bell; LUNCH and CORPORATE BUSINESS MEETING
1:00 - 2:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Split Decision; Compact Update Dan Logsdon, CSG Rick Masters, CSG
2:15 - 2:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BREAK
2:30 - 3:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coming Around the Turn; PT Compact Kathy Arney, North Carolina Physical Therapy Board
3:30 - 4:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hook and Jab; Updates Lynn Flahive & Todd Philbrick, CFCC Adam Finkel, AAA Kathy Pruner, ETS
Time	Saturday, October 6 (subject to change)
8:30 - 10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main Event; State Information Exchange Amy Goldman, Facilitator, PA <p>A state representative should come prepared to speak for 5 minutes on successes and challenges in the respective state.</p>
10:30 - 10:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BREAK
10:45 - 11:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ringside; Enhanced Nursing Licensure Compact Elliot Vice, Director of Government Affairs, Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact
11:45 - 12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Bell; Wrap-up and 2019 Preview Vickie Pullins and Kerri Phillips

LICENSURE COMPACTS

NCSB has been involved in the development of licensure compacts designed to facilitate practice across borders. A working group has been formed within NCSB, and plans are also underway to construct a similar committee that will include a representative from NCSB as well as individuals from professional associations. Kerri Phillips is spearheading the NCSB efforts and is also assisting in the facilitation of the national working group.

Note: The following articles are reprints from a previous newsletter. More information regarding the licensure compact will be made available at the 31st NCSB Conference in Vienna, Virginia.

NCSB: State Compacts

Dialogue continues with NCSB, the Council of State Governments (CSG), and ASHA regarding interstate compacts for Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists. Since the September NCSB meeting in New Orleans, the CSG Speech-Language Hearing Advisory Group members have been engaged in monthly phone conferences as well as a face-to-face meeting in October at the CSG offices in Washington, DC.

Members of the CSG Speech-Language Hearing Advisory Group include a diverse group of audiologists, speech-language pathologists, executive directors, and state legislators. The following attendees participated in the face-to-face meeting in Washington:

Audiologists	Miranda Ross (GA) - Board Chair, Aud Florence Cueno (AL) - Board Chair, Aud Nancy Pajak (WY) - Board Member, Aud Richard Cram (NM) - Board Chair, Aud
State Legislators	Sen. Stephan Pappas (WY)
Speech-Language Pathologists	Luis Riquelme (NY) - Board Past Chair, SLP Sherry Sancibrian (TX) - Board Chair, SLP Julia Lidgard (UT) - Board Member, SLP
Executive Directors	Erin Haag (OR) - Board ED Gregg Thornton (OH) - Board ED
Board Attorneys	NahaleKalfas (NC) - Board Attorney
NCSB	Kerri Phillips (LA)
Department of Defense	Marcus Beauregard - DOD
Council of State Governments	Mike McCabe - CSG Dan Logsdon - CSG John Mountjoy - CSG
ASHA	Susan Adams

The group was led in discussion by Mike McCabe, CSG, to discuss if a need existed for an interstate compact for the professions of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology. The group identified many reasons for a compact including: telepractice/rural needs, military spouses, costs of multiple licenses, consumer protection, portability of licensure, and disciplinary information sharing/database. The Advisory Group reviewed and

discussed three different compact models: Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact, and the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact.

Further discussion centered around what should be included in a compact for audiologists and speech-language pathologists. The Advisory Group discussed the need to be able to address the purpose of the compact; the types of licenses that should be given and who grants them; how one qualifies for a license; how disciplinary actions would be addressed; could reinstatement occur after a disciplinary action; the types of information to include in databases; telehealth requirements; structure of a compact commission including its power and duties; and how to finance a commission.

What are the next steps?

During the February 14, 2018 teleconference meeting, the Advisory Group decided to move to the next step which is to move discussion to a drafting team. The charge of the drafting team will be to begin developing the compact using the Advisory Group's recommendations. On March 20th, the Advisory Group will review the charge to the drafting team and the members of the drafting team.

NCSB: State Compacts Update

The NCSB Task Force has met and is currently working on a draft compact. Ayn Stehr, Task Force Chair, drafted the initial document and presented it to committee members. Committee members have reviewed the document, and discussions are on-going with the draft compact. The draft compact is designed as a starting point for the discussion of a compact in our professions. The draft compact will be shared with the NCSB Board of Directors and the membership for additional input upon completion. Remember that this is a process that will take time (years) to develop and finalize.

Things are moving quickly with the Council of State Government (CSG) Advisory Committee. The invitations have been sent to the potential members of the CSG Advisory Committee. Daniel Logsdon, CSG, Kerri Phillips, NCSB, and Susan Adams, ASHA have held several phone conferences regarding meeting dates for the initial Advisory Committee meeting. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for either the first or second week of October.

The task force has held a number of conference calls, as well as a face-to-face meeting. These reports will be presented at the NCSB Conference.

The following table represents occupational licensing bills that were presented across the country this past year. More information can be obtained from accessing the specific web sites.

State Abbreviation, Senate/House Bill #, (additional info)	Date	Passage
AZ SB 1273 (petition the board)	5/16/2018	(S) Signed into law
AZ SB 1470 (sunrise)	5/4/2018	(H) Died upon adjournment
AZ SCR 1037 (right to engage in occupation)	5/4/2018	(S) Died upon adjournment
CA AB 2409 (petition the board)	4/17/2018	(A) Re-referred to Com. on B. & P.
CA AB 2483 (active supervision)	5/17/2018	(S) Referred to Com. on JUD.
CO SB 236 (least restrictive regulation)	5/3/2018	(H) House Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Postpone Indefinitely
IL HB 3320 (least restrictive environment)	4/28/2017	(H) Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee
IL HB 3451 / SB 1228 (review)	3/31/2017 3/17/2017	(H) Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee (S) Rule 3-9(a) / Re-referred to Assignments
IL SB 2776 (sunrise)	5/3/2018	(S) Rule 3-9(a) / Re-referred to Assignments
IN HB 1299 / SB 399 (least restrictive regulation)	01/16/2018 3/14/2018	Died upon adjournment
KY HB 50 (comprehensive review)	4/13/2018	(H) Died upon adjournment
KY HB 465 (oversight)	4/13/2018	(H) Died upon adjournment
LA HB 372 (active supervision)	5/30/2018	(S) Signed into law
LA HB 748 / SB 494 (review)	5/30/2018 4/13/2018	(H) Signed into law (S) Died upon adjournment
LA HB 825 / SB 504 (right to earn a living)	4/16/2018 4/24/2018	(H) Died upon adjournment (S) Died upon adjournment
MI HB 6114 (least restrictive environment)	6/6/2018	(H) referred to Committee on Regulatory Reform
MN HB 2225 / SB 1776 (regulation)	5/20/2017 5/20/2017	(H) Died upon adjournment (S) Died upon adjournment
MO HB 1719 (least restrictive regulation)	5/18/2018	(H) Passed both houses
MO HB 1928 / SB 677 / SB 835 (least restrictive regulation)	5/18/2018 5/18/2018 5/18/2018	(H) Died upon adjournment (S) Died upon adjournment (S) Died upon adjournment
MO HB 2312 (defense against regulation)	5/18/2018	(H) Died upon adjournment
NE LB 299 (least restrictive regulation)	4/23/2018	Signed into law
NE LR 401 (interim study)	4/18/2018	Died upon adjournment
NH HB 1685 (oversight)	4/5/2018	(S) Roll Call Vote #167; Question/Motion: Inexpedient to Legislate

NJ AB 2810 (active supervision)	2/1/2018	(A) Introduced 1st Reading Assembly Referred to Regulated Professions
NJ AB 3358 / SB 2352 (active supervision)	2/12/2018 4/5/2018	(A) Introduced 1st Reading Assembly Referred to Regulated Professions (S) Introduced 1st Reading Senate Referred to Commerce
OH HB 289 (comprehensive review)	9/12/2017	(H) Refer to Committee
OK SB 1174 / SB 1475 (review)	5/3/2018 5/7/2018	(H) Died upon adjournment (S) Signed into law
VA HB 880 (least restrictive regulation)	01/26/2018	(H) Passed by indefinitely in Rules
WI AB 369 / SB 288 (oversight)	3/28/2018	(A) Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1; (S) Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1

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