

# How the ASLP-IC will Clear Regulatory Barriers in Speech- Language Pathology and Audiology

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# Commission Governance

- **Inaugural ASLP-IC Commission Meeting (Virtual)**
  - January 12-13, 2022
  - Delegates from 14 member States
  - Approve initial bylaws (structured on basic compact operating requirements)
  - Elect Executive Committee
  - Committee Assignments (Executive, Finance, Rules, Compliance)
  - Basic needs for moving forward discussed
- **Initial Operations**
  - CSG provides basic operational structure (communications, meetings, etc.)
  - Committee meeting schedules organized (monthly meetings)
  - Committees/Leadership – all unpaid volunteers (Delegates)
  - Memorandums of Understanding with ASHA, AAA, ADA to provide funding
  - Selection of Secretariat (NCSB) for financial management and some operational duties (Oct. 2022)

# Commission Governance

- **Ongoing Operations (First Year)**

- Rules committee amends Bylaws, writes initial Rules (EC Approval, Commission Approval)
- Finance Committee proposes initial budget
- Executive Committee works on legal representation, data system discussions, executive director duties
- ASLP-IC Legal Counsel selected
- Initial discussions on data system with Nursing Licensure Compact Commission (NLCC)
- Special Full Commission Meeting May 2, 2022
  - Vote on Rule on Rulemaking
  - Ex-Officio members appointed
  - Five additional delegates appointed
  - Secretariat/Funding decisions
  - Urgent rules and/or By-Law amendments

# Commission Governance

- **Ongoing Operations (First Year - Continued)**
  - Secretariat sets up financial accounts (Spring 2023)
  - Operating funds received from AAA, ADA, ASHA, per MOUs (Spring 2023)
  - Finance Committee restructures 1st year budget, begins drafting FY 2024 budget
  - Executive Committee continue discussion on ED requirements and with NLCC on data system
  - Rules committee continues work on bylaws, rules, definitions, data set reporting requirements
  - CSG and EC begins search for other data systems (with United States Digital response assistance)
  - Second Special Full Commission Meeting April 23, 2023
    - Delegate Code of Conduct
    - Bylaw amendments, rule on definitions, data set reporting requirements
    - Approve first year budget

# Commission Governance

- **Ongoing Operations (First Year - Continued)**

- Executive Committee begins national search for Executive Director candidates
- Ad Hoc Committee formed to review Executive Director candidates and make recommendations to EC
- RFP for Data Systems completed and Executive Committees of ASLP-IC, Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact, and Counseling Licensure Compact agree to jointly issue and initially fund Data System RFP
- Rules committee continues work on bylaws, rules, definitions, and criminal background check requirements
- Joint EC/FC/RC meeting approves Draft Fiscal year 2024 budget and recommends Bylaws change for Fiscal year
- Second Annual Full Commission Hybrid Meeting scheduled (October 7<sup>th</sup> 2023)

# Commission Governance

## **Challenges still facing Operationalization of the ASLP-IC**

- Selection of Executive Director, training, and assumption of duties
- Selection of Data System and provision of overall funding for cost of data system - including possible grants
- Getting all member states connected to data system
- Issues facing criminal background check requirements
- Where the Commission will be housed (possibly dependent on Executive Director)
- Assumption of responsibility for ongoing financial operation of the ASLP-IC (how fees will be structured and collected)
- Structuring Annual Review process

# ASLP-IC Commission Meetings Information

## All ASLP-IC Commission Meetings are open to the Public

- Executive Committee Meeting
  - Fourth Monday of each month at 4:00 PM ET
- Finance Committee Meeting
  - First Friday of each month at 12:00 PM ET
- Rules Committee Meeting
  - Second Thursday of each month at 2:30 PM ET
- Full Commission Meeting
  - Scheduled as necessary
- Full Schedules, Registration, Agendas and Minutes are shared at:  
<https://aslpcompact.com/>

# Legislative Update

- Six additional states joined the ASLP-IC in 2023, bringing the total number to 29
  - Arkansas
  - Virginia
  - Washington
  - Montana
  - Vermont
  - Maine



# 2024 Legislative Plans

- Alaska
- Arizona
- Connecticut
- Florida
- Hawaii
- Illinois
- Massachusetts
- Minnesota
- New York
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- Wisconsin

# ASHA's Role with ASLP-ICC

- ASHA has contracted with CSG since 2017 to help develop and implement the compact. These contracts run through 2026 and surpass \$1,000,000 including staff salaries.
- ASHA leads the legislative efforts to pass the compact in additional states.
- ASHA has an MOU with the ASLP-ICC to fund 79% of their operations for three years, up to \$680,190.
- ASHA holds the national speech-language pathology ex officio seat on the Commission's Executive Committee
- ASHA will hold the national audiology ex officio seat in 2024 as it rotates among the three audiology organization

# NCSB's Role with the ASLP-ICC

- Serve as Ex-officio member of executive committee
- Serve as Secretariat for ASLP-IC
- Support the ASLP-IC

# ADA's Role with the ASLP-ICC

# AAA's Role with the ASLP-ICC