



President's Note – February 2019

Hello DSHPSHWA Members,

I can't believe the Annual DSHPSHWA Meeting and National EHDI Meeting are just a month away! We are excited to see everyone in Illinois! Here are a few brief reminders and updates on the upcoming Annual DSHPSHWA Meeting.

Annual DSHPSHWA Meeting

The 2019 Annual DSHPSHWA Meeting will be Saturday, March 2, from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. There is a \$75 registration fee for the meeting, which includes one free instructional session during the National EHDI Meeting. Use Promo Code "INSTRUCT1" when registering to redeem this offer for a free instructional session.

State Gift Exchange! We will be having a state gift exchange during the Annual DSHPSHWA meeting for those who want to participate. Bring an easy to transport item, \$10 or under, that is unique from your state. You can bring the item wrapped or unwrapped to the meeting and we will facilitate a fun gift exchange for the group!

Grant Writing Workshop (Wednesday Instructional Session)

The DSHPSHWA Communication and Outreach team has been working hard to put together a great grant writing workshop that will be held Wednesday, March 6, from 8am-3pm, as an instructional course for the National EHDI Meeting. The workshop will cover strategies to help you write high-scoring, successful grant applications. Lunch will be provided to those who attend the workshop.

You can register for the DSHPSHWA Grant Writing Workshop/instructional course when you register for the 2019 National EHDI Meeting. Visit the [DSHPSHWA website](http://www.dshpswha.org) for more information about how to register.

DSHPSHWA Board Open Positions

DSHPSHWA members will be electing new officers to the [DSHPSHWA Board of Directors](http://www.dshpswha.org) at the upcoming Annual DSHPSHWA Meeting. Please consider joining the board! It's an excellent opportunity to develop relationships within EHDI, have a voice in decisions being made nationally, and advocate for your colleagues in EHDI.

Below are the primary duties for each open position. However, all officers work collaboratively and support each other's activities. I've also included the term for each position and who is in that role now. Please feel free to contact them directly to learn more.

President Elect

Current Officer: Brian Shakespeare (brian.shakespeare@dhw.idaho.gov)

Term: 1 year as President Elect (then 1 year as President and 1 year as Past President, for a total of 3 years)

Duties:

- Work in partnership with the board of directors to develop the DSHPSHWA Annual Meeting agenda and budget.
- Represent DSHPSHWA on the [Deaf and Hard of Hearing Alliance \(DHHA\)](#).
- Participate on the National EHDI Meeting Planning Committee.
- Assume the duties of the President in the absence of the President or during a vacancy in that position.

Vice President - Archives

Current Officer: Ginger Mullin (ginger.mullin@illinois.gov)

Term: 2 years

Duties:

- Develop and maintain a topical reference file of all motions, resolutions, amendments, policies, procedures, or similar actions.
- Keep documents of historical relevance (minutes, program agendas, membership lists, etc.).
- Receive copies of all correspondence received or sent on behalf of DSHPSHWA.

Vice President - Membership

Current Officer: Kirsten Coverstone (Kirsten.Coverstone@state.mn.us)

Term: 2 years

Duties:

- Recruit new members to DSHPSHWA who meet eligibility requirements.
- Develop and update membership application.
- Update the membership directory each year based on participants at the DSHPSHWA Annual Meeting and send the directory to DSHPSHWA members within 60 days of the annual meeting.
- Keep the board of directors informed of additions, deletions, or changes to membership.

Vice President - Communication and Outreach

Current Officer: Stacy Jordan (Stacy.Jordan@partner.vermont.gov)

Term: 2 years

Duties:

- Lead and coordinate the Communications and Outreach Team. This three person team includes:
 - Vice President – Communication and Outreach (this officer)
 - Member-at-Large – Education and Outreach
 - Member-at-Large – Website and Technical Development

- Work collaboratively with the Communications and Outreach Team on activities that involve professional development for DSHPSHWA members and outreach to members and potential members.

Member-at-Large - Education/Outreach

Current Officer: Cathy Lester (Cathy.Lester@ky.gov)

Term: 2 years

Duties:

- Works collaboratively with the Communications and Outreach Team on activities that provide continued professional development for DSHPSHWA members.
- Work collaboratively with the Communications and Outreach Team on activities that involve outreach to members, potential members, and other interested individuals through social media and other communication platforms.

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for any of these positions, please contact Marcia Fort (DSHPSHWA Past President) at marcia.fort@dhhs.nc.gov.

Please feel free to contact me or any of the DSHPSHWA board members if you have any questions about the upcoming DSHPSHWA Meeting or Grant Writing Workshop. I wish you all the best during this busy next month and look forward to seeing everyone soon!

Sincerely,

Karin Neidt, DSHPSHWA President