

American Board of Audiology Announces New 2014 Officers and Members of Board of Governors

New slate of officers and new board of governors' member to set strategy for the American Board of Audiology and the profession in 2014.

Reston, VA (<u>PRWEB</u>) February 10, 2014 -- The American Board of Audiology® (ABA) has a new slate of officers and a new member for 2014, all of whom will work closely with staff of the organization to help support the vision of the organization and set its strategy for the future, according to Torryn Brazell, MS, CAE, and ABA managing director.

"We appreciate and value the professionalism and expertise our board members contribute to the ABA," said Brazell. "Their leadership is vital as we work to enhance mastery of the field through continued and lifelong learning. Our Board of Governors gives freely of their time and thought leadership to help the ABA to convey the importance of certification, which is a vital component to successfully demonstrating expertise in the field of audiology."

The new officers for the ABA Board of Governors include:

Chair, Mindy K. Brudereck, AuD, who co-owns Berks Hearing Professionals, LLC in Elverson, PA, is ABA Board Certified in Audiology and a faculty member at West Chester University, and an adjunct faculty member at Salus University. Dr. Brudereck was recently elected President-Elect of the Pennsylvania Academy of Audiology, and is an American Academy of Audiology State Leaders Network Committee Chair and Chair of the American Academy of Audiology Professional Practices Strategic Documents Sub-Committee.

Vice Chair, John A. Coverstone, AuD, is president and CEO of Sentient Healthcare, an audiology consulting company. He is ABA Board Certified in Audiology, is the clinical audiologist at Innsbruck Hearing & Balance Center in New Brighton, MN, and the educational audiologist at the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf in Faribault. Dr. Coverstone has served on the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Academy of Audiology and the Sight & Hearing Association, St. Paul. Dr. Coverstone is Chair of the American Academy of Audiology Governmental Relations Committee and serves on the Governmental Relations Committee of the Minnesota Academy of Audiology.

Immediate Past Chair, Angela S. Pond, AuD, LtCol, USAF (ret), is ABA Board Certified in Audiology and is a staff audiologist at the Portland VA Medical Center. A former President of the Military Audiology Association (2004), LtCol Pond provided audiological support throughout the lifespan, as well as resident training, hearing conservation program management, and hearing aid rehabilitation for children and adults. She retired in 2009 after serving as Chief, Audiology and Speech Pathology Clinic, at three major DoD Medical Centers, as well as serving as Chief, Occupational Health Clinic at a base with a civilian workforce of 25,000.

Member, Meagan Lewis, AuD, earned her ABA Cochlear Implant Specialty Certification (CISC®) in 2011 and also holds the credential Board Certified in Audiology. Dr. Lewis is the clinical manager of Audiology at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem, NC. She received her Doctorate in Audiology from the University of North Carolina and serves on the North Carolina Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Dr. Lewis provides services across the lifespan and has particular interests in diagnostics and cochlear implants.



About the American Board of Audiology® (ABA)

An autonomous organization, the American Board of Audiology (ABA) is dedicated to enhancing audiological services to the public by promulgating universally recognized standards in professional practice. The ABA encourages audiologists to exceed these prescribed standards, thereby promoting a high level of professional development and ethical practice. To help meet that goal, the ABA administers the Board Certified in Audiology, Pediatric Audiology Specialty Certification (PASC), and the Cochlear Implant Specialty Certification (CISC), all of which are voluntary certification programs. These certifications were created by and are administered by ABA-certified audiologists.



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