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Dear CSAPer,

The Speech Language Hearing Association of Virginia (SHAV) is exploring and researching the use of a more formalized selection process for conference Call for Paper submissions. The SHAV conference committee is looking for ideas and/or examples of CFPs assessment tools.

If you have a sample you are willing to share, we would greatly appreciate it.

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If you are interested in collaborating on this kind of endeavor, we would love to have you join us.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Hello,

The California Speech Language and Hearing Association, contracted this year with Omni-press they specialize in abstract management software, so far we have been very happy with the vendor. I understand FLASHA also uses Omnipress.

Good Luck,

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Hi Shannon and Amber!

My name is Christie LaCharite and I am the current President-Elect of the Kentucky Speech Language Hearing Association. In addition, I am one of the co-chairs of our upcoming 2016 Annual KSHA Convention on Communication Disorders. After reading your question below, I wanted to try to explain our process.

We receive the Call for Papers from our wonderful management team (Craven Management in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania). After we receive them, the co-chairs sit down with our Craven point person

via phone conference. The schedule for the convention is already complete with invited speakers. Our point person then “shares” her computer with us digitally. We all work together on the Call for Papers submissions and plug in the ones that we feel will draw people in. If we already have coverage of one of the topics, we try to move it to another day so that we can make sure not to upset anyone.

Does that all make sense? If not, I would be happy to give you a call and explain it better. Sometimes explaining things in an email isn't effective.

Please feel free to ask me any other questions that you have about our process. We feel that this is successful.

Thanks so much,  
Christie LaCharite  
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