

The Role and Responsibilities of ASHA Licensing Network Representatives

Mission Statement: The mission of the Licensing Network is to monitor the actions and deliberations of the state licensing boards of speech-language pathology and audiology in order to promote a heightened awareness of licensing issues within their states, to share information with ASHA, and to ensure that the interests of both the professional as well as the consumer are protected in state law and regulations.

Licensing Network Representatives Should:

Between the two of them, (the speech-language pathologist and audiologist representative) be aware of what is being discussed at every board meeting.

Licensing Network representatives accomplish this by:

- Reviewing board meeting agendas
- Attending meetings as necessary
- Reviewing board meeting minutes

Licensing Network representatives should know or find out:

- The names, terms of office and constituency represented for each board member
- Procedures used by the board to change regulations
- Current issues of concern
- Date, if any, of next sunset review
- Dates and times of meetings

Have Regular Contact with ASHA

One of the representatives should send a short email to Susan Pilch at spilch@asha.org after every board meeting with a brief summary of the topics of discussion

Know When to Send Immediate Notification to ASHA

Notify ASHA immediately if you come across the following “red flag” terms in language that is up for review/revision

- American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA)
- Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC)
- American Academy of Audiology (AAA)
- American Board of Audiology (ABA)
- “Other national accreditation organization”

Prepare and Submit Oral or Written Testimony on Pertinent Board Actions

ASHA can help you develop talking points and share strategies that have worked in other states.

Know When Vacancies Will Arise on the Board

Make sure that you are aware when board vacancies will arise and how candidates are selected for these vacancies. Is your state association one of the groups called upon to submit names for such vacancies? If not, explore how you may go about doing so.

