

ECHO



**The New Brunswick Association of
Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists**

**Happy
May
Month!**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Michelle Lanteigne

Hello to all of you :)

I'm still amazed at how much work there is to do on the Executive to answer the members' requests. I want to let you all know that we've decided the best way to do this is by focusing on the *Regulation* aspect of the strategic planning. As you have seen, the main initiatives are the following :

- Review registration requirements and the registration process and implement the required changes to our rules and by laws.
- Re-activate and recruit volunteers for the Legislation Committee.
- Update and implement the continuing competence program and audit process.
- Review the complaints process and develop and implement a communication strategy for members and the public.

Once again, we need volunteers to help us! This is the best way to keep our Association strong! I'll try to keep you up to date with our initiatives on the website.

Michelle Lanteigne
President of NBASLPA

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PUBLISHING INFORMATION

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NEXT SUBMISSION DEADLINE:**June 30, 2014 (pending new Editor)**SUBMISSIONS/ ENQUIRIES

Letters to the Editor, commentaries, and other submissions (including photos) are welcome. The Editorial Board reserves the right to edit submissions for length and clarity. Please forward submissions to:

Echo Editor (VACANT)

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Employment and business advertisements will be published according to the fee schedule below. Educational opportunities are advertised free of charge. For more information, please contact Diane DeCoste at the NBASLPA office.

PROCEDURE:

- ❶ Advertisers will be charged as follows:

business card	\$25.00
quarter page	\$50.00
half page	\$100.00
full page	\$200.00
- ❷ Fees must be received prior to publication. A copy of the newsletter containing the advertisement will be sent to the advertising agency at their request.
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Regional Updates

Campbellton Area

S-LPs from the Francophone Nord-Est School District are proud to welcome Émilie Gallant, our new rehab assistant. We hope she has a lot of fun while working with us!

Miramichi Area

We would like to extend a big congratulations to Lori Tucker (S-LP) and her husband Brad on the birth of their son Will Robert John Kenny, born December 14. He weighed 5 pounds, 11 ounces. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to Kelsey Manderville (S-LP) who is replacing Lori while on maternity leave.

Moncton, Saint John, Fredericton, Upper River Valley, Chaleur, Restigouche, and Edmundston Area

Hope to hear from you next time!



Executive Updates & Reminders

Letter from the Editor:

Hello, fellow NBASLPA members! I just wanted to let you know that this will be my last edition of the Echo. I've taken on the role as editor for two years and now it's time for me to embark on a new adventure: motherhood! My husband and I are expecting our first child, a son, this June. It's been my pleasure to bring you the latest updates from our association. I got to know many audiologists and S-LPs from the various regions (not always in person but it felt like it sometimes!) and have enjoyed every step of the way. Currently, we have no volunteers to fill my role. Should anyone be interested in becoming the new editor of the Echo, please feel free to email the association at nbaslpa@nb.aibn.com. Little training is required and this would be a great opportunity to get to know fellow members and to channel your creative side.

I hope everyone has a warm and restful summer!

Cheers,

Lindsay

Anyone interested in **chairing (or co-chairing) the 2015 AGM & Conference Committee**? This is a great opportunity to bring in speakers you think may be of interest to you and your colleagues, encourage new approaches, and work with your colleagues on a fun project! The good news is that planning is already underway for the 2015 event! If you have questions or if you're interested in volunteering, contact Jennifer O'Donnell at jennifer.odonnell@vitalitenb.ca.

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News from Training Trust Fund (TTF)

The TTF Board received a total of 10 eligible applications for the two individual bursaries available for 2014. The random draw was done on February 13, 2014. We are pleased to announce that Mélanie Volpé O'Brien and Marie-Lyne Lussier-Drapeau were selected at random to receive the bursaries (up to \$900 each). Congratulations to Mélanie and Marie-Lyne!

Based on the return and value of our investments in 2013, the Board has decided that \$3000 would be available for funding requests to organize educational events in 2014. All TTF documents (guidelines and forms) are available on the NBASLPA website in the member's section. If you have any questions or comments, do not hesitate to contact any one of the board members.



Current board members are: Paula Murray (co-chair), Francine Cormier (co-chair), Patty Campbell-Guitard, Annie Giasson and Mélanie Chiasson, NBASLPA Treasurer.

Know an audiologist or speech-language pathologist who deserves recognition for his/her achievements? Do words like “excellence,” “commitment,” “contribution,” and “expertise” come to mind when you think of that person? Consider nominating him/her for a NBASLPA award!

- **Clinical Excellence Award (Audiology)**
- **Clinical Excellence Award (Speech-Language Pathology)**
- **Student Supervision Award (Audiology)**
- **Student Supervision Award (Speech-Language Pathology)**
- **Margaret Christie Lifetime Achievement Award**

Forms are available on the NBASLPA website:

<http://www.nbaslpa.ca/nbaslpa-documents/awards/>.

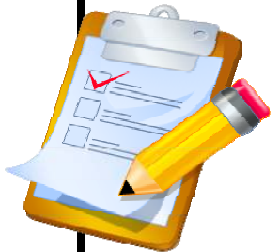
The nomination deadline is August 15.



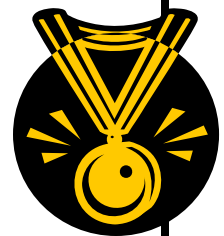
NBASLPA Award Nomination Tips



- Start early!
- Pretend that the judges know nothing about the nominee. We can't score based on what we know about someone anyway!
- Read the criteria in the intent section of the award descriptions. Contact committee chairs if you have any questions or if you need more information.



- Use the criteria as a guide because this is what scores will be based on! Be sure to include specific examples that relate to the criteria.
- Ask the nominee if he/she has a portfolio of newspaper clippings, articles featuring his/her work, research, projects, etc. that you could photocopy to include in the nomination. Ask to see his/her CV or resume for information you could use in the nomination.
- Ask colleagues, parents, supervisors, etc. to submit a letter or email of support. You can share helpful information with the writers too.
- Review the nomination yourself or have someone else look it over before you send it in.



If your nominee is not chosen this year, **TRY AGAIN NEXT YEAR!**

Francisca Morneault-Rouleau & Jennifer O'Donnell
Awards & Recognition Committee Co-Chairs

Getting to Know Who?

Matthew Box

Where are you from?

I am from the west side (the best side) of Saint John, NB. Both the hospital I was born in and the house I grew up in are demolished now. Kind of makes me feel old :-), or maybe they could not survive without me.

Where did you go to undergrad/grad school?

I completed my undergrad at St. Thomas University. Many years later, my family and I moved to Halifax where I completed the Audiology program. This was truly the most fearful event I have ever entered but was a rewarding accomplishment. By no means was this an independent adventure.

Where did/do you work?

I was employed by what is now called Horizon Health Network at the Upper River Valley Hospital in Waterville, N.B., just outside of Hartland from 2008-2012. Since 2012, I have been self-employed as a co-owner of Ritcey Hearing in Woodstock, N.B. with a clinic in Grand Falls as well.

What population?

I have always seen all age groups, but since going private, I rarely see paediatrics now.

What are your top 3 therapy tools?

I always do as much objective testing as possible. So I regularly perform OAE and acoustic reflexes along with audiometer testing. For amplification, I like using perceived needs and wants with lifestyle questionnaires.

Fondest memory as a clinician to date?

I have 2, both are very similar. Both have tinnitus, both are young, both wanted a cure and both had been seeking help before seeing me. I told both the truth that I can not, and will not, cure their tinnitus but I would help with management strategies. One left very informed and went on to write my boss a letter explaining my blunt honesty's helpfulness. Apparently, the truth and hope I gave him was what he needed. The other person was so overwhelmed by my direct truth that she cried with happiness and gave me a huge hug. I provided her direction and ownership of her tinnitus. Helping people gain control over what they perceive as having no control over, inspires me.

If you won the lottery, what's the first thing you'd do?

Get rid of my debts and build a house that is functional for my wife's abilities.

If you could learn to do anything, what would you do?

I would like to be able to equalize my middle ear space under water. Seems simple but I cannot scuba dive. I have tried 2 times which is too bad because I love underwater life and swimming.

Anything inspiring to share with members?

Forget, yes, forget; that is how I live and forgive.

Choose one other NBASLPA member. What is your favourite thing about that person?

My wife fully and absolutely for everything including her natural personality to have no prejudice toward anyone. However, when I think of where I am today, I often think of 5 others, not just 1. So very quickly and in the order I met them: Eric Deschenes' openness to share about his field of employment, Trevor Menchenton's passion for audiology and life, Francisca Morneau-Rouleau's absolute honesty and innocence, Andre Lafargue's willingness to promote independence, and last but not least, Gloria Yachyshen's selflessness and willingness to always give, always; what lovely qualities.

