

South Dakota Speech Language Hearing Association

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Dear SDSLHA Member,

Enclosed is the Membership Renewal form for the South Dakota Speech, Language & Hearing Association for 2010. I encourage you to renew your membership to our statewide association, and would also like to offer a \$10 discount to members who recruit a new member to join. As an incentive, for those that renew their membership before February 1, your name will be put into a drawing for a \$25 Visa gift card. As per the SDSLHSA bylaws, the deadline for membership renewal this year will be March 1. For those who wish to renew after March 1, the annual membership will increase to \$75. New membership will be \$45, regardless of the date of joining.

Membership benefits include a discounted registration fee to the annual statewide Convention, informative quarterly newsletters, membership directory and active legislative monitoring. In addition, you have the opportunity to support your professions' association efforts for items such as salary supplements and laying the groundwork for licensure. You also have access to a great network of fellow members and colleagues.

The annual Convention will be held in Sioux Falls on October 1st and 2nd, 2010. The 2010 Convention will include the talents of many knowledgeable speakers, display tables and vendor booths, as well as the opportunity to speak with representatives of both local and national companies to learn about the newest products and services. The Board is confident that you will leave the Convention full of new ideas to help you meet your professional goals.

Please renew now to support your profession, receive a full year of newsletters and a discounted registration to the Convention. Our reasonable membership fees are explained on the enclosed Membership Renewal Form.

Feel free to contact me at 605-206-0495 or email at freddisue@yahoo.com, should you have any questions. Thank you for your continued membership.

Sincerely,

Cristy Schaffan
Membership Chair
Enclosure

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Membership Renewal Form (Please Print & Complete All Fields)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone#: _____

Email: _____

Are you a Life Member? Yes No

Employer: _____

Work Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Work Phone#: _____ Fax#: _____

Employment Category (please circle)

School Hospital University Other (please specify) _____

Do you have your CCC's? Yes No

I would like to take advantage of the 2010 offer mentioned in the cover letter. New Members may waive the \$30 late fee when joining after April 15, 2010.

- I would like to join SDSLHA and was referred by: _____
- I am referring _____ to SDSLHA to become a new member. Please keep an eye out for their application.

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**** \$30 Late Fee if Received after April 15, 2010 ****

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Active Dues \$45 Associate Dues \$30 Affiliate Dues \$18 Life Member No Fee

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

- **Active:** Active members shall hold a minimum of a Master's degree in Speech Pathology and/or Audiology of 45 semester hours of graduate credit toward a graduate degree in either area. Active members have voting privileges in the Association.
- **Associate:** Associate members shall hold a minimum of a Bachelor's degree in Speech Pathology and/or Audiology and/or meet or hold a valid South Dakota Speech Therapy Certificate.
- **Affiliate:** Affiliate membership shall be open to all students in the area of Speech Pathology and/or Audiology, as well as other persons who are interested in promoting the purposes, objectives, and activities of the Association.
- **Life Member:** Permanent life membership shall be automatically granted to those who have been both an Active Member in good standing for ten years and have reached the age of 65.

Membership Benefits

- Discount registration fee to the annual statewide convention
- Informative quarterly newsletter
- Comprehensive membership directory
- Active legislative monitoring on the state and federal level
- Opportunity to network with colleagues
- Therapy ideas from our Bright ideas spotlight found in *The Voice* and on our website
- Ability to obtain CEU's through convention and other supported activities in the state.
- Opportunity for door prizes at convention and for "bright ideas"
- Advocating for the group and our peers for things such as salary supplements and laying the groundwork for licensure
- Maintaining contact with DOE to help with recertification, special education processes, etc.
- Satisfaction of supporting your industry's professional association

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The SDSLHA Executive Board is looking for Volunteers!

SDSLHA Executive Board and Committee Members are crucial to the continued development of the association and fulfillment of the association's mission. These are all volunteer positions and members who are willing to give of their time and talents to help meet these goals are needed. Please, seriously consider volunteering and please mark any/all areas that interest you. Your input and help is greatly needed to make SDSLHA an active organization that works for its membership.

- Legislation/Advocacy _____
- Infant Hearing _____
- Monitor Legislative Activity _____
- Explore Licensure _____
- Public Relations (with public & employers) _____
- Cohort Program/Division of Ed _____
- Continuing Education (topics/options) _____
- Salary Supplement (Master Teachers Certification) _____
- Membership - activities/recruitment _____
- Newsletter - Bright Ideas/article topics _____
- Convention - speaker topics/activities _____
- Interaction among members _____
- Willing to serve on a SDSLHA committee _____
- Willing to serve as an SDSLHA officer _____

Would you like to receive SDSLHA communication via e-mail?

Yes _____ No _____

E-mail address you'd like us to use is: _____