

The Listening Post



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President's Message

You're Invited!

Dear Friends of Missouri Hearing Society!
 We are, at the moment when I write this, only six weeks from the Annual Convention which will be held in St. Louis and this year will be perhaps better than ever!

What else can I say? The roster of speakers is singular and stellar, highlighting current professional concerns with consummate diligence and creating for us a platform of excellence. Very devoted committee members and the staff at our office in Jefferson City have made this list of educators available. I am very grateful!



*Yon Wibskov
 2019-20 MHS President*

Besides, as always, the venue promises to deliver on all aspects of networking, of inspiration, of camaraderie, and of a sense of accomplishment overall.

MHS remains one of the nation's most successful state organizations in our field. We continue to develop our strong reason for being, and we certainly enjoy the outcome.

This event is not to be missed!

If you are one of those long-standing convention-goers, you know why you keep coming. If you haven't yet had the chance to participate, now would be the time! Trust me, you will not be disappointed. If you need a little encouragement to decide to come this year, let me be the first to recommend it! Come for your own benefit, of course, but be assured that the rest of us will love your company and appreciate your interest and effort to make a real difference.

Thank you for your ear. I'm very much looking forward to spending time with you in St. Louis!

Cordially,
Yon



Don't Forget to Renew Your Membership and Check Your Membership Directory Listing!

Dues for the 2020 year were due January 1, 2020. If you have not yet renewed, you can go on-line at www.missourihearingsociety.org and renew them today!

If your dues are not received by February 15, 2020, your information will be deleted from the Membership Directory, and you will not receive any discounted rates for the MHS Annual Meeting, Legislative Updates, Newsletter or other benefits of belonging to the Society.

It is time to update your listing in the Membership Directory. Please visit the MHS website (www.missourihearingsociety.org) and confirm your listing is correct. If your 2020 dues are paid and you have additions or corrections, please contact Brenda at the MHS Office (email info@missourihearingsociety.org; ph: 573-636-2822).



MHS Annual Convention and Education Seminar

March 5-7, 2020

Hilton St. Louis Frontenac • St. Louis, MO

Note: Cut-off date for special hotel rates is February 13, 2020 and cut-off dates for the early-bird registration rates is February 20!



Don't Miss These Tremendous Convention Speakers!



DOUGLAS L. BECK, AuD earned his master's degree at the University of Buffalo and his doctorate from the University of Florida. In 2019, he was appointed Vice President of Academic Sciences at Oticon. Dr. Beck is among the most prolific authors in audiology with 186 publications and more than 1240 abstracts, interviews and op-eds written for the AAA (2008-2015), Audiology Online (1999-2005) and the Hearing Review, addressing a wide variety of audiology and professional topics.



HANY M. MIKHAIL, MD, AuD, FAAA is the director of audiology at Area Hearing & Speech Clinic, Inc. in Joplin, Missouri. He received his M.D. from Tanta University School of Medicine in Montgomery, Egypt and a master's degree in otorhinolaryngology from Ain Shams University in Cairo, Egypt. Dr. Mikhail completed his masters in audiology in 1990 and his doctor of audiology in 1999. His current work focuses on adult hearing intervention, hearing conservation, and audiological counseling and rehabilitation.



TED VENEMA, PhD, FAAA earned a BA in Philosophy at Calvin College (1977), an MA in Audiology at Western Washington University (1988), and a PhD in Audiology at the University of Oklahoma (1993). He has worked as a clinical audiologist, and also in the hearing aid manufacturing sector (Unitron). Since September 2017 he has been teaching in the Hearing Instrument Practitioner program at Douglas College in Coquitlam BC. Ted is the author of a textbook, *Compression for Clinicians*, which has now been rewritten and available as a 3rd edition.



CASSIE FULLER, AuD is a Clinical Product Specialist for Widex USA. She completed a dual bachelor's degree in Communication Disorders and Psychology with a concentration in Neuroscience from Eastern Illinois University. She then went on to graduate with her Au.D. from the University of Kansas. Dr. Fuller has an array of experiences spanning across multiple clinical settings which include private practice, hospital, and ENT as well as working as a patient care coordinator. She has a love of balancing science and technology along with culture and psychology in the field of audiology.



JONATHAN MIKHAIL, MS, AuD, FAAA is a clinical research audiologist at Area Hearing and Speech Clinic in Joplin, Missouri. Dr. Mikhail received his Master of Science in Communication focusing on Human Behavior in 2015 and his Doctor of Audiology in 2018 from Wichita State University. His current work focuses on pediatric and adult hearing intervention, educational audiology, electrophysiological testing, and audiological counseling. Previous research by Dr. Mikhail focused on team communication tactics and current trends in clinical counseling related to course offerings in audiology programs.



JACK SCOTT, PhD earned his Master of Arts degree in Audiology from The University of Texas at Austin, and his Doctor of Philosophy from The University of Texas at Dallas and is a Senior Audiologist in Global Audiology for GN. His areas of interests include adult and geriatric hearing health and hearing remediation and its impact on cognition, tinnitus management, vestibular assessment, telehealth, and audiology outreach. Dr. Scott is a certificate holder in tinnitus management from the American Board of Audiology.

Missouri Hearing Society CEU Award



The Missouri Hearing Society will again offer Continuing Education Awards for members who have completed a distinguished number of credit hours. Please complete the application for the MHS CEU Award.

You are eligible for the award if:

- ♦ Your membership is current as of December 31, 2019;
- ♦ Your membership is current at the 2020 Convention;
- ♦ Your application is received and in order at the MHS office by February 15, 2020.

Remember that attained hours must be earned at an education program which has received prior approval from the Missouri Board of Examiners for Hearing Instrument Specialists, IHS, AAA or ASHA.

For the Silver Award

You have attained and documented **18 hours** during the 2019 calendar year (include copies of hours);

For the Gold Award

You have attained and documented **24 hours** during the 2019 calendar year (include copies of hours);

For the Platinum Award

You have attained and documented **36 hours** during the 2019 calendar year (include copies of hours); and

*Please take advantage
of this opportunity to
earn recognition for
your hard work!*

MHS CEU Award Application

Applicant:

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

MHS Should Send Press Release to:

Publication: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Number of earned hours (circle one):

18 Hours – Silver Award (*copies enclosed*)

24 Hours – Gold Award (*copies enclosed*)

36 Hours – Platinum Award (*copies enclosed*)

Mail or Email CEU Award Application to:

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It's Time to Renew Your Support!

What does your membership give you?

Legislative Issues Monitored



Your membership funds are part of the resources we draw upon to ensure a good business environment for all dispensing professionals. Each year the MHS Board and Staff review the legislation in progress, determining what will affect either our ability to practice or the methods by which we practice. Often this can be done behind the scenes, but sometimes it requires greater effort. Being able to boast a significant membership carries weight when talking with elected officials. Your membership DOES make a difference!

Credibility



Proudly displaying your MHS membership certificate helps build confidence and credibility with your patients. They know you adhere to an agreed upon standard of professional behavior by participating in a statewide association. Consumers can and do contact the MHS office in Jefferson City, seeking for referrals to dispensing professionals.

Personal Growth Benefits



The MHS Newsletter is packed with vital information on developing issues as well as tried-and-true topics. Industry leaders support the MHS Newsletter by providing tailored articles and advertising. As a member you may also place a FREE classified ad.

CEU Opportunities



You can count on a yearly exemplary educational program. MHS has one of the strongest and most current offerings in the nation. Attend the annual conference, and you'll garner all the CEUs necessary for your annual requirement at a member discount. You will meet a wide variety of vendors to discuss how to strengthen your practice offerings and equipment. It's an efficient use of your time away from the office.

Website Resources



Our website is loaded with information links for both professionals like yourself and consumers like those you see in your office.

You can research past newsletters, find a pertinent phone number for licensing questions, refer a patient to a link for more data on how ears and hearing function, and more. It is wonderfully representative of the Society and the professions, presenting a united image of all dispensing professionals as part of a team concerned for the hearing well-being of the individuals we service.

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***Invest in your industry
by renewing your
membership in MHS today!***

For your convenience, you can pay your dues online by credit card by clicking the "Join MHS" tab at www.missourihearingsociety.org.