

	<b>Wyoming State Board of Examiners of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology</b>	<b>Wyoming Speech-Language Hearing Association (WyoSHA)</b>
<b>Roles &amp; Responsibilities</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Work under the Legislature, through the Professional Licensing Boards Office</li> <li>2. License SLPs, SLPAs, Aides, Audiologists &amp; Audiometric Technicians in WY</li> <li>3. Investigate &amp; determine disciplinary action, as needed</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide CE and collaboration opportunities</li> <li>2. Promote ethics</li> <li>3. Advocate for our profession &amp; those we serve</li> <li>4. Cooperate with ASHA</li> <li>5. Promote professional interests of WyoSHA members</li> </ol>
<b>Positions</b>	<p>5 members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appointed by the Governor</li> <li>• 3 year term (possibly twice)</li> <li>• Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2 SLPs</li> <li>○ 1 Audiologist</li> <li>○ 1 Health Care Professional</li> <li>○ 1 Public Consumer</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>7 members</p> <p>Voting Executive Board Members (elected)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President</li> <li>• President-Elect</li> <li>• Secretary</li> <li>• Treasurer</li> <li>• Immediate Past President of the Association</li> <li>• Professional At-Large Reps (2)</li> </ul> <p>Plus ~15 appointed Board Members</p>
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<b>Meetings</b>	<p>2x year - additional as needed In-person, videoconference, phone <a href="#">Board Meetings &amp; Minutes</a></p>	<p>4x year - additional as needed In-person, Zoom, phone <a href="https://wyosha.org/">https://wyosha.org/</a></p>
<b>Citations</b>	<p><a href="https://speech.wyo.gov/">https://speech.wyo.gov/</a> <a href="https://ai.wyo.gov/divisions/directors-office/licensing">https://ai.wyo.gov/divisions/directors-office/licensing</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Article I. Name Article II. Purpose Article III. Membership Section</a> <a href="https://wyosha.org/pdfs/strategic-plan.pdf">https://wyosha.org/pdfs/strategic-plan.pdf</a></p>

### **Roles & Responsibilities**

The Wyoming Board of Examiners of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology is a Practice Act and Title Protection state. This means that persons must be licensed by the Board in order to provide the services defined herein. It also means that only persons licensed or certified by the Board may identify themselves with the titles restricted. Of course, as with most laws, there are exemptions. Those can be found in the Board's Practice Act in W.S. 33-33-103. The

Department of Administration & Information oversees rules regarding the use of A&I services by supported boards as required by House Enrolled Act 40. The licensing boards listed here participate in shared administrative support through A&I, including the Wyoming Board of Examiners of SLP and Audiology. For a complete list of all professional licensing boards in Wyoming, visit the Governor's Boards and Commissions page. Contact: JoAnn Reid Phone: (307) 777-3507 | Email: [joann.reid@wyo.gov](mailto:joann.reid@wyo.gov)

The WyoSHA Bylaws outline our Role here:

- 1) to implement and advance training programs and practices in the fields of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology in order to enhance services throughout Wyoming and promote the maintenance of current knowledge and skills;
- 2) to foster and maintain ethical principles and practice in the fields of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology;
- 3) to encourage widespread awareness, interest and prevention of disorders of human communication among educators, medical practitioners, other related professions, and the general public;
- 4) to make possible the exchange of ideas, experiences, and methods of procedure within the profession and with other disciplines;
- 5) to promote the basic study of human communication, scholarly research, proficient teaching and sound administration in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology;
- 6) to establish and maintain a viable relationship with the American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA);
- 7) to further the educational opportunities, personal rehabilitation and advocate for the rights of those handicapped by speech-language, swallowing, cognitive and/or hearing disorders;
- 8) to promote the individual and collective professional interests of the members of the Association.

## **Positions**

The Board is legislatively empowered to provide for the licensure and regulations of speech pathologists and audiologists practicing in Wyoming. The board consists of five (5) members appointed by the Governor for a term of three (3) years. Members may not serve more than two (2) full, successive terms. No Board member may speak on behalf of the entire Board. All questions should be submitted to the Board office and NOT to individual Board members. The Wyoming Board of Examiners of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology is staffed through the Professional Licensing Boards Office, a division of A&I.

WyoSHA Executive Board includes:

- 1) Voting Executive Board Members
  - a) Elected Members of the Association:
    - i) President
    - ii) President-Elect
    - iii) Secretary
    - iv) Treasurer

- v) Immediate Past President of the Association
  - vi) Professional At-Large Representatives (2)
- 2) Non-Voting Executive Board Members
- a) Appointed Members of the Association
    - i) ASHA Advisory Councilor (2) – Audiology/Speech Language Pathology
    - ii) Public Awareness Chair
    - iii) NSSLHA/Student Representative;
    - iv) ASHA Continuing Education Administrator
    - v) WyoSHA Continuing Education Liaison
    - vi) State Licensure Board Liaison
    - vii) Speech Language Pathology Assistant and/or Audiology Technician Representative
    - viii) Convention Planning Chair
    - ix) Honors and Awards Committee Chair
    - x) Student Scholarship Committee Chair
    - xi) State Advocate for Reimbursement (STAR)
    - xii) State Education Advocacy Leader (SEAL)
    - xiii) State Advocate for Medicare Policy (StAMP)
    - xiv) Ad-hoc Telepractice Committee

### **Current Positions**

#### Members of the Board

Chairwoman of the Board Rachel Thompson, Speech-Language Pathologist  
 Cheyenne, WY  
 Appointed to the Board: 1/1/2015  
 Term Expires: 12/31/2021

Michael Murdock, Speech-Language Pathologist  
 Lander, WY  
 Appointed to the Board: 7/9/2019  
 Term Expires: 12/31/2021

David Orr, Public Member  
 Cheyenne, WY  
 Appointed to the Board: 2/19/2015  
 Term Expires: 12/31/2020

Nancy Pajak, Audiologist  
 Laramie, WY  
 Appointed to the Board: 2/19/2015  
 Term Expires: 12/31/2020

Dr. Jessi Waring, Medical Professional  
 Casper, WY  
 Appointed to the Board: 2/20/18

Term Expires: 12/31/2020

## WyoSHA Positions

### Executive Board Members

President - Alisa Martinez, SLP

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President-Elect - Karen Richard, CCC-SLP

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Workplace: Private Telepractice

City: Laramie, WY

Past President - Laura Wilkinson, SLP

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City: Buffalo, WY

Secretary - Kari Ward, SLP

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City: Gillette, WY

Member-at-Large - Lindsey Garcia, SLP

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Workplace: STRIDE Learning Center

City: Cheyenne, WY

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Workplace: Wyoming Medical Center

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Honors and Awards Committee - Shannon Freeburn, SLP  
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State Education Advocacy Leader (SEAL) - Corri Sandoval, SLP  
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City: Laramie, WY

State Advocate for Medicare Policy (StAMP) - Melissa Denker, SLP  
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City: Cheyenne, WY

State Advocate for Reimbursement (STAR) - Erin Page  
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