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The Official Newsletter of the Iowa Hearing Association

Summer 2023

Mark Your Calendar



IHS Annual Convention

September 28 – 30, 2023
Palm Springs, CA

IHA Fall Conference

September 29, 2023
Sheraton
West Des Moines, IA

IHA Spring Conference

April 26, 2024
Marriott
West Des Moines, IA

From the President's Pen



My second term as the Iowa Hearing Association President will come to a close after the Falls Conference. The experience has been a great learning opportunity and presented some significant challenges to overcome along the way.

Twice, we were faced with the possibility of license deregulation of our profession. I was able to partner with our Director Bev Thomas, our Lobbyists, other IHA members and the International Hearing Society to put into action quick plans to head to the State

Capital Building and fight and beat the proposed deregulation. It was a highly stressful situation and through hard work and collaboration, we came out on top.

For the past couple of years I was able to work with Amplifon and their team working on OTC guidelines and regulations on this new category of products in the marketplace. We worked directly with the FDA and I think we made great progress in ensuring the regulations put in place made the products safe for public use. As these products rolled out, we had much uncertainty of the impact on the industry which so far has proved nil.

We were also recently presented with an issue with verbiage in the Iowa Laws about who and how prescription hearing aids could be distributed. Again with the help of Amplifon, Bev, our Lobbyists and IHS we able to get this resolved before any issues occurred. On all of these issues it was great to have the partnership of many others to ensure that we get to continue to serve those that need our services.

As I step down as President I will continue to remain active on the IHA Board and will do everything I can to fight future issues as they present themselves, there will certainly be more to come. I greatly enjoyed my role and I look forward to seeing you all at our future Conferences.

Cory Popelka
IHA President



Welcome New Members

George Sebastian Baugh
Indianola, IA

James Bronson
Plattsmouth, NE

Valerie Christianson
Urbandale, IA

Deborah Dyer
Galesburg, IL

Alexis Stasthy
Cedar Rapids, IA

William Warner
Omaha, NE



Membership Label

The membership gold label was put in the spring conference packets of each current member. If you did not receive your membership label and would like one, please call the IHA office at 515-440-6057 and we will be happy to mail it to you.

Anyone new to IHA will receive a new member certificate with the current year's label affixed along with a welcome letter.

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Directory Information

New 2023-2024 IHA directories has been sent via email to all current members. It is also included on the IHA website. Please review your information in the directory and if anything needs changed, please go to the website under members and use the link to edit your information.

We no longer send printed directories out through the mail.

Spring 2023 Conference Exhibitors

A thank you goes to all exhibitors at our Spring Conference. They enhance our conference with introductions to updated products, knowledge of specialized areas, fun door prizes and sponsorship of our reception.

Advanced Bionics

CaptionCall

Cognivue

**Hearing Access
Solutions**

International Hearing Society



Oticon

Starkey

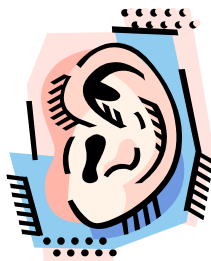
**Telecommunications
Access Iowa/Relay Iowa**

Warner Tech-care Products

Widex

Calibration at Fall Conference

What could be more convenient - you're not at work, and your audiometer needs to be calibrated - you attend the seminars and pick up your machine when the conference is over. Remember, you are required by the State Health Department to have your audiometers calibrated once a year. Bring your audiometers to the fall conference.



Plan to Attend IHA Fall Conference

September 29, 2023

Sheraton Hotel • West Des Moines, Iowa

- ❖ Continuing Education
- ❖ Speakers
- ❖ Professional Networking
- ❖ Trade Show/Round Robin

IHA Spring Conference

April 28, 2023





Reminder

To find current information about licensure renewal, see the link below.

[https://
idph.iowa.gov/
Licensure/Iowa-
Board-of-Hearing-
Aid-Specialists/
Licensure/Renewal](https://idph.iowa.gov/Licensure/Iowa-Board-of-Hearing-Aid-Specialists/Licensure/Renewal)

Update from Lions Club

I would like to thank all those that have worked with us this past year. As our Lions year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023 is about to end, thanks to you, 93 Iowa residents have received refurbished hearing aids.

We continue to need hearing aids of any age or condition. If the aids are not usable for our inventory, we send those off to VIP or Starkey for salvage credit. The salvage credit allows for those aids that we send to you, should you find that they are in need of repair, to be repaired at no cost to you or the client with approval from the Hearing Aid Bank. It is more efficient if we repair at time of need than to have money spent on aids only to have them sit in inventory and age out.

Again, I want to thank you for your commitment in working with the Iowa Lions Clubs and the Iowa Lions Hearing Bank. If you feel that you have someone that could use help from the Lions Club, an application can be downloaded; Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank financial application. If you have any questions feel free to contact us at 319-267-2600 or email: ialionshabank@gmail.com

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