

Audit Committee

- Received an unqualified audit report from the independent auditor and recommended acceptance of the report to the board

Business Enhancement Strategies & Tools Committee

- Completed the update of the *Audiogram of Familiar Sounds*
- Developed “Know How” practice management articles for *Audiology Today*
- Began the revisions of *The BEST Way: Reaching Physicians CD*

Coding & Reimbursement

- Resolution and removal of the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) edits that prevented the billing of 1-3 of the 4 single vestibular codes
- Provided advisory assistance to PPAC in development of recommendations for strategy for creation of the OAE code family
- The Committee continues to work on the following projects: Website changes, superbill/encounter form update, a glossary of commercial payor terminology and verification of benefits form

Education Committee

- Surveyed AuD/PhD programs; analysis underway
- Sent a proposal to the Research Committee to include a focus on research aspects of audiology education in the Academy’s Research Grants on Hearing and Balance program
- Gold Standards Summit Action Items Sub-Task Forces evaluated the TF charges and are working on them accordingly

Ethical Practices Committee

- Responses to multiple cases and inquiries for guidance/information from members.
- Presented a featured session at AudiologyNOW! and present 1.5 hours of a 3.0 hour Tier 1 course on Ethics at the Texas Academy of Audiology in November, 2010
- COE changes and revised Guidelines for Financial Relationships with Industry completed select and widespread peer review.

Finance Committee

- Conducts monthly review of Academy Financials to ensure compliance with approved budget.
- Provided oversight over all investment decisions, ensuring compliance with the Academy investment policy

Government Relations Committee

- The GRC successfully worked to advocate for the passage of the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act, which was signed into law in December 2010.
- The GRC developed the following public policy resolutions to serve as a resource for members, lawmakers, and consumers : Direct Access to Audiology Services under Medicare, Payment by Medicare for Audiologists for Evaluation & Management Codes, Cochlear Implant Resolution, and US Department of Transportation (DOT) Hearing Test Standards.
- The GRC has been involved with outreach to a number of Federal agencies, including direct correspondence with Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius to offer the Academy's assistance to the Agency on all hearing health care related issues, and to discuss their creation of an essential benefits package as set forth in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), in addition to other related issues.

Honors Committee

- Received and reviewed a total of 10 nominations; selected four honorees for 2011.

International Committee

- During Audiology Now, President Kris English and committee met with a Chinese delegation affiliated with the China Rehabilitation Research Center for Deaf Children.
- Dr. John Durrant, University of Pittsburgh represented the Academy and ASHA (North America) the International Society of Audiology (USA) in Brazil in March 2010.
- The committee nominated Dr. John Bamford from the UK for the Academy 's International Award. Letters of support were received from Canada, Australia and two from the UK.

Membership Committee

- The Welcoming Subcommittee welcomed 534 new members to the Academy.
- The Resume Review Subcommittee was formed and reviewed 43 resumes.
- Announced that at year end 2010, the Academy had reached 11344 members – the highest in Academy history.
- The Member Assistance Program Subcommittee reviewed and 16 applications and awarded assistance to 10 individuals.

Nominations Committee

- Produced a slate of nominees for the election of the President elect and three member at large board positions

PAC Advisory Committee

- The PAC Advisory Board redesigned the Web site to promote the PUSH the PAC campaign, to better recognize contributors, and to include a visual indicator of PAC fundraising progress utilizing a Pac-o-meter which is updated regularly to reflect current fundraising achievements.
- The PAC Advisory Board engaged in a targeted campaign to secure contributions from lapsed donors. This initiative yielded \$8,841.
- The PAC Advisory Board also completed a Fall 2010 fundraising initiative targeting Academy committee members and leadership who had not yet contributed in 2010. As a result of these targeted campaigns, contributions in 2010 exceeded those contributions made in 2009.

Practice Compliance Committee

- New committee established. Committee charge: "To assist audiologists in obtaining the information and resources required to comply with the following (but not limited to) contract negotiations, regulatory issues, FTC, HIPAA, ADA, Licensing regulations with scope of practice and medical e-records for audiology practice settings."
- Created the Federal Resource Summary Guide, a compendium of federal regulations and agencies that impact the practice of audiology. This includes a description of each regulation, its applicability to the profession, and follow-up additional resources. It is posted on the AAA website for member reference.
- Updates in the monthly audiology e-newsletter on compliance issues pertinent to the practice of audiology.

Practice Policy Advisory Council

Attended AMA RUC and CPT Editorial Panel meetings and contributed to protecting and revising Audiology codes as needed.

Professional Development Committee

- Launched eight new eAudiology web seminars
- Approved 320 CE Provider courses for Academy CEUs

Professional Standards & Practices Committee

- Revised Standards of Practice draft document for BOD review/approval
- Represented the Academy on the Audiology Quality Consortium and transitioned the Audiology Quality Consortium Subcommittee to new Measures and Development Reporting Working Group
- Reviewed existing Academy Guidelines & Position Statements; identified needed guidelines

Program Committee

- Reviewed and selected submitted sessions
- Finalized invited sessions
- Planning student, special events and DiscovEARy Zone

Publications Committee

- Generation of content for consumer Web site begun.
- Member monitoring of general Academy listserv begun.

Public Relations Committee

- Successfully launched the 2010 Audiology Awareness Month and National Protect Your Hearing Month campaign in April of 2010
- California and Illinois state associations have both created Science Fair positions on their boards for recruiting future audiologists.
- Members of the recruitment sub-committee have been accepted as special judges for the Chicago Public Schools Student Science Fair

Research Committee

- Contributed the ARC topics and sample ARC12 and ARC13 agendas for the NIDCD (R13) conference grant application for the Academy's Research Conference (ARC)
- Submitted input for the Academy's response to NIDCD's request for comments on the NIDCD's strategic plan
- Selected 6 Academy Research Grant in Hearing and Balance recipients
- Academy Research Conference (ARC) Program Committee continued to plan the ARC 2011: *Current Trends in the Evaluation and Treatment of Tinnitus*

State Network Committee

- Held Annual State Leaders Workshop and Luncheon in San Diego, CA
- Awarded 2010 Active Advocate of the Year to Annette Burton, AuD – CT
- Published June 2010 and Jan 2011 State Leaders Newsletters

Strategic Documents Committee

- Published revised audiology assistants position statement.
- Published CAPD practice guidelines.
- Published auditory integration training position statement.

SAA Advisory Committee

- Worked with the SAA to add nine more SAA chapters during the first half of FY11, bringing the total to 54 (74% of the 73 AuD programs!).
- Assisted the SAA in the development of a strategic plan to help launch several new initiatives, including Special Olympics Healthy Hearing program activities and expanded student events at AudiologyNOW!
- Guided the SAA in a restructuring of its nominations process to allow for greater flexibility in selecting talented SAA members for leadership.