

Stronger Together: Second Annual Year-End Report

Recognition of the Academy as the

voice of audiology continues to grow. This phenomenon was evidenced again this fiscal year (FY12 ending June 30, 2012) by the increasing number of collaborative efforts between the Academy and its A4 partners with other organizations. In many cases, the Academy and the AAA Foundation were approached for our input or representation. Here is a sampling:

AARP

- Academy and AAA Foundation representatives serve on their Educational Hearing Healthcare Advisory Committee
- Academy representatives contributed to AARP's *Hearing Loss Resource Guide*

Academy of Doctors of Audiology (ADA)

- Academy and SAA leadership met with ADA leaders at their 2011 annual meeting (November)
- Worked jointly with ADA in both responding to (October 2011) and hosting a meeting with United Healthcare Group/hi Health Innovations (January 2012)

Acoustical Society of America (ASA)

- Academy's membership in ASA provides a voice on several committees: Bioacoustics, Noise, Electroacoustics, TAG-Noise and ANSI



AG Bell

- Promoted Academy's resources for National Audiology Awareness Month and National Protect Your Hearing Month to their members
- Joint leadership meeting in January 2012

Consumer Groups	Government	Professional Societies	Representatives on
AARP	CMS	ADA	ASA
AG Bell	CDC	AAO-HNS	AAMI
HLAA	NIDCD	ARO	CAOHC
Quota International	USPSTF	ASHA	EHDI
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		EAA	NAAHP
		HIA	NQF
		IHS	
		NHCA	

American Academy of Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery (AAO-HNS)

- Provided audiologists to review their *Clinical Practice Guideline on Sudden Sensorineural Hearing Loss*; document issued March 2012
- Requested that the Academy provide an audiologist for their panel to develop their *Clinical Practice Guideline on Tympanostomy Tubes in Children*

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)

- Conducted discussions regarding several regulatory and legislative initiatives

Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation (AAMI)

- Academy's representative continues to provide input regarding FDA assignment on cochlear implants

Association for Research in Otolaryngology (ARO)

- AAA Foundation provided travel awards for researchers who presented at the ARO Mid-Winter meeting

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

- Ongoing educational efforts on behalf of the profession of audiology

Council for Accreditation in Occupational Hearing Conservation (CAOHC)

- Requested that the Academy provide representatives to serve on their board of directors

Council of Academic Programs in Communication Science and Disorders (CAPCSD)

- Academy leadership met with CAPCSD's Board of Directors at their 2012 annual meeting (April)

Department of Labor (DOL)

- Requested support to update O*Net (Occupational Information Network)



We ate chowda. We mingled. We PUSHed the PAC.

Thank you to all attendees of the AudiologyNOW!® 2012 Boston Beer and Chowda PAC event for making it a HUGE success!

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EHDI

- Academy representative at EHDI's Partnering for Progress conference

Educational Audiology Association (EAA)

- Coordinated response to Encyclopedia of School Health

Hearing Industries Association (HIA)

- Academy hosted joint leadership meeting in October 2011
- Academy leadership provided an Academy update at HIA's 2012 annual meeting (March)

Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA)

- HLAA promoted Academy's resources for National Audiology Awareness Month and National Protect Your Hearing Month to their members
- Joint leadership meeting in January 2012

International Hearing Society (IHS)

- Academy joined IHS, ADA, AAO-HNS, and ASHA on *Joint Statement on Consumer-Administered Hearing Tests and Direct-to-Consumer Hearing Aid Sales*

Joint Committee on Infant Hearing (JCIH)

- Academy representation on JCIH

National Association of Advisors for the Health Professions (NAAHP)

- Represent audiology on their Advisory Council

National Hearing Conservation Association (NHCA)

- AAA Foundation provided scholarships and travel award funding for student researchers working on noise-induced hearing loss and conservation

- Liaison between organizations

National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD)

- Ongoing discussions with NIDCD officials; awarded NIDCD three-year R13 conference grant (for ARC 11, ARC 12, and ARC 13)

National Quality Forum (NQF) Technical Advisors Panel

- Academy representative serves on the Child Health Quality Measures Technical Advisory Panel

Quota International

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US Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF)

- Invited the Academy to comment on *Screening for Hearing Loss in Older Adults* draft recommendation statement

Through strategic collaborations such as these, the Academy is advancing the profession of audiology. Know that your continued membership in the Academy creates this opportunity for those who care about healthy hearing to be stronger together. 🤝



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