

## ENGAGE. EMPOWER. LEAD.

Apply for a position on the national Student Academy of Audiology (SAA) Board of Directors and start your journey towards becoming a leader in the profession you love.

### AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Elections will be held for the following positions:

- President-Elect
- Member at Large

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

The SAA Executive Board is composed of the President, President-Elect, Secretary, Chapter Relations Committee Chair, and Member Relations Committee Chair. The President and President-Elect positions are voted on by the SAA Membership; the Secretary, Chapter Relations and Member Relations Chairs are appointed by the SAA President from the Members at Large. It is largely responsible for day-to-day governance, being a touch-point for relationships within and outside of the Student Academy of Audiology, as well as being regional representatives to all SAA Chapters.

### MEMBER AT LARGE

There is a total of eight Members at Large on the SAA Board, one of which will be appointed by the SAA President to be Secretary. The remaining seven will be responsible for leading one SAA Committee. The SAA Committees are:

- **CHAPTER RELATIONS COMMITTEE** – to increase chapter membership, engagement, collaboration, and communication at the undergraduate and graduate level, through outreach, recognition, and resource development.
- **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE** – to connect and inform students about the profession of audiology, including current issues and important topics relating specifically to audiology students, through the use of SAA and Academy-sponsored communication outlets.
- **EDUCATION COMMITTEE** – to thoroughly explore student needs surrounding audiology education and the externship process – both as it currently exists and as it prepares students for a changing professional landscape and scope of practices – and to share these findings with appropriate stakeholders in audiology education. To foster mentorship of audiology students,

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including the development of students interested in research opportunities within the field of audiology.

- **HUMANITARIAN COMMITTEE** – to provide humanitarian-based service and information on humanitarian involvement through established relationships and the creation of new organizational partnerships.
- **MEMBER RELATIONS COMMITTEE** – to increase individual membership, engagement, collaboration, and communication at the undergraduate and graduate levels, through outreach, recognition, and resource development.
- **PUBLIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE** – to promote audiology as a profession to students and the general public through public awareness, education, and government relations on the local and national levels.
- **SAA PROGRAMS SUBCOMMITTEE** – to organize, coordinate, and promote programming which is relevant and useful to all audiology students, including educational workshops, social events, and networking opportunities during the AAA annual conference and specific student-focused, education conference held in conjunction with the AAA annual conference. To foster leadership in audiology students and to create leadership development initiatives across the SAA enterprise.

## ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

In addition to the above, all SAA Board of Directors are responsible for the following:

- Understanding and advocating on behalf of the mission and vision of the Student Academy of Audiology (SAA) and the American Academy of Audiology (AAA).
- Serving as a role model for the SAA membership.
- Leading and/or managing initiatives that support the SAA's strategic three-to-five-year plan.
- Attending and actively participating in two, in-person SAA Board meetings, one at the SAA headquarters in Reston, Virginia, and one at AAA, in addition to monthly conference calls.

Being a part of the national SAA Board of Directors will give you the unique opportunity to work with audiology students from around the nation, make a lasting impact on our profession, and most importantly, develop your leadership skills for a lifetime of advocacy. If you have any questions about the nominations process or roles and responsibilities, please feel free to contact SAA Past President, [Liz Fuemmeler](#).