

NLASLPA President Report
May 23, 2018

My role as President since the Annual Meeting of the Members last September has been busy and very rewarding. The NLASLPA executive continues to be active in advocating for our members. To do so, we continue to have monthly teleconferences which I chair. We also recently had our Spring Face to Face meeting.

I also attend quarterly Pan-Canadian Alliance meetings with Past-President, Christine Champdoizeau, and President-Elect, Jeanie Morry, who recently took over the position from Christina Hodder. At the beginning of May Jeanie and myself had the pleasure of attending the Pan Canadian Alliance face to face meeting and the SAC conference in Edmonton. This was a fantastic opportunity to network with professionals from across the country. NLASLPA continues to be recognized and commended for the work that we are doing to raise awareness of our professions in the province. This is no small feat, and is possible only by the help of all our volunteers. During the meeting we were able to gain insight from associations in other provinces and territories regarding topics that our members have been raising. Most importantly, the information that we gained from these discussions have, and will continue to, help guide advocacy in our province.

Specifically, this information helped guide our meetings with the Honourable John Haggie, Minister of Health and Community Services, and Deputy Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development, Robert Gardiner. I attended these meetings with Christine Champdoizeau earlier in May. These meetings resulted from an attempt to keep communication open between government and NLASLPA in order to facilitate advocacy for Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists. I would like to thank the Special Interest Groups and all members who provided topics and information for these meetings. They were quite positive for both our association and the government.

In addition to advocating for the membership, I have been liaising with the Audiology Special Interest Group. I check in with the chair, John Hillier, monthly, and bring any issues that this group may have to the executive. We also recently officially welcomed the NLTA S-LP Special Interest Group to NLASLPA. I have been in contact with Sandy Crowley, chair, to support them in their meeting with representatives from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to discuss recommendations made from the Premier's Task Force report.

I would like to thank the ladies on our executive team – you make my job as President easier and way more fun! A big thank you also goes out to members on our committees and Special interest groups. NLASLPA couldn't exist without dedicated volunteers like you.

Respectfully submitted,

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NLASLPA President