

**American Academy of Audiology  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Reston, VA  
July 18-20, 2024**

**MEMBER SUMMARY**

**President:** Bopanna Ballachanda, PhD

**President-elect:** Patricia Gaffney, AuD

**Immediate Past President:** Virginia Ramachandran, AuD, PhD

**Board Members:**

**Term Ending '24:** Nichole Kingham, AuD. Chizuko Tamaki, AuD, PhD, Saunja Burt, AuD, MBA

**Term Ending '25:** Ursula Findlen, PhD, Kaitlyn Kennedy, AuD, Lachelle Lazarus, AuD

**Term Ending '26:** Kwame Curtis, AuD. Wafaa Kaf, MBBCh, MSc, PhD, Meagan Bachmann, AuD

**Ex-Officio:** Lindee Alvarez, SAA Liaison; Patrick Gallagher, MBA, Executive Director

**Staff:** Larry Burner, Stephanie Demian, Amy Miedema, Anne Poodiack, Rachael Sifuentes, Andrew Stafford, Kitty Werner

**Guests:** Brenna Carroll, Professional Development Council Chair; Becky Lewis, Professional Development Council Chair-elect; Carrie Meyer, ABA Chair-elect; Tracy Murphy, Advocacy Council Chair; Erin Piker, Editor-in-Chief of JAAA; Sam Robler, Advocacy Council Chair-elect; Daniel Romero, AAA 2025 Program Chair; Kristin Samuelson, ABA Chair; and Angela Shoup, Guidelines and Strategic Documents Committee Chair; Trent Westrick, Continuing Education Committee Chair

- Erin Piker provided an update on the status of the Journal of the American Academy of Audiology, and her plans going forward as the new editor-in-chief. She will be working with the editorial board to improve the turnaround time for the publication of articles and to make the journal the most clinically relevant journal for audiology.
- The board approved the rosters of members to serve on the Nominations Recruitment and Nominations committees for the 2025 election cycle.
- The board approved Alyssa Needleman as the AAA 2026 Program Chair.
- The board accepted the recommendations from the Membership Engagement and Recognition Committee (MERC) to maintain the current membership dues for the new year and other strategies to support members.
- The board discussed the results of its annual self-evaluation survey.
- Angela Shoup, chair of the Guidelines and Strategic Documents Committee, provided a report on the review of the "Clinical Practice Guideline: Age-Related Hearing Loss" in consideration for endorsement. The board considered carefully the feedback from reviewers and voted to accept the committee's recommendation to endorse the AAO-HNS guideline.
- The board reviewed the council reports and updates relative to the OKRs, as well as updates to the governance structure.
- The board discussed the work of the Ethical Practices Committee (EPC) in updating ethical guidelines.
- In considering organizational priorities for the 2024-2025 volunteer cycle, the board identified a framework to guide the decision-making and prioritization by the board of strategic objectives and activities. The board affirmed a commitment to supporting members to practice at the top of their

scope through structure and resources related to practice management, best clinical and evidence-based practice, and professional empowerment.

- The board affirmed continued support for ACAE in the 2024-2025 year and ongoing dialogue with ACAE about new initiatives and opportunities.
- Leaders of the Advocacy Council joined the board to discuss practice management strategy and the role of the council in providing more member value by providing related education.
- The board approved the cerumen management policy statement brought forward by the Advocacy Council.
- Staff provided a legislative update and prospectus for activities to advance MAAIA before the end of the Congressional session.
- Leaders of the ABA joined the board to discuss current credentialing activities and priorities for new opportunities.
- The board authorized the development of a proposal for a new grant cycle to offer ARC beyond 2025.
- Leadership of the Professional Development Council and the Programs Committee provided an overview of the strategy in the program development for AAA 2025.
- The board authorized further exploration of a partnership with a third-party online CE provider.
- The board approved the council and committee chair appointments for 2024-25.
- The board approved the FY25 budget for the Academy.
- The meeting included recognition of board members whose terms expire at the end of September 2024 with a special presentation to Bopanna Ballachanda for his presidency (2023-24).