



American Board of Audiology Announces New Board Members

Audiologists elected by peers to serve beginning in January 2015

Reston, VA. – (September 22, 2014) – The American Board of Audiology® (ABA) announced today that three audiologists will begin three-year terms on January 1, 2015. The audiologists, who were recently elected by their peers, are Robert “Bob” Traynor, EdD, MBA, *Board Certified in Audiology*®; Jenne Tunnell, AuD, *Board Certified in Audiology*; and Dennis Van Vliet, AuD, *Board Certified in Audiology*.

These new members will replace Angela Pond, AuD, Immediate Past Chair, *Board Certified in Audiology*; Barbara L. Kurman, AuD, *Board Certified in Audiology*; and Kerry Ormson, EdD, AuD, *Board Certified in Audiology*. According to Torryn Brazell, MS, CAE, and ABA managing director, the ABA relies on its Board of Governors to help support the vision of the organization and help staff set strategy for the future.

“We are fortunate to have a group of dedicated audiologists who bring high levels of professionalism and expertise to the ABA,” said Brazell. “Over the past three years, we have benefited from the contributions made by Angela, Barb, and Kerry, and we are a better organization because of their many hours of volunteer time, as well as their insights and knowledge.

“We are looking forward to working with Bob, Jenne, and Dennis as the ABA continues our efforts to convey the importance of credentialing, which is a vital component to successfully demonstrating expertise in the field of audiology,” she continued.

The new members of the ABA Board of Governors are:

Robert (Bob) M. Traynor, EdD, MBA, *Board Certified in Audiology*

Dr. Traynor is an adjunct professor of audiology at the University of Florida, the University of Colorado, and the University of Northern Colorado. He has maintained a private practice while serving as an audiology consultant to a major manufacturer, contributing to research and development committees, and lecturing across the globe. Dr. Traynor is a retired Lt. Colonel, U.S. Army Medical Service Corps (Audiology) and co-author of *Strategic Practice Management*.

Jenne Tunnell, AuD, *Board Certified in Audiology*

Dr. Tunnell is president of the Minnesota Academy of Audiology, regional captain of the Audiology State Leader’s Network, and a member of the Minnesota Department of Health’s SLP/A Advisory Council. She is currently the manager of Mayo Clinic Health System Audiology for the Western region of MN. Her special interests include: Pediatrics, EHDI, and cochlear implants, as well as vestibular and balance disorders. Dr. Tunnell was a member of the recent AAA delegation to Cuba in September 2013 and plans to join the upcoming delegation to India this November.

Dennis Van Vliet, AuD, Board Certified in Audiology

Dr. Van Vliet is senior director of Professional Relations for Starkey Hearing Technologies. He has been an audiologist since 1976, during which time he has provided clinical services in medical, educational, and private practice settings. His professional interests have focused on hearing aids, and his opinions are frequently solicited by publications and for lectures. Dr. Van Vliet also expresses his opinions in the monthly "Final Word" feature of the *Hearing Review*.

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About the American Board of Audiology® (ABA)

An autonomous organization, the American Board of Audiology (ABA) is dedicated to enhancing audiological services to the public by promulgating universally recognized standards in professional practice. The ABA encourages audiologists to exceed these prescribed standards, thereby promoting a high level of professional development and ethical practice. To help meet that goal, the ABA administers the Board Certified in Audiology, Pediatric Audiology Specialty Certification (PASC®), and the Cochlear Implant Specialty Certification (CISC®), all of which are voluntary certification programs. These certifications were created by and are administered by ABA-certified audiologists.