

ABA Board of Governors 2018 Election Slate of Candidates Share Why They Want to Contribute

Five candidates are vying for 2 director positions with the American Board of Audiology (ABA) Board of Governors for a term that begins in early 2018 and continues through the end of 2020.

Audiologists who currently hold an ABA certification – Board Certified in Audiology, Pediatric Audiology Specialty Certification (PASC), or Cochlear Implant Specialty (CISC) – may vote for two of the candidates below when elections open. Please cast your votes for two of these dedicated audiologists for the ABA Board of Governors during the voting period July 31- August 14, 2017.

Nominees:

Ryan Bullock, AuD
Board Certified in Audiology

Stelios Dokianakis, AuD
Board Certified in Audiology

Jennifer Kolb Drohosky, AuD, PASC, CISC
Board Certified in Audiology

Alison Grimes, AuD
Board Certified in Audiology

Joscelyn Martin, AuD, PASC
Board Certified in Audiology

DIRECTOR (Select two)



Ryan Bullock, AuD
Audiologist, South Bay Hearing & Balance
Founder, Swim to Hear

Dr. Bullock is a clinical audiologist at South Bay Hearing & Balance. He is also the founder of Swim to Hear which educates the public on the impact of hearing loss.

Please describe your Job Description / Work Setting

My main interest is in private practice audiology, specifically diagnosing and treating hearing loss through amplification. I enjoy learning new business applications and am constantly improving our

practice which ultimately maintains and improves patients' quality of life through better hearing. I have particularly enjoyed working on my own database as it grows and implementing policies which maintain and enhance hearing for our patients. I am the lead audiologist and am responsible to foster the growth of our other audiologists and technicians. I also engage in community lectures in assistive care facilities and community events. In addition to private practice, I believe in creating strong community relationships and promoting the profession. This is why, in graduate school, I created my own nonprofit Swim To Hear. As founder and president, I use local swims in the community as a platform to educate the public on the impact of hearing loss and where to receive the best help available.

Please describe your prior Board experience – Volunteer, Paid, etc., if any

In 2009-2010, I served as a member of the first elected board of the newly created Student Academy of Audiology (SAA). During that first year I was the student liaison and member of the American Academy of Foundation (AAAF) Board. From 2010-2011, I served as the president of the SAA Board and ex-officio member of the American Academy of Audiology (AAA) Board of Directors. I also served on the SAA Board as past president (2011-2012) in an advisory role and on other SAA committees. Since 2016, I have served as a member of the Leadership Development Committee within the Academy.

As stated, during graduate school in 2010, I established and served as president of Swim To Hear, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization focused on raising awareness of hearing loss through swims in the community. In my local community, I serve as a member at large on the Los Angeles Peninsula Swimmers Board of Directors.

Please explain why you are interested in serving on the ABA Board of Governors

Since my involvement with the Academy began as a student, my next step is to become a leader in recruiting new members and ensuring that our organization takes control of the profession of audiology setting the bar for the highest quality of care for those we serve. As a private practitioner, this profession stands to gain much in our local communities by supporting competent practitioners who adhere to the highest level of patient care and follow best practices. With changes in regulations and ease of access to hearing instruments, it is imperative that the public know who and where to go to seek the best help necessary. For these reasons, I am ready to serve on the ABA Board of Governors and to assist in shaping the future of our profession.

What do you feel you could contribute to the ABA?

My contributions to the American Board of Audiology will be from the perspective of a new professional employed in a thriving private practice environment. On a daily basis, I face the threats and objections from consumers as to why I am the best for their hearing healthcare and overall quality of life. This combined with my early leadership experience in my audiology career will help to promote and position the whole of our profession for the threats and opportunities we face. I also believe my involvement will help provide insight into how to recruit and cultivate roles for past student leaders who have chosen to not remain active within the Academy following their contributions.



Stelios Dokianakis, AuD
Owner, Holland Doctors of Audiology

Dr. Dokianakis is a clinical audiologist who founded Holland Doctors of Audiology, an independent private practice focusing on diagnostic audiology and hearing aid dispensing.

Please describe your Job Description / Work Setting

In 2011, I started Holland Doctors of Audiology, an independent private practice focusing on diagnostic audiology and hearing aid dispensing. Guided by a simple set of core values that include clinical excellence and a medically-based Audiology model, my practice has grown to four staff members and has been awarded several community distinctions. My clinical interests are in tinnitus management and musician's hearing needs.

Please describe your prior Board experience –Volunteer, Paid, etc., if any

I have had the pleasure to serve in the Michigan Audiology Coalition for two years as a Planning Committee Member. My primary committee duties relate to organizing our annual Audiology Conference. I served for 3 years as a Planning Board Volunteer for Slow Food Pittsburgh focusing on event planning, grassroots marketing and website development. Slow Food is a non-profit organization that promotes food that is Good (healthy, nutritious, positive impact on society and ecosystems), Clean (local, seasonal, sustainably grown) and Fair (living wages, labor practices, work conditions) for All.

Currently, I am serving as a Development Committee Member for the Community Foundation of Holland/Zeeland Area. My committee's broad goal is to ensure that local philanthropic resources are available to meet future community needs. We work to build a permanent community endowment that supports high impact charitable projects, to help donors achieve their charitable goals, and to lead and partner in community level initiatives. Our Foundation manages over \$65 Million in assets, receives over \$7.5 Million in Gifts, and awards almost \$4 Million in Grants, annually.

I am also currently serving as Board President for the Bayou Trail Homeowners Association. I previously served a 3-year term as Board Secretary for the organization. My duties included administering all matters relating to stewardship of Common Elements and Financial Assets, as well as promoting fellowship among homeowners and resolving conflicts.

Finally, I am serving as the Board President for the South Shore Group Business Owners with duties that include the financial administration of Reserve Funds and decision making on capital improvement projects for the Group.

Please explain why you are interested in serving on the ABA Board of Governors

The ABA is uniquely qualified and positioned to promote change in Audiology. Through structured continuing education, specialization, and Board Certification, audiologists are able to raise the standards of care we provide. We can insulate our profession from the perils of disruptive technologies and the push toward commoditization with a commitment to a higher level of clinical excellence through Board

Certification. I believe that by embracing and promoting ABA Specialty Certifications we can help create lasting positive change in our profession.

What do you feel you could contribute to the ABA?

As an audiologist and practice owner with experience in serving on a wide-range of non-profit boards, it would be an honor to assist the ABA with growth and a focus on new Specialty Certifications that elevate our standards of care and ensure continued professional growth.



Jennifer Kolb Drohosky, AuD, PASC, CISC
Audiologist, Children’s Hospital Colorado

Dr. Drohosky is a cochlear implant program coordinator who leads a multi-disciplinary team of professionals who provide care for patients and families seeking or who have received cochlear implants.

Please describe your Job Description / Work Setting

The Children's Hospital Colorado serves medically and socially complex pediatric patients from Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Kansas, New Mexico, and Idaho. The Audiology, Speech-Language and Learning department is more than 150 people, with multiple sub-specialty teams. The Audiology team consists of more than 30 audiologists across 8 locations. My role as the cochlear implant program coordinator involves leading a multi-disciplinary team of professionals who provide care for patients and families seeking and who have received cochlear implants.

Please describe your prior Board experience – Volunteer, Paid, etc., if any

I been a member of the Colorado Cochlear Implant Consortium for the past 9 years. This is a group of professionals across the state from a variety of settings who collaborate in conjunction with the Colorado Department of Education. This groups primary goal is to provide ongoing education for educational professionals working with children who use cochlear implants, and also to improve collaboration and communication across disciplines for optimal outcomes. I have also served as Secretary for the Colorado Speech-Language and Hearing Association. Though not officially a “board” position, I have also been a part of the planning committees for the Denver Kidney Walk through the National Kidney Foundation over the past 2 years.

Please explain why you are interested in serving on the ABA Board of Governors

I have been involved with the ABA for the past 5 years as a member with specialty certifications in pediatric audiology and cochlear implants, and the preceptor training is in process. Additionally, I contributed both to the pediatric and the cochlear implant conclaves to update the exams. This is a wonderful opportunity to expand my knowledge about our field as a whole, while contributing from my experiences and expertise to improve and continue to update the standards for our profession. Holding the specialty certifications, and particularly my work on the conclaves, has sparked a stronger interest to contribute to our profession outside of my workplace and specialty.

What do you feel you could contribute to the ABA?

Though I have been a practicing audiologist for 20 years, and am currently specialized in the practice of pediatrics, Auditory Evoked Potentials, and cochlear implants, I have aggressively pursued ongoing continuing education to stay current in my knowledge. My experience through working in large hospital settings across the country and abroad, and with a variety of populations over the years, provide a unique perspective. At this point in my career, I am looking forward to contributing outside of my clinical caseload and expertise, and to contribute to our profession as a whole. Thank you for your consideration of me for this position on the ABA Board of Governors.



Alison M. Grimes, AuD
Audiologist, UCLA Medical Center

Dr. Grimes is the Director of Audiology and Newborn Hearing Screening at UCLA. She is also the Chair of the California licensing board for audiologists, speech pathologists and hearing aid dispensers. Dr. Grimes serves as an assistant clinical professor in Head/Neck Surgery at the DG School of Medicine at UCLA.

Please describe your Job Description / Work Setting

I am the Director of Audiology and Newborn Hearing Screening at a major academic medical center (covering 2 hospitals). I am primarily in the Outpatient environment; though I do provide some services in the IP setting (nursery, NICU, OR, Ambulatory Surgery Center, or patient units). As part of my work, I supervise 2 AuD students (4th year) annually. I supervise a staff of 12 audiologists, and am part of the Management Team at UCLA Health.

I am also the Chair of the California licensing board for audiologists, speech pathologists and hearing aid dispensers (SLPAHADB), under the Department of Consumer Affairs. I've served on this Board continuously since 2000.

I am an instructor for the LEND program in Los Angeles, and an assistant clinical professor in Head/Neck Surgery at the DG School of Medicine at UCLA. I also teach Pediatrics Residents, and lecture to other medical groups in the Health System.

Please describe your prior Board experience – Volunteer, Paid, etc., if any

I have served two terms on the AAA Board of Directors, one term on the AAAF Board of Trustees and as Academy President from 2007-2008. In addition, I am currently serving my second nonconsecutive term on the Ethical Practices Board.

I have also served on the ABA-PASC Task Force for the original PASC examination, as well as other various committees and task forces (e.g., Pediatric Diagnostics, Pediatric Amplification).

Please explain why you are interested in serving on the ABA Board of Governors

I'm interested primarily because of my long-standing work in licensure, and the intersection between certification and licensure. While licensure is the legal requirement to practice, it is clear that certification (when done well) can serve as a "value-added" designation beyond the license and degree. How this is done is important, and I'd like to be a part of the Academy/ABA's efforts in this arena.

What do you feel you could contribute to the ABA?

I could contribute the perspectives of a license-board member, the perspectives of an Academy Past-President, the perspectives of a supervisor/preceptor of 4th year AuD students, and the perspectives of someone who has hired many, many audiologists over the years in a variety of settings. And the perspectives of someone who has been in the field for over 40 years!



Joscelyn Martin, AuD, PASC
Audiologist, Mayo Clinic

Dr. Martin is an audiologist at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. She serves as the coordinator of the newborn hearing screening program. Dr. Martin is personally involved in the screenings and is responsible for training and supervising staff that perform the bulk of the screenings.

Please describe your Job Description / Work Setting

I am an audiologist at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, where I have practiced for nearly 18 years. I serve as coordinator of the newborn hearing screening program where I am personally involved in screening. I train and supervise the staff that perform the bulk of the screenings and I manage the short and long-term follow-up needed so that children with hearing loss may receive timely and family centered diagnosis of hearing loss and treatment strategies. I spend about half of my time each week seeing patients in our hearing aid program. I work with patients of all ages and their families to provide current technology options using evidence-based practices and appropriate verification and validation measurements. In addition to direct patient care, one of the aspects of the profession that I enjoy the most is serving as a preceptor to students. In our practice, I primarily work with students in their fourth-year externship. It can be very rewarding to help them as they learn to take the knowledge they have acquired in their didactic learning experiences and apply it in real life with the patients in front of them.

Please describe your prior Board experience – Volunteer, Paid, etc., if any

I began volunteering for professional organizations with my state academy. I worked on committees and was a board member for the Minnesota Academy of Audiology for many years. I served as the organization's treasurer and then as president in 2007. I spent several years working as a member of the Minnesota Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Advisory Council. This group advises the MN Department of Health which is the licensing body in Minnesota. I have been a member of the MN

EHDI/Newborn Hearing Screening Advisory Council since it began in 2007, and I served as chair of this group in 2016.

At the national level, I have volunteered on a number of committees for The American Academy of Audiology, including the State Leaders' Network, the Professional Development Committee, and the Professional Standards Committee. I have contributed to several AudiologyNOW! program committees as a subcommittee chair, and was the Program Committee chair for AudiologyNOW! 2016 in Phoenix. I had the privilege of fulfilling a three-year term as a trustee of the AAA Foundation and continue to support that organization as an annual donor.

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While serving as program chair for AudiologyNOW! 2016, I had the opportunity to work with ABA leadership on incorporating the results of the practice analysis into the programming for the conference. I learned a lot about what a practice analysis can do for our profession. Specifically, it was enlightening to discover how valuable such an analysis can be to informing how we plan education offerings that appropriately reflect the daily work and the needs of the audiologists. I shared this information with the committees working on the program, but I also found myself sharing the information with colleagues everywhere who were interested and/or would listen.

I have held ABA board certification since 2007, and just recently completed the requirements for the Pediatric Audiology Specialty Certification (PASC). I have long agreed that our profession would benefit from specialty certifications such as the cochlear implant and pediatrics options available now. I am happy to be able to support that by becoming certified, and would like to do more by getting directly involved.

What do you feel you could contribute to the ABA?

Having served my state organization in a variety of roles, the AAA Foundation as a trustee, the ACAE as a site visitor, and the Academy as a committee volunteer, I bring a perspective that includes firsthand understanding of the processes of bringing change to licensure, certification, and accreditation. The organizations that serve audiologists have done much to raise the standards for the profession, but there is still much work to be done. To every professional volunteer opportunity, I bring enthusiasm, organizational skills, and an ability to get along well with people with varied working styles. I would love the opportunity to advance and promote the work of the ABA to our profession in an official capacity as a board member.