

Due to concerns regarding COVID-19, the HSHA Board of Directors unanimously voted to cancel our 43rd Annual HSHA Convention. We value your commitment to learning and are working with our speakers to host them in Hawaii at a later date.

We are also rescheduling our Annual Membership Meeting and Board of Directors Election for a yet to be determined date in early May. We are considering an online format so that we can hold the meeting and elect the new board members without the associated risks of gathering in person. Membership participation in this meeting and election is crucial to our state organization to continue to engage and promote excellence among our speech-language pathologists and audiologists. Please keep alert for an upcoming email regarding the rescheduled Membership Meeting and election.

We are very excited by the amount of interest in this year's Convention, as we were excited about the attendance at our dysphagia course earlier this winter. We intend to keep the momentum going by offering additional continuing education opportunities this year in lieu of our Convention. We are considering hosting webinars or other virtual courses and will be meeting to discuss and plan such opportunities. If you have ideas or interest in volunteering, please consider joining a committee, or share your ideas with us at HSHA808@gmail.com.

HSHA will ensure that all registrants receive a full refund for their convention registration fees. If you mailed a check or PO please confirm your address in an email to hsha808@gmail.com with "Refund Address" in the subject line. If you registered online, we will refund your PayPal payment.

Thank you everyone for your support and understanding. We look forward to the time when we can convene in person. In the meantime, stay safe, stay healthy and consider physical isolation rather than socially isolating- thankfully, we have technology and telephones to stay socially connected during this unprecedented time.

Keep up to date and in touch with us on Facebook [@The Hawaii Speech-Language-Hearing Association](https://www.facebook.com/TheHawaiiSpeechLanguageHearingAssociation) and on Instagram [@alohahsha808](https://www.instagram.com/alohahsha808)

Sincerely,

Eva Koenig, HSHA President

Kristina Fuentes, HSHA President-Elect

HSHA's vision is advancing and engaging our members across the islands to enhance the communication and quality of life for all.

HSHA's mission is promoting excellence in speech-language pathology and audiology through professional development, advocacy, and leadership to provide education and quality services that embrace the diversity of the people we serve.