

President's Message

Cecille Sulman, MD



Dear SENTAC Colleagues,

Fall is in the air and I hope this newsletter finds you well whether you are getting the kiddos off to school, enjoying the change of season, or you are gearing up for the football season!

As you will see in the Committee reports, SENTAC has been busy! One exciting development is a partnership with the International Journal of Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology and Editor in Chief, Joseph Kerschner, MD to publish a special SENTAC edition. Highly rated presentations from our upcoming meeting will be selected to submit a manuscript in consideration for publication. We are fortunate to have guest editors Karen Gordon, PhD, CCC-A, Reg. CASLPO, Joan Arvedson, PhD, CCC-SLP, BCS-S, and Kenny Chan, MD in addition to physician, audiology, and speech language pathology reviewers to guide this process. We also continue our strong partnership with ASHA and the ability to provide CEUs. If you are planning to attend the upcoming ASHA conference, come visit the SENTAC booth!

We continue to grow our diverse membership and have also added a special member to the SENTAC board. Adele Evans, MD was voted in by the SENTAC board to serve as Historian as Nina Yoshpe, MD transitions out. We are grateful to Dr. Yoshpe for her many years of service as SENTAC Historian and look forward to working with Dr. Evans.

SENTAC's program committee is putting the final touches on our fabulous [meeting](#) in Denver, Colorado. In addition to the excellent [scientific program](#) our very own President-Elect Soham Roy, MD and Stereomaze Rock Band will be dazzling us with a performance.

Visit our [SENTAC webpage](#) to check out the [job board](#), what's new, or catch up on [webinars](#) and [podcasts](#)! I would like to highlight the collaboration with the [World Orphan Fund](#) and Walker Childhood Development Center. We are scheduling educational sessions and case discussions with the local professionals so we can empower them to use the latest knowledge and technology to help their children in Guatemala.

I would like to express my deep gratitude for the hard work of the SENTAC Board, Executive Council, Committee Members, and Shelley Warnock for their dedication to our amazing society!

See you in Denver!

Cecille Sulman, MD
SENTAC President

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Keep Up With SENTAC!



Program Chair's Report

Christina Rappazzo, CCC-SLP, BCS-S



As SENTAC's current Program Chair, I eagerly invite you to the 52nd annual SENTAC conference set for November 7th through 9th, 2024! This year, the Preconference Workshops will be graciously hosted by Children's Hospital Colorado while the main conference will be held at Hilton Denver City Center in the heart of downtown. There will be two workshops during the Preconference held on Thursday. One will showcase updates in cochlear implantation with otologist and audiologists from all over the nation sharing their clinical expertise. The other workshop will focus on tracheostomy. We are honored to have Dr. Paul Willging and Dr. Claire Miller headline the Tracheostomy Preconference, along with many other nationally recognized otolaryngologists and speech pathologists. Our main conference will kick off Thursday evening with our Welcome Reception at the Hilton Denver City Center where attendees can network and catch up with colleagues to music

and fun! The main conference will have multidisciplinary panels on unilateral hearing loss, the role of artificial intelligence in otolaryngologic care, ankyloglossia, international perspectives on multidisciplinary care, and more. We will enthusiastically continue "Why I Am Right"; friendly debates highlighting different practice patterns in the management of otologic, airway, and swallowing disorders. We will also have presentations on DEI and concurrent breakout sessions focused on neonatal feeding, cardiac disorders and feeding, hearing disorders, and utilization of APP's. We will have over 70 scientific abstracts and over 40 poster presentations. Additionally, we received a record-breaking number of submissions for our Audiology & Speech Pathology Difficult Cases therefore we will run concurrent sessions all Saturday afternoon to highlight these cases. I want to end by thanking the entire Program Committee who have worked hard to plan and organize this highly anticipated event! This year's fabulous program committee includes Ashley Brown, Jason Brown, Clarice Clemmens, Stefanie LaManna, Gene Liu, Deepak Mehta, Chelsea Randall, Scott Rickert, Soham Roy, Gretchen Sackmann, Wendy Steuerwald, and Bethany Thomas. Please Save the Date and join us in Denver!

Christina Rappazzo M.A., CCC-SLP, BCS-S
SENTAC Past President and Program Chair



Secretary's Report

Javan Nation, MD



Dear SENTAC Members,

I hope this midyear update finds you well. I am pleased to share the ongoing growth and progress within our society. We continue to implement changes aimed at enhancing your membership experience and upholding the excellence of our offerings.

One of the significant updates is the introduction of a new 3-year membership renewal option, which has been approved and implemented. This option allows members to renew their membership for three years at once, offering the convenience of not having to renew annually and providing a total savings of \$30.

Please note that the renewal cycle for membership dues begins on October 1st.

Our society is committed to being accessible to everyone interested in joining. We recognize that some prospective members may face challenges in securing sponsors if they do not know any current members. To address this, the Membership Committee has added a new feature to our application process. If an applicant does not have a sponsor, they can notify the Membership Committee, and we will assist by connecting them with members in their region and discipline who could potentially serve as sponsors.

Additionally, I would like to remind you of the updates to our Bring-a-Colleague (BAC) member benefit. To ensure the effectiveness and fairness of this program, we have revised the requirements and guidelines. Please refer to the details below for further information.

"Bring-a-Colleague" ("BAC") Requirements/Guidelines

A member of SENTAC sponsors one new individual (guest) to the conference. The guests' registration is funded by SENTAC at no cost to either party. Details below:

The Sponsor:

- The Sponsor needs to have been a paid SENTAC member for at least 6-months prior to sponsoring a guest
- The sponsor can be any discipline (MD, APP, AUD or SLP)
- The sponsor must register the "guest" at the time of their registration. Sponsorship cannot be added on at a later date.

The Guest:

- The guest needs to be either first time attendee or not have attended in the past 3 years.
- The guest can be SLP/AUD/APP/Other with any years of practice. The MD guest must be medical student, resident, fellow, or early-career MD (<3 years out of fellowship).
- The guest must pay for their own Saturday evening meal (not included in "BAC")
- The guest must pay for their own pre-conference (not included in "BAC")

Furthermore, SENTAC's membership has increased by 27 new members since March of 2024, totaling 632! I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated members of the Membership Committee—Robert O'Reilly, MD; Audrey Latimore, MA/CCC-SLP; Alexandria Matts, AuD; Laurie Newton, APP; and Seckin Ulualp, MD—for their invaluable contributions and unwavering commitment to advancing our mission.

In closing, I am immensely proud of the progress we have made together and am confident that the future holds even greater promise for SENTAC. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our shared goals.

Sincerely,

Javan Nation, MD
SENTAC Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Vicky Papaioannou, M.CLSc



SENTAC remains in excellent financial standing at the mid-point of our fiscal year! Our liabilities and equity remain comparable to last year despite the additional costs associated with our new website thanks to our strong investment account and the hard work of our Development Committee.

Meeting registrations, the largest source of revenue for our Society, are off to a strong start after only a month. Be sure to register early! We have already exceeded last year's sponsorship revenue and I must encourage all conference attendees to thank our sponsors and to visit with sponsors during the breaks so that we can keep them coming back year after year!

Check out the Job Board on our new website and be sure to visit it regularly whether you are looking for new opportunities or have positions to fill!

As always, I am happy to receive questions and comments.

Vicky Papaioannou, M.CLSc

SENTAC Treasurer

Communications Chairs' Report

Madison Howe, AuD, CCC-A and Michael McCormick, MD



Hello SENTAC family! It's been an exhilarating year for the Communications Committee, and we're thrilled to share our latest updates with you. We've hosted two remarkable webinars: one focused on Difficult Cases in Velopharyngeal Dysfunction and another on Multidisciplinary Precepting in Pediatric Care. Both sessions received ASHA approval for CEU credits. If you missed them, you can still access the recordings at <https://sentac.org/webinars/>.

Our social media presence continues to flourish, with nearly 200 new followers across Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn in the past 6 months.

These platforms are vital for engaging both current and prospective

members, as well as fostering a sense of community beyond our annual meeting.

We recently showcased a "Day in the Life Of" (DITL) Instagram takeover featuring Nicole Scafura, MS, CCC-SLP at Mount Sinai Hospital. This DITL takeover attracted several new followers and served as a great platform to spotlight the multidisciplinary work of our members.

But the excitement doesn't stop here! We have more in store for you in 2024: In late August, we are thrilled to present an innovative panel designed specifically for audiology students pursuing externships in pediatrics. Featuring esteemed pediatric audiologists from leading children's hospitals, this panel will offer invaluable insights and an exciting opportunity for students to engage with SENTAC. In October, we are hosting an insightful webinar on Genetic Testing for Hearing Loss with Dr. Eliot Shearer and Dr. Sharon Cushing. Our committee has also been hard at work collaborating with the program committee to promote the annual meeting in November- you definitely don't want to miss what's in store for this year's meeting!

The Communications Committee is dedicated to advancing SENTAC's mission through vibrant social media engagement, enriching webinars, and active member involvement. We would love to hear your ideas and encourage you to reach out if you'd like to contribute or get more involved. Thank you for the opportunity to serve and represent our incredible organization!

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Update

Jareem Meinzen-Derr, PhD and Stephanie Zacharias, PhD

2024 SENTAC Annual Meeting Travel Scholarships

We have the privilege of offering 10 scholarships, each valued at \$1000, to individuals from underrepresented or marginalized communities. These scholarships are intended to alleviate the expenses associated with travel and accommodation. The cost of conference registration will be waived.

Interested individuals are asked to fill out the application (link below) which includes a statement of why/how attending SENTAC will support your career goals (max. 250 words).

For application submission, kindly follow this link: <https://form.jotform.com/240785540882161>

Applications are due September 6th by midnight. Email notifications will be sent by September 16th.

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you,

SENTAC DEI Committee

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Young Members Committee Update

David Zopf, MD



The core theme the Young Members Committee focused on was “Facilitating Connections” amongst our Early Career professional colleagues. To allow connections broadly, we are encouraging use of the SENTAC WhatsApp group previously created by the Communications team and exploring creating additional specialty specific WhatsApp groups where a large number of opinions can be shared within specialties.

To connect Early Career colleagues on a more focused level, we are piloting Early Career-Seasoned Professional Dyads. Our hope is this will foster mentorship and advocacy opportunities; but will likely also be invigorating for later career specialists having the opportunity to aide more junior colleagues. Individuals at larger academic centers, likely already have this luxury – but many of our colleagues would benefit from an advocate and guide along the early career path. Please keep an eye out for sign up information at the Annual Meeting in Colorado. The discussions generated from the Board with this idea was very lively and we are hopeful this can provide valuable connections and encourage greater participation and collegiality – hard to imagine with this already AMAZING Society.

SENTAC Historian Update

After 10 years of service to SENTAC, Nina Yoshpe has decided to pass on the torch! The next historian will have big shoes to fill. Thank you Nina Yoshpe, MD for your many years of service as SENTAC's Historian!

The role of the Historian is to keep an accurate history of the Society's activities. He/she may attend the meetings of the officers as well as of the Board of Directors, and shall make an accurate report of the Society's proceedings of the preceding year at each annual meeting. He/she shall be elected for a term of five years, and may succeed himself/herself in office.



SENTAC Interim Historian Adele Evans, MD

In the event of a vacancy on the Board, the Board of Directors appoints a replacement in the interim until the next annual election cycle. The Board has appointed Adele Evans, MD as the interim Historian. The election will be held during the Annual Business Meeting on November 9th.

A Message from the Interim Historian

"When I was a fellow in Philadelphia, I was working with Ken Kazahaya on determining the best hearing outcomes for children with microtia/atresia. When considering the ear canal drill out as a standard practice, we weighed the auditory outcomes and the cost of the procedure against those for placement of osteo-integrated devices, at that time the BAHAs. He encouraged me to submit to SENTAC, and it was my first exposure to SENTAC. We won an award for the project, which was exciting for me. Once I began to attend the SENTAC meetings as a fully trained pediatric otolaryngologist, I noted how wonderful the environment was for clinical growth, with multiple clinical disciplines and also multiple professional disciplines. I loved the strength of the nursing research, the variety of the nurse practitioner projects, the valuable commentary from the audiologists, the pediatricians, and the dentists who joined this meeting. I really fell in love with the meeting and feel that it formed how I feel we should practice medicine for our patients, with them and with their care team finding the best path forward with them.

SENTAC has grown dramatically in numbers, and yet it still feels like the warmest and closest knit society, feeling more like we are all in school together. It is a great place for the students and residents to network with each other and with faculty to develop their own networks and relationships.

Linda Brodsky (may she rest in peace) and Nina Yoshpe were two of my early finds in the society, and their support through the changing tides of a career in pediatric otolaryngology has been my foundation. I could never in an entire lifetime thank them enough.

I'm honored to be selected as the SENTAC historian. I know I have big shoes to fill as I learn from Nina now."

Adele Evans, MD

SENTAC Interim Historian



Thank you, Nina Yoshpe, MD for 10 years of service to SENTAC!

2024 Open Positions on the Board of Directors

The election will be held during the Annual Business Meeting on November 9th. If you are nominating a candidate, please make sure they have agreed to the commitment and are present during the business meeting. Voting will take place onsite.

- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Board of Director (3 openings)
- Historian



JOB BOARD ALERT!

Visit our **Job Board** for new career opportunities!
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Click below to view current openings posted by our members and fellow colleagues.

SENTAC Job Board

Upcoming Events

The 2024 Webinar series has kicked off! The next webinar will be on Wednesday, October 30th at 7pm CT!

Genetic Testing for Hearing Loss: Who, What, Where, When, How and Why?

Genetic testing is an integral part of evaluation of all children with sensorineural hearing loss with direct impact on clinical care. In this webinar we will present a practical approach to genetic testing in children with hearing loss such that any provider can confidently discuss genetic testing for hearing loss with patients and order testing. The seminar will focus on how to counsel around, order and interpret results with an emphasis on the impact of a genetic diagnosis on treatment and audiologic follow-up. This webinar will be held on Zoom Webinar. CME and ASHA CEUs are offered.

[Register Today!](#)

To view prior webinars, visit our website.

[View Prior Webinars](#)

Registration is OPEN for the 2024 Annual Meeting in Denver, CO!

This year's meeting highlights:

- Preconference Workshops
- Welcome Reception with food, drinks and a DJ!
- Educational Offerings INCLUDING breakouts, panels and Why Im Right sessions!
- Poster Session with Wine & Cheese
- 7th Annual Academic Bowl
- Saturday Night Social featuring LIVE Entertainment (separate registration required which can be found within the registration form)

Unable to travel? We have you covered! Virtual option is available for the entire conference! Pick and choose which breakouts you want to attend!

[Register Today!](#)



We are hiring!

Empowering, Nurturing, Transforming - Pediatric ENT in Mesa, AZ!

Banner Children's Specialists (BCS), a multispecialty group within Banner Health, is actively recruiting for a staff Pediatric Otolaryngologist to join our team on the campus of Banner Children's at Desert Medical Center in Mesa, AZ.

If you or someone you know might be interested, click the link below for more information and to apply!

<https://practicewithus.bannerhealth.com/s/job-board?id=a3l3u0000007cPV>

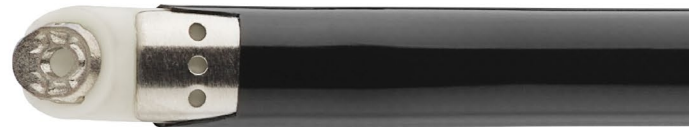
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