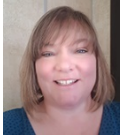


1. Provide a brief overview of your professional background (which may include work experience such as clinical, research, and/or administration/management background, volunteer, board/committee experience).

Shelley Doerksen,
R.SLP



I graduated from the U of A in 2011. I have worked as an SLP in community health clinics, schools, hospitals and in private practice. I enjoy working with all populations to provide speech, language and swallowing services. I accepted a leadership role on interprofessional teams to provide dysphagia services to children and adults and served as the Director of Professional Education on the Board of Directors for Speech and Hearing BC. I have participated on several Councils and working groups including the Prov. Council of AHS Speech-Language Pathologists and the IDDSI Expert Research group. I also had the opportunity to work with the College of Speech and Hearing Health Professionals of BC as an assessor. I have a passion to support other clinicians to provide quality, evidence-based services to clients.

Ajay Mysore Narasimha,
R.SLP



I received my MSc degree from the University of Western Ontario and an MBA from U of C with specialty in Health Care Management. My career has focused primarily on medical side of Speech-Pathology and quality of life measures. I have worked as performance consultant and been involved in financial auditing and policy making. I am a board member and have volunteered for numerous organizations such as Parkinson's Society, Venturers society, Charter School boards etc.

Samasthitha
Subramanyan,
R.SLP



Dynamic, motivated, and multilingual speech therapist with a proven record of successfully working in various pediatric settings including home health. I have mainly worked in various elementary schools ranging from title 1 (with over five special education programs in Houston to Montessori and Waldorf-based education systems). This has given me vast experience in dealing with different types of caseloads. I have been a member of the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association (ASHA) since 2012 and ACSLPA since 2019. I strive to keep learning as a central purpose.

Beatrice To,
R.Aud



I have worked for 15 years as an Audiologist in various public health settings in BC, Alberta, and Nunavut. My practice includes adult & pediatric diagnostics, auditory evoked, vestibular and rehabilitation. In my Nunavut role, I was responsible for 11 remote communities, including coordinating TAs and equipment, and I advocated successfully for an increase to Audiology services in the Qikiqtaaluk region.

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2. Why do you want to be part of ACSLPA's Council at this time?

Shelley Doerksen,
R.SLP



I recently moved back to Alberta from BC and I would like to contribute to ACSLPA's Council by providing my experience and expertise to enhance health services provided to Albertans. In addition, I would like to support my colleagues to provide quality care to clients and to protect the integrity of our professions.

Ajay Mysore Narasimha,
R.SLP



Healthcare/Speech Language Pathology is changing at a rapid pace. I would like to be a part of the ACSLPA Council to develop knowledge, skills and informed beliefs internally and externally to support health system improvement. I would like to bring about a transformation by a spectrum of public participation and awareness activities. I have had extensive experience with policies/procedures during the COVID pandemic and would like to be a part of ACSLPA to impart my experience and knowledge.

Samasthitha
Subramanyan,
R.SLP



I am interested in networking with other members and spreading diverse perspectives and ideas throughout the organization. Expanding one's cultural competence and learning from colleagues and clients from a variety of culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. Infusing multicultural information into clinical procedures thus impacting the future practices of the professions. Furthermore, I believe in interprofessional collaboration. Since our profession is highly interdependent on other professions, teaming up with other professional members for the latest research and practices in their respective fields is very important for effective practice.

Beatrice To,
R.Aud



I have been serving on council for the past 2.5 years, and would like to continue to see through the work that I have been a part of on council during this time.

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3. How do you feel your skills and experiences could benefit ACSLPA?

Shelley Doerksen,
R.SLP



I have had the opportunity to work with several boards and teams to achieve goals and make necessary strategic changes to the organization. I really enjoy working with other professionals to make strategic changes to improve health care services. I am a skilled listener and enjoy analyzing information to determine new strategies to accomplish goals. I am a team player and I strive to work together with my colleagues to move forward in a positive direction.

Ajay Mysore Narasimha,
R.SLP



I'm a visionary and transformational leader with diverse educational background and extensive clinical experience. I'm a FRM-Affiliated clinical educator and have mentored numerous students and clinicians which has helped me deliver highest quality care abiding my ACSLPA standards and policies. I'm solution driven and quality-oriented change agent, delivering record of consistent achievement, improving processes, implementing best practices, driving growth, controlling costs, and optimizing efficiency.

Samasthitha
Subramanyan,
R.SLP



Being a multilingual speech-language pathologist, through almost a decade of practice, I have various experiences and moments of information exchange that I want to underscore and bring forward in our practice. It is important to incorporate these distinctions for a dynamic, diverse, and collaborative practice. I believe developing ideas based on current research and development in our profession contributes towards an environment of creativity, diversity, and innovation. I also believe the learning network must be open among professionals within our field and the other professions that we work with. It allows us to thrive and bring about valuable and effective practice.

Beatrice To,
R.Aud



An advantage to working in various roles throughout Alberta, and in working in a multidisciplinary environment, I am lucky to be a part of conversations with Audiologists and SLPs throughout the region who share their concerns about their experiences between various zones in the province, both private and public. I feel that I bring a different perspective given my background.

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4. Provide a short statement of your vision of the short and long-term future for ACSLPA.

Shelley Doerksen,
R.SLP



The structure and mission of our professions is constantly changing. Therefore, ACSLPA will be required to accommodate these changes. I am excited to see how our services to clients will improve and become even more effective and valued by Albertans. My vision for ACSLPA is to be a strong advocate for the importance and quality of Speech Language Pathology and Audiology services in Alberta.

Ajay Mysore Narasimha,
R.SLP



My short-term vision would be to extend current thinking into new paradigms to increase public awareness and quality of care. My long-term vision would be to create a culture and climate supportive of necessary innovations in response to today's challenges (especially COVID pandemic). To continue to work on ACSLPA's regulation and ethical standards to maintain safe and competent care for Albertans.

Samasthitha
Subramanyan,
R.SLP



My long-term vision for the future of ACSLPA would be empowering evolving research, setting standards, promoting excellence in professional practice, and encouraging members and those they serve. The short-term vision includes getting familiar with the board and council member duties, expanding networking and communication with board members, carrying out the duties as a council member, being proactive in generating new ideas, and executing them which could be beneficial to the board in all possible ways.

Beatrice To,
R.Aud



In the short-term, I would like to see ACSLPA complete the reworking of all of the college documents in regard to the recent Systemic Racism and Discrimination issues, as well as continue the seminal work on the key college documents. In the long-term, I hope that ACSLPA will have a stable co-governance structure that will support and sustain Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology.

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