

## 2018 TAA Board of Directors Nominees

### Nominee for President Elect: Lacey Brooks, AuD



Dr. Lacey Brooks is currently the owner of North Houston Hearing Solutions, a private practice in the Champion Forest/ North Houston area. Prior being in private practice at North Houston Hearing Solutions, Dr. Brooks was the regional manager for one of the largest practices in the state of Texas for over seven years. She received her Doctor of Audiology degree at Lamar University. She is currently a fellow of the American Academy of Audiology, holds a Certificate of Clinical Competence from the American Speech & Hearing Association, and is a professional member of the American Tinnitus Association. Dr. Brooks specializes in tinnitus management and hearing amplification. She has been involved with Hearing for Latin America for a number of years. She travels to Guadalajara to help people of all ages in need. Dr. Brooks is currently serving on the

board as the Vice President of the Louisiana State Alumni Houston Chapter, and is very involved with her community and church.

“ This is an interesting time in our profession. I now, more than ever, want to join the TAA board in a leadership capacity to help shape the future of our profession in the great state of Texas. It is a crucial that the leaders of our organization work together to grow our field, protect our interest, and shape the future of Audiology. Having worked with many groups related to our profession, I believe my experience, insight, and relationships will play a key role in my ability to serve as the TAA President. If chosen, I would be honored to represent Texas Audiologists.”

### Nominee for President Elect: Adriana Miciak, AuD



Dr. Miciak holds a BA from the University of Alabama and AuD from the University of Texas at Austin. She is currently the Starkey field representative for Central and Gulf Coast Texas and serves as a mentor and field trainer for new hires. Prior to joining Starkey in 2014, she worked as a clinical audiologist at Baylor College of Medicine. Her point of advocacy centers upon amplification, particularly in underserved and linguistically diverse populations.

Dr. Miciak is a member of ASHA, AAA, and TAA. She is fluent in English and Spanish. She lives in Houston with her husband and fellow Longhorn, Jeremy.

*I would like to serve Texas audiologists in a leadership role through TAA. With current issues facing our profession, TAA has an opportunity to advocate for our professionals and help navigate the changes so that audiologists adapt, overcome and thrive.*

## **Nominee for VP of Education: Jennifer Bobo, AuD**



Jennifer Stroup Bobo, Au.D. has over 20 years' experience in the field of audiology. She graduated with her B.S. in Communication Disorders from the University of Texas at Austin, her M.S. in Communication Disorders from the University of Texas at Dallas and her Au.D. from the George S. Osborne School of Audiology. Jennifer has been an Account Manager for Oticon, Inc. for the past 12 years. Prior to joining Oticon, she practiced audiology in Dallas at Total Hearing Care and worked as a business consultant for audiologists at American Hearing Aid Associates. She has served on the AAA BEST Committee for best practices in Audiology and is currently serving on the AAA Leadership Committee. Jennifer joined the TAA Board in 2010 as the VP of Membership in which she used her current position with Oticon traveling across the state to

spread the word to audiologists on what TAA was doing for the profession and the important need to increase membership. She then stepped into the role on the board as President-Elect in 2011, President 2012 and Past-President in 2013. Jennifer continued to support the board and was as exhibitor liaison for the TAA Conference. In 2015, Jennifer was elected as VP of Membership and has been in charge of the TAA Conference for the past 2 years.

“Until I began to serve on the board in 2010, I like many audiologists, believed that AAA and ASHA could solve all the issues facing audiologists. I quickly learned that this was not the case. Since our license and the many issues that impact our ability to practice audiology happen at the state level it is up to your state organization to shoulder the work. I have personally made it my mission to promote and fight for the profession of audiology in the state of Texas. As a current TAA Board member, I have witnessed the sacrifices that our board members make on a weekly, sometimes daily, basis to positively impact the field of audiology in Texas. If chosen to serve again, I look forward to contributing even more and making the annual TAA Conference the most amazing event ever for Texas Audiologists.”

## **Nominee for VP of Legislative Issues: Jennifer Muehlebach, AuD**



Dr. Muehlebach is a practicing audiologist at Central Texas ENT, a specialty clinic for CHI St. Joseph Hospital in College Station. She is a fellow of the American Academy of Audiology and holds a Certificate of Clinical Competence from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Dr. Muehlebach currently treats patients of all ages for both hearing and balance disorders in the Bryan/College Station area. She also travels to multiple satellite clinics around Central Texas where she is proud to bring hearing services to otherwise underserved areas.

She graduated with her AuD from Wichita State University in Kansas and relocated to Texas in 2014. Dr. Muehlebach feels passionate about issues related to professional autonomy, scope of practice, and public education regarding hearing loss

prevention and treatment. In her spare time, Dr. Muehlebach is a volunteer at The Elizabeth House Maternity Home in Bryan. She also enjoys her family, traveling and rooting for her favorite baseball team, the Kansas City Royals.

“I feel it’s time for me to become more involved in my profession, and in the future of audiology. Participating as a board member for the TAA will allow me to have a voice in the changes occurring within our profession and to be an active part of that process.”

### **Nominee for VP of Legislative Issues: Haley Owen, AuD**



Haley Owen, AuD is a practicing audiologist with Livingston Hearing Aid Center in Plano. She received her BS from the University of Texas in Austin and her AuD from the University of North Texas. She has over 10 years of experience in fitting and dispensing hearing instruments. She is Board Certified in Audiology, a Fellow of the American Academy of Audiology, and a lifetime member of the Texas Academy of Audiology.

“I am passionate about protecting the field of audiology from encroachment by other professionals with limited education and limited scope of practice, while also striving educate the medical field in order to maintain and/or expand the audiologists’ scope of practice. I believe that involvement with TAA legislative issues is the

best place to affect change and positive growth for our profession”

### **Nominee for VP of Public Relations: Tracy Board, AuD**



Tracy Board, Au.D. is an audiologist at Audicles Hearing Services, a private practice in San Antonio. She earned her B.S. from The University of Texas at Austin and her Au.D. from The University of Texas at Dallas. Tracy completed her fourth year externship at Sunshine Cottage School for Deaf Children in San Antonio, where she developed a passion for pediatric audiology and aural habilitation. Thirteen years ago, she joined the staff of Audicles, and now enjoys working with people of all ages.

“I am interested in serving on the Board of TAA so that I may contribute to positive growth in our field. I want to become more

knowledgeable about the issues that affect not only Audiologists, but also the people with hearing loss who we serve.”

## **Nominee for VP of Public Relations: Annie Cardella-McRae, AuD**



Dr. McRae is the Director of Audiology at Advanced Hearing Center in Dallas. She received her Au.D. from UT-Dallas in 2012. Through humanitarian service projects in Panama, South Africa, and Zambia, Dr. McRae learned the value of adaptability in challenging professional situations, and has developed a passion for problem solving. She has experience working with patients from newborns to geriatrics in private practice, ENT, and educational settings, as well as graduate-level teaching and research. Her professional interests include amplification, aural rehabilitation, and advanced diagnostics. Outside of audiology, Dr. McRae enjoys spending time with her husband Nick and pet lizard Moses.

“I am interested in serving on the TAA board to help foster a culture of excitement, connection, and professional engagement among Texas audiologists. If elected, I will advocate enthusiastically for audiologists and for the patients we serve by working to bridge the communication gap between hearing health professionals as we work toward common goals for the betterment of our profession.”

## **Nominee for VP of Public Relations: Cassie Thomas, AuD**



Cassie Thomas is currently a pediatric audiologist at Cook Children’s Medical Center in Fort Worth. Cassie is also an adjunct professor at the University of North Texas. She graduated from the University of North Texas with her AuD in 2007. Prior to working at Cook Children’s Medical Center, Cassie worked as a clinical audiologist at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. Cassie is a member of the Texas Academy of Audiology and the American Academy of Audiology. She is currently serving on the Practice Compliance Committee for the American Academy of Audiology. She has earned her Certificate Holder for the

Audiology Preceptor (CH-AP) through the American Board of Audiology.

“I am interested in serving on the TAA board in order to get more involved on the state level. TAA is a great organization that has contributed so much to my profession. I look forward to helping contribute to the future of TAA and to the future of our profession.”