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NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello SCCSHA members! Thank you to those who attended our Fall Workshop on Resources for Therapy and the Linguistically Appropriate IEP for English Learners presented by Maret Wilson Walker, and Integrating Your Therapy Into the Special Day Classroom presented by Jane Krider. We hope that you were inspired to implement something you learned into your practice.

We are excited for our Winter Workshop, "Apps in Context: using free or low-cost apps and website to target alignment with research, play and social cognition/skills, narrative and expository language, sentence formulation, vocabulary development, and executive functioning", presented by Sean Sweeney M.A., CCC-SLP. The workshop will be **Friday, January 18, 2019** at the **Sunnyvale School District Office**.

Please save the date for our Spring Luncheon and 3-hour workshop held on **Friday, May 24, 2019**, at the Villages in San Jose. This year we welcome Dr. Jeannene M. Ward-Lonergan and Dr. Robert A. Pieretti, where they will be presenting on the connection between language, literacy, and dyslexia and the SLP's role.

We would like to remind our members and workshop participants that attendance for the full length of the workshop is required to receive continuing education units. We understand that circumstances can often interfere with this; however, in an effort to remain consistent and fair, we ask that all workshop participants honor this policy. We look forward to seeing you at our Winter Workshop.

Allison Pepper, M.A., CCC-SLP
SCCSHA President, 2018-2019

New ASHA Position Statements on Rapid Prompting Method and Facilitated Communication

ASHA (American Speech-Language-Hearing Association) has just recently posted the 2018 position statements on the Rapid Prompting Method and Facilitated Communication.

These position statements are official policies of ASHA and were developed by the ASHA Ad Hoc Committee on Facilitated Communication (FC) and the Rapid Prompting Method (RPM):

RAPID PROMPTING:

"It is the position of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) **that use of the Rapid Prompting Method (RPM) is not recommended** because of prompt dependency and the lack of scientific validity. Furthermore, information obtained through the use of RPM should not be assumed to be the communication of the person with a disability."

To read the position statement in its entirety visit:

<https://www.asha.org/policy/ps2018-00351/>

FACILITATED COMMUNICATION:

"It is the position of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) that **Facilitated Communication (FC) is a discredited technique that should not be used**. There is no scientific evidence of the validity of FC, and there is extensive scientific evidence—produced over several decades and across several countries—that messages are authored by the "facilitator" rather than the person with a disability. Furthermore, there is extensive evidence of harms related to the use of FC. Information obtained through the use of FC should not be considered as the communication of the person with a disability."

To read the position statement in its entirety visit:

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STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE CORNER

TIFFANY CHEN

As 2018 comes to an end, I would like to extend a few appreciations. First off, I would like to thank the board members for organizing another successful workshop this Fall. It has been a pleasure working with you all. Secondly, I would like to thank our presenters from the Speech Pathology Group, Maret Wilson Walker, M.A., CCC-SLP, and Jane Krider, M.S., CCC-SLP, for giving very informative presentations on the topics of English Learners and SDC Integration. Lastly, thank you to all who attended. There were 9 students in attendance! I hope to see even more students at our Winter Workshop in January. These workshops are great opportunities for students and local SLPs to connect and build lasting relationships. For updates on upcoming workshops and other SCCSHA matters, check out our website (www.sccsha.org) and/or follow our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/648398101853455/>).

In an effort to increase participation and student engagement, I have been collaborating with the CSHA District 4 Student Representative and the SJSU NSSLHA President on organizing some volunteer and social/networking events for students. You should have already received information about our first event on **Saturday, December 1, 2018**. We will be volunteering at **Via West's Operation Snowflake**. Via West is an organization that provides residential respite care as well as weekend and week-long programming for adults and children with special needs. Every year, they hold a special weekend that is winter/holiday themed called Operation Snowflake, during which they bring out snow, build a sled run, and have a holiday party filled with activities for all the participants. It is a blast! We thank those of you who have donated materials or will be joining us in December as volunteers.

Finally, I would like to inform all graduate students about the **SCCSHA Student Scholarship**. The scholarship is \$500 and will be paid directly to the student's college for tuition fees. The application will be open from Friday, January 25th through Wednesday, April 24th, so pencil it into your calendars and to-do lists! Check our website for more details.

Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season!
Tiffany Chen

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SCCSHA WINTER WORKSHOP PRESENTS:

Sean Sweeney MS, Med, CCC-SLP

Technology in Context: Integrating Apps and Webtools for School-Based Interventions

Workshop Description

This workshop will provide brief overviews of methodologies relevant to the school setting for social cognition, expressive and narrative language and executive functioning, along with demonstrations of alignments with app and web tools useful for setting context, providing visual support and scaffolding language development. The strategy of building contextual language activities through the pairing of picture books and apps will also be exemplified. Participants will leave with a range of free and low cost tools to employ in practical, easy to execute activities targeting clinical objectives.

Learning Outcomes

- ❖ Describe 3 intervention frameworks and approaches along with technology-infused activity alignments
- ❖ Identify the language-related contextual features supporting the selection of two book and app/webtool pairings
- ❖ List three uses of visually supportive applications in language interventions

Sean Sweeney, MS, MEd, CCC-SLP, is a speech-language pathologist and technology consultant working in private practice at The Ely Center in Needham, MA. Sean spent over a decade in the public school setting serving in the roles of SLP and instructional technology specialist. His blog, SpeechTechie, (named after you, not him) was inspired by the combination of those complementary vocations and a desire to empower those in his field to employ technology in their work. Sean currently consults to and presents for local and national organizations on technology integration in speech and language interventions. Sean is a regular columnist for The ASHA Leader, and loves hiking and breaks from technology as well.



6 CEUs

WORKSHOP DETAILS

January 18, 2019
8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Registration begins at 8:00. A light Mediterranean lunch will be provided and handouts will be emailed in advance. Please register online at www.sccsha.org we will no longer be accepting paper registration or membership forms. Products from [Speech Corner](#) will be available for purchase.

LOCATION

Sunnyvale School District
Administrative Board Room
819 West Iowa Avenue
Sunnyvale, CA 94086