

## Coordinator's Column

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Welcome, Special Interest Group (SIG) 10 affiliates, to the 2017 issue of *Perspectives*! The new format for *Perspectives* has been in place for several months now, and readers are getting used to seeing new content being published throughout the year. Recently, SIG 10 published an article that described a working model of interprofessional education and interprofessional practice in speech-language pathology and audiology and an article on how university educators can foster critical thinking skills in students. These articles are easily accessible in our 2016 issue.

*Perspectives* begins each new year by launching a new issue, and this provides me with an opportunity to offer you a preview of some of the articles that SIG 10 will be publishing in the future. SIG 10 will publish several themed articles intended to help higher education professionals prepare future clinicians to address the voice and communication needs of transgender clients. The guest editor for this theme is Patrick R. Walden. The articles planned will address many topics: voice, speech, and resonance as factors in transgender communication interventions; a conceptual framework of the “ownership” of the voice change process; applying motor learning theory to transgender voice modification; how standards of care are applied to the health-care needs of transgender clients; building voice and communication training into a university clinic and how this service benefits students and the transgender community; and first-person accounts from transgender individuals who have completed speech-language pathology graduate programs. In sum, articles in the issue will address preparing students for clinical practice, review evidence that informs practice, and offer suggestions for developing therapy methods for transgender communication services.

SIG 10 serves its members' continuing education needs not only by publishing *Perspectives*—we also offer a short course and at least one session at the ASHA Convention each year and host live online chats with noted experts in higher education throughout the year. The authors and presenters sometimes agree to share their material with SIG 10 affiliates more than once and may publish in *Perspectives*, speak at Convention, and/or lead an online chat. The SIG 10 Coordinating Committee hopes that this repetition will allow affiliates to have multiple opportunities to access content that is valuable to higher education professionals. In addition, SIG 10's ASHA Community allows affiliates to receive news and announcements and to participate in discussions on a variety of topics related to higher education.

I would like to express my appreciation to the SIG 10 Coordinating Committee for its fabulous work in bringing *Perspectives*, the Convention sessions, and the online chats to our affiliates. *Perspectives* is edited by Patrick Finn of the University of Georgia, along with Associate Editor Maria Claudia Franca of Southern Illinois University Carbondale. The Editorial Review Committee currently consists of nine reviewers. Patrick R. Walden of St. John's University is the SIG 10 professional development manager (PDM) and is responsible for planning the Convention sessions and online chats and for vetting the continuing education (CE) content of *Perspectives*. A recently constituted four-person Professional Development Committee will work with Patrick to complete the many planning tasks that are involved in bringing CE material to the affiliates of SIG 10. Committee members Rik Lemoncello of Pacific University and Angela Beckman Anthony of Eastern Illinois University are the managers of the ASHA Community. Froma Roth is the ASHA ex officio of the committee and serves as the committee's direct link with ASHA staff.

The SIG 10 Coordinating Committee wants to thank all of the affiliates who voted in the 2016 Coordinating Committee election and welcomes Pamela Terrell of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point to the Coordinating Committee. Pam is replacing John Folkins, whose term on the committee ended at the end of 2016. Angela Beckman Anthony is taking over John's position as associate coordinator of the SIG 10 Coordinating Committee. SIG 10 will hold an election in 2017 to fill two upcoming Coordinating Committee vacancies. Terms of service are

expiring at the end of 2017 for Rik Lemoncello and for myself. Information on how affiliates can run for a seat on the Coordinating Committee will be available this spring. The new year is a wonderful time for affiliates to “resolve” to become more involved with the activities of SIG 10!

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