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Dear Colleagues,

Season's Greetings! As we head into the New Year, the Board wanted to share some news with everyone. 2014 is sure to be memorable with all the changes ahead. What changes you ask?? Read on to learn about the name changes and more!

Chicago - it's a wrap!

The 2013 ASHA Convention was big- not just in physical measures but also in scope! Your board met on Wednesday before the convention began for our annual face-to-face. We had a productive meeting and a chance to talk with representatives from ASHA and from our management company, Badger Bay. We also thanked our outgoing board members & welcomed our new board members. The Chicago 2013 ASHA Convention was the largest ever, with approximately 14,000 pre-registrants. Subsequently, the swallowing sessions were well-attended. We also had the chance to catch up with affiliates during the early (6:30 a.m.) morning meeting & at the BRS-S Reception. If you missed the annual Meet the Master's Event, you can access it through our updated CEU portal on the website (www.swallowingdisorders.org). As always, convention time seemed to fly by too quickly. However, we look forward to seeing everyone again soon at the annual Dysphagia Research Society Meeting in March which will be held in Nashville, TN (<http://www.dysphagiaresearch.org>). Don't forget your cowboy boots, y'all!

What's in a name??

As a result of action by ASHA's Board of Directors, the designator of those with swallowing specialty will change. The clinical designation will transition from Board Recognized Specialist in Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders (BRS-S) to Board Certified Specialist in Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders (BCS-S). Affiliates can begin using the new designator as of January 1st. The Board also has a new name and this was effective in November (you may have already noticed it on the web site). Previously, the Specialty Board on Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders granted board recognition. The

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board's name has already transitioned to The American Board of Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders. All those with current board recognition will be grandfathered into board certified designation. ASHA has agreed to cover the cost of new certificates and these will be coming in the first quarter of 2014 to reflect the name changes.

New Website

Be sure and check out the New Website, which went live on the internet on November 8, 2013. The website content and look have all been updated. Please visit us at: www.swallowingdisorders.org.

We look forward to seeing you in Nashville (if you attend the Dysphagia Research Society meeting) or on our new website!

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