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As you transition into the "lazy" days of summer, we want you to know the American Board of Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders is still hard at work. Check out the updates below.

### New BCS-S Affiliates

Congratulations and welcome to the newest BCS-S affiliates:

**Jennifer Carter**, Carter Swallowing Center  
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**Mary Ewing**, IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital

**Hannah Hawke**, Mary Rutan Hospital

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[www.swallowingdisorders.org](http://www.swallowingdisorders.org)**New Committee Chairs**

On May 20, 2014, the Board unanimously voted to appoint the following new committee chairs:

Stefanie Moynahan - PR/Marketing (Board Liaison: Luis)

Kelly Salmon - Corporate Partners (Board Liaison: Nancy)

Emily Mayfield - Mentors (Board Liaison: Donna)

Thank you to Stefanie, Kelly and Emily for agreeing to serve in these important positions. We look forward to the continued success and growth of these committees under your leadership!

**Continuing Education Opportunities**

Don't forget there are many quality continuing education programs available at a reasonable cost via the American Board of Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders website. All of the continuing education programs have been prepared and reviewed by Board Certified Specialists in Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders and are designed to provide evidence based information on important issues encountered by speech-language pathologists providing dysphagia services. You may consider one of the following or visit the website (<http://swallowingdisorders.site-ym.com/?page=courses>) for a complete listing of continuing education offerings:

**Meet the Masters Symposium** from the ASHA National Conference in 2013: **The Other Side of the Spoon: Balancing Dysphagia Choices Across a Lifetime**. Presented by Paula Leslie, PhD FRCSLT (UK) CCC-SLP (USA), Joan C. Arvedson, PhD CCC-SLP, BC-NCD,BCS-S, ASHA Fellow, Peter Lam RD CFE and Alan Meisel, JD, this course provides learners with an overview of the World Health Organization's (WHO) principles for coding functional status as it relates to dysphagia, discusses the effects of malnutrition in patients with dysphagia, and finally provides a discussion of informed consent as it relates to liability.

**Dysphagia at End of Life**, presented by Paula Sullivan, M.S., CCC-SLP, BCS-S, emphasizes practical care at end of life regarding oral feeding difficulties and ethical dilemmas. The viewer will learn a framework for guiding the decision-making process about feeding to support patients and families and discuss relevant outcomes should feeding tube placement occur at end of life. Illustrative cases studies are integrated into the presentation and several videofluoroscopic

examinations are included for self-review.

**Changes in Medicare Reporting: Functional Outcome** is presented by Nancy Swigert, M.A., CCC-SLP, BCS-S. It expands our understanding of the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule and the importance of our role in gathering data to facilitate the reporting of functional patient outcomes for reimbursement purposes. Details include discussion of therapy caps, ASHA NOMS, ASHA Functional Communication Measures (FCMs), and Multiple Procedure Payment Reduction (MPPR).

## Website Information

The great folks at Badger Bay have created a Website FAQ. It is included with this E2D. ([Click here](#) for a copy). Please save a copy for future reference. Also, if you have questions about the website or navigating the website-we want to hear from you. Please send all questions and thoughts about the website to Cesar Ruiz via email at [ruiz@lasalle.edu](mailto:ruiz@lasalle.edu).

You can also share your comments by taking a brief survey about our website. [Click here](#) and answer a few questions. Your feedback helps us create a better website for affiliates and consumers. Thank you for taking the time to give us your thoughts.

## New Marketing Materials Coming Soon

ASHA, in collaboration with the ABS-SD PR Committee, is providing new marketing materials to help promote individuals that earn the BCS-S distinction. They will be available before the end of the summer. Look for them on the website.

## Dysphagia Research Society

In the March E2D, we congratulated the Board Certified Specialists in Swallowing & Swallowing Disorders who presented and moderated at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Dysphagia Research Society. Unfortunately, we inadvertently overlooked one of our affiliates. Please see below for a complete list of Board Certified Specialists in Swallowing & Swallowing Disorders who presented or moderated at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Dysphagia Research Society.

Hope E. Baylow, D.A., CCC-SLP, BCS-S  
James L. Coyle, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, BCS-S  
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Susan E. Langmore, Ph.D.,CCC-SLP,BCS-S  
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Catriona M. Steele, Ph.D., MHSc, SLP(C), CCC-SLP, REg. CASLPO,  
BCS-S

### **AB-SSD Remembers Jeri Logemann**

It is with great sadness that we share the news that Jeri Logemann has passed away. As specialists in swallowing, we owe so much to Jeri, who was a true pioneer in our field and in one way or another trained many of us. Jeri was a member of the AB-SSD inaugural board and served from 2003-2007. She was also ASHA President, an ASHA Fellow and received the Honors of ASHA. She touched the lives of so many patients with dysphagia through all of us who learned so much about dysphagia from her. She will be greatly missed.

**Have a nice summer! Look for the next edition of the Easy to Digest in September.**

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