

Hello USSAAC Members!

We have had a great year! In 2016, our membership numbers more than doubled We have had five webinars with free ASHA CEUs for members and started a monthly live Twitter "chat". These member benefits will continue into 2017.

USSAAC board elections for 2017 have closed. Congratulations to our newly elected as well as our returning board members. Thanks to the nominations committee, those of you who volunteered to serve, and those of you who voted,

- **President – Wendy Quach**
- **President-Elect – Kevin Williams**
- **Past President – Sarah Blackstone (appointed to replace Chris Klein who resigned)**
- **Secretary – Lisa Timm**
- **Vice President for Financial Affairs – Amy Goldman**
- **Vice President for People who use AAC and their Families – Yoo Sun Chung**
- **Director of Professional Affairs – Stephanie Meehan**
- **Director of Membership – Mike Hipple**
- **ISAAC Liaison – Rose Sevcik**
- **Director for USSAAC Advocacy – Lew Golinker**
- **Director for Public Information – Amanda Hettenhausen**

Thank you to Chris Klein (Past President) and Pat Ourand (VP Professional Affairs) for their years of service with USSAAC. We appreciate all the time and effort they have contributed and look forward to working with them again.

We invite you to join a USSAAC Committee, help with membership recruitment, offer suggestions for webinar/twitter topics, and/or write or suggest an article for Speak Up. Please let us know if you would help out.

If you have not already done so, please renew your membership* for 2017 at USSAAC's website at <http://www.ussaac.org/membership>. While you're at the site, please consider donating to USSAAC at <http://www.ussaac.org/donate>. Your donation will support USSAAC's quality educational activities and provide assistance to people who use AAC and their families. *Please note: Because ISAAC handles membership transactions for USSAAC, membership rates are quoted in Canadian dollars.

Are you going to ATIA? Look for USSAAC board members who will have a USSAAC badge ribbon for you! Please plan to attend the USSAAC "meet up" on Thursday, January 19, 5:30 – 6:30 in Boca III & IV. See you there!

Lastly, we would like to wish you a wonderful holiday season and a happy, healthy, and prosperous new year! You'll be hearing from us more often in 2017, and we hope to hear from you.