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Dear Friends:

I hope you are finding “news you can use” in these monthly newsletters! FYI, past letters are posted at [ISAAC – Chapter News \(isaac-online.org\)](http://isaac-online.org). The July newsletter will be the “ISAAC Cancun” edition, in which we will highlight USSAAC members’ presentations. If you want your session(s) included, please send your session number, day, time, and title to [president@ussaac.org](mailto:president@ussaac.org) by July 15.

**Mini-grants**

Amplifying AAC Voices Mini-Grants (up to \$1000) are still available! AAC Grants may address issues at the local, state, regional, or national level. Applicants must be a USSAAC member and include an AAC user in developing the application. Contact [president@ussaac.org](mailto:president@ussaac.org) for more information and a copy of the application.

**Speaker Connection**

USSAAC’s Speaker Connection <https://speaker.ussaac.org> now has a roster of 30 speakers! One of these talented individuals, Hannah Foley, is the subject of our most recent SpeakUp! blog. Learn more about Hannah and her experiences in higher education at <https://ussaac.org/speakup/articles/speakup-aact-hannah-foley-on-aac-in-higher-education/>.

Did you miss the awesome panel of four talented presenters from USSAAC’s Speaker Connection, “Experiences and Opportunities for Paid Speaking Engagements” at AAC in the Cloud 2023? Watch Mateo Moreno, Kevin Williams, Meggin Nunamaker and endever\* and moderator Chris Gibbons at <https://presenters.aacconference.com/videos/UXpNNFFUSXo=>

Do you know a person who uses AAC who should be a part of our Speaker Connection?  
Encourage them to make a profile today!

### **Member Finder**

Make your Member Finder Profile today! Member Finder (<https://finder.ussaac.org>) is a way for the public to access a service provider (from among any of the disciplines represented in USSAAC!), find a person who uses AAC who can mentor them or their family, and locate others in the AAC community. USSAAC's Member Finder is growing! Once we hit 100 profiles, all members with profiles will be entered in a drawing for a \$25.00 gift card (Amazon or Starbucks). You can choose to have your information ONLY available to members (rather than to the public). It just takes a minute – you don't even need to know your ISAAC number (just be sure to use the email on record with ISAAC). Please complete your profile TODAY!

### **ISAAC Conference Cancún**

*AUCTION:* There will be an exciting silent auction at ISAAC Cancun – and new this year we are going mobile! This fun feature at our in-person conference helps raise money to support ISAAC Conference Travel Assistance Grants. Think about contributing an item you can put in your suitcase and bring to the conference, such as items representing a culture, country or region; hand-crafted or store-purchased items; AAC books and materials; gift cards for software or apps and so on. For more information and the link to list something for donation go to <https://isaac-online.org/english/conference-cancun/silent-auction/>

*SUPPORT NAACA:* Calling all supporters of communication access! Help break down barriers by supporting the North American Alliance for Communication Access (NAACA), a collaborative working group comprised of members from Communication Disabilities Access Canada (CDAC), ISAAC Canada, Mexico and USSAAC. With your support, NAACA will provide free communication access training to service providers and businesses related to the ISAAC Cancun Conference. Learn more at [https://drive.google.com/file/d/11119Fm9Ku1i-lcmaWPYIsXR8cbeCxXZ3/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/11119Fm9Ku1i-lcmaWPYIsXR8cbeCxXZ3/view?usp=drive_link) and donate at <https://gofund.me/14b7152c>

*RESOURCE EXCHANGE:* Have you started your packing list? Don't forget to bring items to contribute to ISAAC's Resource Exchange! Learn more at ISAAC – Resource Exchange ([isaac-online.org](http://isaac-online.org)).

*USSAAC CHAPTER MEETING:* As your conference schedule fills up, hold Tuesday, July 25 at 12:45 – 1:45 for the USSAAC Chapter meeting. I look forward to greeting you there!

**Have a great month!**



Amy S. Goldman, President

Calendar Re-Cap

July 15, 2023: Deadline for listing USSAAC member presentations (email [president@ussaac.org](mailto:president@ussaac.org))

July 15, 2023: Closing the Gap Early Bird registration ends

July 20, 2023: Last day to enter details about your contribution to the ISAAC silent auction

July 22-23, 2023: ISAAC Pre-Conference Workshops, AAC Camp, Executive and Council Meetings

July 24-27, 2023: ISAAC Cancun Main Conference

July 25, 2023 12:45 – 1:45 PM: USSAAC Chapter Meeting

July 25-26, 2023 ISAAC Silent Auction

September 20, 2023: 7:00 PM Eastern. USSAAC Webinar: “411 on Training 911 Responders”  
(Mankey and Rang)

October 11-13, 2023: Closing the Gap, Minneapolis, MN.

October 11, 2023: 5:30 – 6:30 PM. USSAAC Meet-up at Closing the Gap, Directors Row

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