

THE AVA AUDIT

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AVA Convention Updates



Dates and Location

November 6th, 2026 8:45am-5:00pm
Festival Ballroom, JMU



Registration is officially live!

<https://forms.gle/Tsg3K5Z1MFN8So8t6>



Our keynote speaker is Kim Cavitt Au.D.

CEUs will be available for ASHA and
AAA

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possible!**

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Pre-Convention Social Mixer

Come mix and mingle with colleagues at Ruby's Arcade in
downtown Harrisonburg on Thursday, November 5th.

Enjoy a night of pizza, duck pin bowling, and retro arcade games!
Mixer registration is \$30 and will cover food and access to the
arcade. A cash bar will be available.

Register for this event through the convention registration link!



Melissa Garber Au.D.
AVA "Past" President

OUR PURPOSE AND PROGRESS

Insights from the Board of Directors

Serving on the Board is a meaningful way to contribute to the future of our organization while helping shape its priorities and direction.

While our vice presidents have only served a six-month term, the Board believes it is important to establish our regular election cycle and create opportunities for new voices, fresh ideas, and broader member involvement from the start.

In accordance with our bylaws, the following positions will be up for election this year:

- Vice President of Education
- Vice President of Advocacy,
- Treasurer
- President-Elect, a three-year leadership commitment that will ultimately include service as President and Past President.

The call for nominations will open in September, with elections taking place in October. Between now and then, I encourage you to consider whether you would like to nominate a colleague or self-nominate for one of these important leadership positions.

If you would like more information about any of the positions, the nomination process, or what Board service involves, please feel free to reach out. *As Immediate Past President, I am serving as Chair of the Nominating Committee and would be happy to answer any questions you may have.*