ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA AUDIOLOGISTS

THE AVA AUD-IT

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AVA Inaugural Convention

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

Thank you to Starkey for being a gold-level sponsor!

Hotel recommendations:

Hotel Madison
https://www.hotelmadison.com

Hyatt Place Harrisonburg
https://www.hyatt.com/hyatt-place/en-US/chozh-hyatt-place-harrisonburg

Please contact the hotels directly to book your room.

THE CALL FOR NOMINATIONS IS OPEN
September 1st-30th, 2026

Nominate yourself or a colleague to help lead our organization in one of these positions:

- 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

To make a nomination: Send the name and contact information for the nominee to AVAvirginiaaudiology@gmail.com

OUR PURPOSE AND PROGRESS

Insights from the Board of Directors

We need to help our communities understand our mission as audiologists- to deliver the highest quality care so that individuals feel empowered to connect, communicate, and remain active participants in their own lives.



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Although AVA is a new organization, we have begun our advocacy work with purpose and momentum. We are working towards:

Updating the definition of our scope of practice

Our current defined scope of practice in Virginia is vague and limited. One of the initial priorities of AVA is to update and expand the language to allow for more autonomy and inherent responsibility as clinicians and professionals. This will put our defined scope more in line with many of the other states and with our skillset.

Addressing concerns related to Third Party Administrators

Under current insurance requirements, patients diagnosed by audiologists may be required to seek rehabilitation services through outside entities, creating unnecessary barriers to care for patients and providers. *AVA strongly believes that greater transparency is needed so patients can make informed decisions about the care that best meets their needs.*

AVA is working diligently on behalf of its members. Although we recognize that significant work lies ahead, we are confident that with continued resources, knowledge, support, and enthusiasm of our members, we can move forward together and achieve meaningful progress.

Consider joining our advocacy committee:
https://avaaudiologists.org/about/committees/

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AVA is committed to amplifying your voice and advancing the profession of audiology. By educating legislators, policymakers, and community members about the value of audiology, we can strengthen recognition of our profession and expand opportunities for patient care.

Updates from the AVA Advocacy Committee:

1

We have met with supportive leaders and members of the American Academy of Audiology (AAA) to seek guidance as we navigate legislative processes, committee engagement, and broader advocacy efforts.

2

We participated in State Policy Advocacy Network (SPAN) meetings, which provided valuable opportunities to connect with representatives from other states and discuss effective strategies for addressing similar issues.

3

AVA is exploring the opportunity to engage lobbyist services to help guide the organization through the next stages of advocacy. Although retaining a lobbyist represents a significant financial investment, this support is critical to our success during these early phases.

Financial contributions from our members will help AVA secure these services and advance the needs of Virginia audiologists.

https://avaaudiologists.org/donate/

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