

Western Illinois University Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association  
By-Laws 2024-2025 Academic Year  
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**ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the Western Illinois University Student Speech-Language Hearing Association, hereafter referred to as WIUSSLHA. This organization is a student led organization at Western Illinois University.

**ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES**

1. The objectives of this organization shall be:
  - a. To encourage professional interest in and/or awareness of the study of Speech Language Pathology and Audiology.
  - b. To assist University departments and local organizations.
  - c. To provide social interaction and fellowship among students, clients, and community.

**ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

1. Any student in the Speech Pathology and Audiology department at Western Illinois University is eligible to be an active member and those of sophomore through senior standings may hold office.
2. Non-students may act as associate members, but may not vote or hold office.
3. The organization must keep its membership roster on Leatherneck Link up to date.

**ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Attend regular or special meetings, giving prior written notice to the Secretary for any non-emergency absences.
2. Promote the organization.



## ARTICLE V-OFFICERS ENUMERATED

1. The officers of this organization shall be the President, Vice President, Social Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Graduate Student

- iv. Records/keeps accurate minutes of each meeting, forwarding copies to members and posting one copy on the bulletin board in a dedicated space within one week of a meeting
- v. Keeps accurate attendance for all meetings
- b. Treasurer
  - i. Serves as the official Financial Officer for the organization
  - ii. Serves as liaison to the University for all purposes of organizational funding
  - iii. Facilitates/oversees all fundraising events of the organization
  - iv. Responsible for collecting/dispensing funds in accordance with the goal/programs established by the organization
  - v. Makes deposits in a timely fashion (within one week of receipt)
  - vi. Attends all officer, regular and special meetings
  - vii. Provides end-of-the-semester account balance sheets to the President and faculty advisor within two weeks of the end of the semester
- c. Graduate Student Representative
  - i. Serves as the official representative of the graduate student body
  - ii. Attends all officer, regular and special meetings

## ARTICLE VII - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. Officers shall assume office for the period of one year
  2. There are no term limits for any office
  3. Written notice of election shall be made at least 2 weeks prior to the proposed election
- Election timelines are as follows:
- a. Elections for President, Vice President, Social Chair, Secretary and Treasurer shall be held in **April** during the Spring Semester
4. Officers shall be elected by electronic ballot, with each active member casting one vote. A plurality of votes will constitute a victory. In the case of a tie, a second vote will be cast, voting on only those names that tied. IN the case of a second tie, the officer will be chosen by lottery.
  5. Officers shall be approved by the WIUSSLHA supervisor.

## ARTICLE VIII - COMMITTEE CHAIRS

1. Committee chairs shall assume duties for the period of one semester.
2. There are no term limits for any committee chair.
3. Written notice of election shall be made at least 2 weeks prior to the proposed election
4. Elections will be held in April during the Spring Semester, on the same

5. Chairs shall be elected by electronic ballot, with each active member casting one vote. A plurality of votes will constitute a victory. In the case of a tie, a second vote will be cast, voting on only those names

## ARTICLE XII - NOT-FOR-PROFIT STATEMENT

1. This is a not-for-profit organization

## ARTICLE XIII - STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

1. This organization shall not discriminate on the basis of age, color,