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WHEREAS, the Council on Professional Standards in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (the Council) can be provided with sufficient autonomy within the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's corporate structure through a Bylaws revision; therefore

**LC 59-78.** RESOLVED, That, irrespective of LC 13-77 which instructed that the Council on Professional Standards in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (the Council) be established as a separate corporation, the Council be established as a part of the corporate structure of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association; and further

**RESOLVED**, That the Bylaws of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association be amended by substituting the following Article IX for the current Article IX; and further

**RESOLVED**, That this amendment shall become effective on January 1, 1980; and further

**RESOLVED**, That the Association has no present intention of restoring the requirement of membership in the Association as a condition of eligibility for the Certificate of Clinical Competence.

### Article IX Professional Standards

#### Section 1. Council on Professional Standards in Speech Language Pathology and Audiology

##### a. Creation of the Council

Pursuant to the authority invested in this corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Association") by its Articles of Incorporation, the Association hereby establishes the Council on Professional Standards in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (hereinafter referred to as the Council).

##### b. Power and Authority

The Council shall define the standards for clinical certification and for the accreditation of graduate educational programs and of professional services programs; shall monitor the interpretation and application of these standards to individuals, institutions and organizations by the Boards of Examiners in Speech Pathology and Audiology (BESPA). Additionally, the Council shall arbitrate appeals from decisions rendered by BESPA, which decisions of the Council are final.

##### c. Officers and Members of the Council

The Executive Board shall appoint the Council which shall consist of at least 11 members who shall serve three-year, staggered terms. At least five Council members shall represent clinical services settings, at least four shall represent graduate education programs, and at least one shall be a person who is a representative of the public. Further, at least three Council members shall hold the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech Pathology and at least three shall hold the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology, at least one shall be recognized as a speech and hearing scientist; these members need not be Members of the Association. The Chairman of BESPA shall serve ex officio. The Council shall elect from among its members a chairman, a vice chairman and a secretary, each to hold office for a two-year term.

##### d. Report

The Council shall publish an annual report.

#### Section 2. Certification and Accreditation

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The Association shall establish and maintain programs for the certification of individuals and accreditation of institutions and organizations according to standards specified by the Council; shall grant and issue appropriate certificates to individuals, institutions and organizations meeting qualifications specified by the Council; and shall maintain a registry of holders of such certificates.

### Section 3. Boards of Examiners in Speech Pathology and Audiology

a. The Boards of Examiners in Speech Pathology and Audiology (BESPA) shall administer the Association certification and accreditation programs; shall interpret and apply standards established by the Council to individuals, institutions and organizations; and shall formulate procedures, including the conduct of examinations, for the determination of qualifications of individuals applying for Certificates of Clinical Competence, and institutions and organizations applying for accreditation.

b. BESPA shall consist of operating boards, the activities of which shall be coordinated by a Steering Committee which shall also provide liaison with the Council. The Steering Committee shall consist of a chairman appointed by the Executive Board, the chairmen of the operating boards and a representative of the public. In addition, the following shall be ex officio members: the Chairman of the Council and such other persons as the Executive Board may designate from time to time.

### Section 4. Code of Ethics

a. A Code of Ethics, formulated by the Ethical Practice Board (hereinafter called the Board) and approved by the Legislative Council, shall contain the principles of professional responsibilities by which Members and certificate holders shall be bound.

b. The Board shall process alleged violations of the Code of Ethics in whatever manner it may consider desirable or necessary, including, when appropriate, the conduct of fair hearings before such persons and in such manner as the Board may determine from time to time.

c. An individual charged with violation of the Code of Ethics shall be notified in writing by the Board of the alleged violation and shall be given a reasonable opportunity to defend against the charge, and shall have the right of representation by counsel of the individual's own choosing.

d. The Board shall take such action as in its discretion is deemed appropriate, except that an action which calls for dropping an individual from membership and/or revocation or suspension of clinical certification shall be in the form of a recommendation to the Executive Board. Recommendations by the Board affecting membership or certification status, as well as imposition of any sanction which is to be publicly disclosed, are subject to appeal.

and further

**RESOLVED**, That the Executive Board direct the Ad Hoc Committee on Bylaws Revision to develop procedures for appeals in instances of revocation or suspension of clinical certification, such procedures to be presented to the 1979 Legislative Council.

(Executive Board)

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WHEREAS, there is a need to specify the body of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association having authority to establish and maintain programs for the certification of individuals and accreditation of institutions and organizations; therefore

**LC 54-79**. RESOLVED, That the amended Article IX of the Bylaws of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association adopted in LC 59-78 be further amended so that Section 2 (as revised) precedes Section 1 as follows:

### ARTICLE IX Professional Standards

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## **Section I.** Certification and Accreditation

The Association, by action of the Legislative Council, shall establish and maintain programs for the certification of individuals and accreditation of institutions and organizations according to standards specified by the Council on Professional Standards in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology; shall grant and issue appropriate certificates to individuals, institutions and organizations meeting qualifications specified by the Council on Professional Standards and shall maintain a registry of holders of such certificates.

## **Section 2.** Council on Professional Standards in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

### a. Creation of the Council

Pursuant to the authority invested in this corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Association") by its Articles of Incorporation, the Association hereby establishes the Council on Professional Standards in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (hereinafter referred to as the Council).

### b. Power and Authority

The Council shall define the standards for clinical certification and for the accreditation of graduate educational programs and of professional services programs; shall monitor the interpretation and application of these standards to individuals, institutions and organizations by the Boards of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (BESPA). Additionally, the Council shall arbitrate appeals from decisions rendered by BE-SPA, which decisions of the Council are final.

### c. Officers and Members of the Council

The Executive Board shall appoint the Council which shall consist of at least 11 members who shall serve three-year, staggered terms. At least five Council members shall represent clinical services settings, at least four shall represent graduate education programs, and at least one shall be a person who is a representative of the public. Further, at least three Council members shall hold the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology and at least three shall hold the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology, at least one shall be recognized as a speech and hearing scientist; these members need not be Members of the Association. The Chairman of BESPA shall serve ex officio. The Council shall elect from among its members a chairman, a vice chairman and a secretary, each to hold office for a two-year term.

### d. Report

The Council shall publish an annual report.  
(Executive Board)

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WHEREAS, the structure which assigns coordinating functions to the Steering Committee of the Boards of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (BESPA) does not provide optimum coordination between the operating boards of the standards program and the Council on Professional Standards in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, and WHEREAS, a structure which provides for direct input to the Council on Professional Standards in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology from the operating boards of the standards program will provide effective coordination of their functions; therefore

**LC 12-84.** RESOLVED, That Article VII, Sections 2 and 3 of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Bylaws will be amended as follows:

## **Section 2.** Council on Professional Standards in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

### a. Creation of the Council

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Pursuant to the authority invested in this corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Association") by its Articles of Incorporation, the Association hereby establishes the Council on Professional Standards in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (hereinafter referred to as the Council).

b. Power and Authority

The Council shall define the standards for clinical certification and for the accreditation of graduate educational programs and of professional service programs; shall monitor the interpretation and application of these standards to individuals, institutions and organizations by the operating boards of examiners in speech-language pathology and audiology. Additionally, the Council shall arbitrate appeals from decisions rendered by the operating boards, which decisions of the Council are final.

c. Officers and Members of the Council

The Executive Board shall appoint the Council which shall consist of at least 11 members who shall serve three-year, staggered terms. At least five Council members shall represent clinical services settings, at least four shall represent graduate education programs, and at least one shall be a person who is a representative of the public. Further, at least three Council members shall hold the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology and at least three shall hold the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology, at least one shall be recognized as a speech and hearing scientist; these members need not be members of the Association. The Council shall elect from among its members a chair, a vice chair and a secretary, each to hold office for a two-year term.

d. Report

The Council shall publish an annual report.

### Section 3. Operating Boards of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

The operating boards of examiners in speech-language pathology and audiology (Clinical Certification Board, Professional Services Board, Educational Standards Board) shall administer the Association's certification and accreditation programs; shall interpret and apply standards established by the Council to individuals, institutions and organizations; and shall formulate procedures, including the conduct of examinations, for the determination of qualifications of individuals applying for Certificates of Clinical Competence, and institutions and organizations applying for accreditation.

(Executive Board)

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**LC 39-92.** RESOLVED, That American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) policy, found in the 1988 Deletions from the Bylaws, be revised to re-establish the composition of the Council on Professional Standards to more appropriately reflect the fact that speech-language pathology and audiology are closely aligned, but distinct, professions; and further

**RESOLVED**, That ASHA policy establishing the Council on Professional Standards, found in the 1988 Deletions from the Bylaws be amended as follows:

Council on Professional Standards:

The Executive Board shall appoint the Council which shall consist of 11 members who shall serve three-year, staggered terms. The Association's Executive Director shall appoint a non-voting ex-officio representative. Five council members shall represent the area of hearing and hearing disorders. At least 3 of the 5 shall hold the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology; at least 2 of the 5 shall represent clinical service settings in audiology (one of these representing a non-university setting); at least 2 of the 5 shall represent graduate education programs in audiology; at least 1 of the 5 shall be recognized as a hearing scientist. Five council members shall represent the area of speech and language processes and disorders. At least 3 of the 5 shall hold the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology; at least 2 of the 5 shall represent clinical service settings in speech-language pathology (one of these representing a non-university setting); at least 2 of

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the 5 shall represent graduate education programs in speech-language pathology; at least 1 of the 5 shall be recognized as a speech scientist. One council member shall represent the public. Association-accredited educational and professional service programs shall be represented.

(Executive Board)

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**LC 25-94 RESOLVED**, That effective January 1, 1996, the Bylaws of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association be amended as follows:

### Article IV, Government

4.2.i.4 The seven Vice-Presidents and the President-Elect shall constitute a Committee on Committees, the President-Elect serving as Chair, which shall appoint members to all committees, boards, working groups, councils, and task forces (except the Executive Board, Council on Professional Standards in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, Committees of the Legislative Council, and those Legislative Council positions on the Financial Planning Board and the Long Range Strategic Planning Board.).. .

### Article V, Professional Standards

#### 5.1 Certification and Accreditation

The Association, by action of the Legislative Council, shall establish and maintain programs of certification and professional services accreditation according to standards specified by the Council on Professional Standards in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and a program of academic accreditation according to standards specified by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology and shall maintain a registry of holders of certification and accreditation.

#### 5.2 Council on Professional Standards in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

The Association shall establish the Council on Professional Standards in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, which shall define the standards for certification and for the accreditation of professional service programs, and shall monitor the interpretation and application of these standards. The Council on Professional Standards in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology shall decide appeals from decisions rendered by such operating boards as the Legislative Council may establish. The decisions of the Council on Professional Standards in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, insofar as they involve the award or denial of certification or professional services accreditation, shall be final.

#### 5.3 Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology

The Association shall establish the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, which shall define the standards for the accreditation of graduate educational programs and apply those standards in the accreditation of such programs. The Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology shall have final authority to establish the standards and processes for academic accreditation and, subject to the application of established appeal procedures, the decisions of the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology concerning the award or denial of academic accreditation shall be final.

#### 5.4 Code of Ethics

The Association.. .

(Executive Board)

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**LC 26-94** **RESOLVED**, That effective January 1, 1996, the Policies Associated With the Bylaws of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association be amended as follows:

Council on Professional Standards in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

The Executive Board shall appoint the Council on Professional Standards in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, which shall consist of 11 members who shall serve three-year, staggered terms. The Association's Executive Director shall appoint a nonvoting, ex-officio representative. The chair of the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology shall also serve as a nonvoting, ex-officio representative. Five council members shall represent the area of hearing. .

The operating boards of examiners in speech-language pathology and audiology (Clinical Certification Board and Professional Services Board) shall administer the Association's certification and professional services accreditation programs . . . and shall formulate procedures, including the conduct of examinations, for the determination of qualifications of individuals applying for Certificates of Clinical Competence, and institutions and organizations applying for professional services accreditation.

Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology

Charge:

The charge to the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology is to:

1. Formulate standards for the accreditation of graduate educational programs that provide entry-level professional preparation in audiology or speech-language pathology.
2. Evaluate programs that voluntarily apply for accreditation.
3. Grant certificates to those programs deemed to have fulfilled requirements for accreditation.
4. Maintain a registry of holders of such certificates.
5. Prepare and furnish to proper persons and agencies lists of accredited programs.

Composition:

The Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology shall consist of 11 voting members and 2 nonvoting, ex officio representatives as follows:

7 academic members from the faculty/staff of accredited educational programs. At least 1 of these shall have clinical teaching (supervision) as his or her primary role. At least 4 shall have served as academic program accreditation site visitors.

3 Clinical practitioners from nonacademic settings. At least 1 of these shall have experience in supervising students and/or clinical fellows. At least 1 shall be an audiologist and at least 1 shall be a speech-language pathologist.

1 Public member.

The ASHA Executive Director or his or her designee and the chair of the ASHA body that establishes certification standards shall be nonvoting, ex officio, representatives.

In addition:

5 shall represent the area of hearing, 4 of whom must hold the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology.

5 shall represent the area of speech-language pathology, 4 of whom must hold the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Path-ology.

No more than 1 individual from a specific educational institution or clinical facility may serve on the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology. Holding an adjunct or other complementary appointment in a university program shall not disqualify practitioner members as long as they are employed full-time in a non university practice setting.

Selection Process

A 5-person nominating committee, appointed annually, shall have responsibility for selecting members of the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology. Two members of the committee, 1 audiologist and 1 speech-language pathologist, shall represent practitioners and shall be appointed by the ASHA Executive Board. Two members of the committee, 1 audiologist and 1 speech-language pathologist, shall represent accredited academic programs and shall also be appointed by the ASHA Executive Board.

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One member of the committee, who will be the chair, shall be an outgoing, or former, member of the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology and shall be appointed by the chair of that council. The nominating committee shall:

1. Identify vacancies on the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology to be filled in a given year,
  2. Solicit nominations for such vacancies from accredited academic programs, appropriate ASHA committees and boards, and other related groups,
  3. Select two persons as nominees for each vacant position,
  4. Submit the slates of nominees for academic member vacancies to accredited educational programs for vote and determine the voting results,
  5. Submit the slates of nominees for practitioner member vacancies to the ASHA Executive Board which shall select persons from those slates to fill such vacancies by whatever process the Executive Board may determine to be appropriate, and
  6. Select a person to fill a public member vacancy, if any.  
(Executive Board)
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**LC 27-94 RESOLVED**, That effective no later than January 1, 1997, the Educational Standards Board be dissolved.  
(Executive Board)

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**LC 28-96. RESOLVED**, That Article 5.3 of the Bylaws of the Association be amended as follows:

### 5.3 Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology

The Association shall establish the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology which shall define the standards for the accreditation of graduate educational programs and apply those standards in the accreditation of such programs. The Council on Academic Accreditation may also develop approval mechanisms for programs that prepare SLP assistants. (Vice President for Academic Affairs)

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