

Meet Your Executive

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Retiree Shoutout

The NLTA SLP SIC would like to extend a huge congratulations to our retiring colleagues: Giselle Fraser, Paulette Jackman, Louann Moakler, and Marie Stirling. We wish you nothing but the best in retirement. All of us NLSchools SLPs will miss you, your friendship, and your dedication to our field during your years of service.

Professional Development Grant 2024

We are very happy to announce that we will again be offering a grant to SLP SIC members. Grant money may be used for professional development or for the purchase of therapy materials. Please read on to learn how to apply by September 21, 2024.

- The grant to be awarded is a maximum of \$500. Eligible applicants will be “put into a hat” and one name will be drawn.
- Travel, accommodations and registration will be covered up to \$500; the fund does not cover the cost of meals.
- Funds will be awarded when proof of attendance and necessary receipts are received.
- Professional development must be in the area of speech, language and/or literacy, and/or be relevant to school-based speech-language pathology.
- Applicants must agree to provide a short written summary of what they learned during their professional development. This summary will be shared with members through our newsletter and social media.
- Funds must be used within one calendar year of the awarded date.

The deadline to apply is September 21st, 2024. Please visit www.nlta.ca/slp-pdgrant/ to apply.

May Month Initiatives

Teacher Gift Card Contest

To promote Speech and Hearing Month within our schools, the SLP SIC created a teacher contest that required teachers to comment on how they encourage good speech and language skills in their classroom. A lucky winner received a \$100.00 gift card! Here are some examples of how teachers are supporting speech and language:

- “Building learning tasks tied to AAC and modelling its use... multiple times a day!” - Megan O.
- “Use everyday tasks to learn language! Ask questions, describe things around them, play games like I Spy, give lots of praise and encouragement and most of all make learning fun!” - Krista D.
- “Daily engagement with rich literature (read alouds, independent reading, online books, small groups, etc.)” - Amy S.
- “Repeat the proper articulation of a word/sound when responding to children so they can hear how it’s said.” - Saralynn CP.

SLP Gift Card Contest

A contest amongst our members, “Why I Love Being an SLP/AUD” was promoted on our SLP SIC Facebook Page. Megan McDonald won a \$100.00 gift card.

AGM Gift Cards - Wheel of Winners

Six of our members won a \$50.00 gift card during our Annual General Meeting! Congratulations to: Barbara Mercer, Oriana Pittman Caines, Jenny Sullivan, Phoebe Ackerman, Susan Clarke, and Megan McDonald.

2023 Professional Development Grant Winner

I am so happy to say I was the lucky winner of the NLTA SLP Special Interest Council \$500 grant last June. I would like to thank the SIC executive for advocating for SLPs and making this grant possible.

I decided to use the funds to purchase materials. I really wanted something that was going to be fun and that the kids would love. We are all masters at sourcing those free printables (yes I love TPT and Boom Cards!) but rarely get the opportunity to actually buy new materials.

I was hearing rumblings from other SLPs about “minis” and ended up spending all of the grant money at Speech Tree Co (www.speechtreeco.com). I purchased the **Cycles for Phonology Comprehensive Kit**, a **Minimal Pairs Set** and three **Language Kits: WH questions, Verbs and Categories**.

The Cycles for Phonology Kit has it all and I love how it is all packaged. It included 6 books: Overview and How to Use, Final Consonants, Fronting, Gliding, S clusters and Syllableness, 5 corresponding sets of mini objects and cards that are packaged in individual containers.



The Minimal Pairs Set is definitely my favorite. It targets 6 phonological processes and the mini objects are packaged in individual jars: s clusters, fronting/backing, stopping, voicing/devoicing, final consonant deletion, and gliding. Each set comes with corresponding minimal pair cards.



Unfortunately the 3 Language Kits: WH questions, Verbs and Categories are not getting as much use as I would have liked due to my direct caseload mainly consisting of speech disorders. Each kit comes with either mini objects or squares (verbs are pictured on mini squares) and corresponding activity cards. They are packaged in little pouches, which are great for throwing in my bag.

These “minis” have added lots of fun to my sessions and the kids love them. These materials are so well organized and comprehensive that using them in sessions is very easy and takes no prep time! These materials were a little pricey once the US exchange rate was applied and shipping and duty was added ... but hey, I figured I’d splurge, that’s what winning should be about!!

Thank you SLP SIC,
Renee Walsh

Join Our Team

Our SIC currently holds 7 executive positions and are asking for your nominations for new members who might be interested in serving. While each of the titles are listed separately, we’ve found that roles often overlap – we seem to function well as a team that shares executive responsibilities as needed, so no need to feel intimidated!

<https://www.nlta.nl.ca/slp-sic-nomination-forms/>

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