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Speech-Language & Audiology Canada Announces Colleen Braun-Janzen as New Chair

OTTAWA, ON (May 24, 2018) — Speech-Language & Audiology Canada’s (SAC) Board of Directors is pleased to announce Colleen Braun-Janzen, S-LP(C), MA, M.Mus., as the association’s new Chair.

Based in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Braun-Janzen officially began her term this afternoon, following SAC’s Annual Meeting of Members (AMM). She takes over the position from Jennifer O’Donnell, M.Sc., S-LP(C), CCC-SLP, who has been chair of the Board since last spring. Having served as both 1st and 2nd Vice-Chair of the Board, Braun-Janzen is well prepared to assume this new leadership role with the association.

Working as a clinical specialist of speech-language pathology with the Winnipeg Health Authority, Braun-Janzen oversees clinical supervision for speech-language pathologists (S-LPs) across the region and serves as a clinical service leader for S-LPs at Deer Lodge Centre in Winnipeg. Braun-Janzen brings a wealth of leadership experience to her new role, having taken a primary role in the development of the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority’s guidelines in the areas of voice and dysphagia, as well as serving as the Chair of SAC’s S-LP Clinical Certification Examination Committee several years ago. Braun-Janzen also recently served as Chair of SAC’s Current Clinical Issues in Dysphagia in Canada Ad Hoc Committee. As a long-time volunteer with SAC, she is excited to provide leadership to the Board over the next twelve months.

“The opportunity to serve as Chair of the SAC Board is truly one of the highlights of my career. It is an honour to work with brilliant people from across the country who are passionate about our professions and bring with them a breadth of skills and knowledge,” said Braun-Janzen. “I look forward to working with the 2018-2019 Board and the SAC staff on new initiatives such as The SAC Audiology Event, as well as the revitalization of SAC’s Clinical Certification Program.”

When asked what she would say to members and associates who are considering becoming more involved with their national professional association, Braun-Janzen responded “I would encourage anyone who has a heart for advocating for our professions to consider volunteering with SAC.”

Under Braun-Janzen’s leadership, SAC’s Board of Directors will continue to raise public awareness about the important role speech-language pathologists, audiologists and communication health assistants play in health care and education systems across Canada.

For more information on the 2018-2019 Board, please visit the [SAC website](#). SAC members and associates can contact Colleen Braun-Janzen at chair@sac-oac.ca.

About Speech-Language & Audiology Canada

Speech-Language & Audiology Canada is a member-driven organization that supports, promotes and elevates the professions of our members and associates. We are the only national organization passionately supporting and representing speech-language pathologists, audiologists and communication health assistants inclusively. Through this support, we champion the needs of people with communication disorders. Visit www.sac-oac.ca to learn more.

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