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2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE · FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

# President's Address & Executive Director Report

Tiffany Brewer, Au.D., President
Emily Childers, CMP, Executive Director

PART ONE

# President’s Address

Tiffany Brewer, Au.D. · President, Kentucky Academy of Audiology

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YEAR IN REVIEW

# A big year for advocacy

## HB 444

Our legislative focus in the 2026 session

## Scope modernization bill

Rewriting the draft to expand scope of practice for audiologists

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HEARING HEALTH PSA

# Listen Up Kentucky

A public service announcement to promote hearing health, launched with support from WSA

Watch the 30-second spot

THANK YOU

# To our board of directors

## Advocacy

Working all year to advance our legislative priorities

## Conference planning

Serving as the planning committee this summer and early fall to build an outstanding program

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THANK YOU

# 2026 KAA Board of Directors

**Tiffany Brewer, Au.D.**
President

**Abigail Bridenbecker, Au.D.**
President-Elect

**Elizabeth Medlock, Au.D.**
Immediate Past President

**Katie Austin, Au.D.**
Member-at-Large

**Kara Cain, Au.D.**
Member-at-Large

**Stacy Garrard, Au.D.**
Member-at-Large

**Emily Childers, CMP**
Executive Director

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BOARD ELECTIONS

# Nominations open through November 15

**1**

**President-Elect**

**1**

**Treasurer**

**3**

**Directors-at-Large**

Terms begin **January 1, 2027**. Questions? Talk with any current board member or Executive Director Emily Childers, CMP.

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PART TWO

# Member Meeting

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# Member Meeting agenda

1. **Call meeting to order** · Dr. Tiffany Brewer, President
2. **Annual Meeting Report**
3. **Financial Report**
4. **Announcements**
5. **Adjourn**

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MEMBER MEETING

# Annual Meeting Report

**105**

Attendees

**8**

Exhibitors

**1.15**

Academy CEUs available

**Thank you to our amazing speakers, sponsors, and exhibitors!**

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MEMBER MEETING

# Financial Report as of September 30, 2026

| | |
|---|---|
| Total revenue | **$44,712.50** |
| Outstanding income | **$2,313.00** |
| Total expenses | **$40,770.37** |
| Outstanding expenses for remainder of 2026<br>Lobbiest, Annual Conference, Misc. | **$32,000.00** |
| **Net profit estimate for 2026** | **$-25,745.00** |
| **Checking account balance** | **$35,405.49** |
| **ESTIMATED YEAR END BALANCE** | **$5,718.00** |

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PART THREE

# Executive Director Report

Emily Childers, CMP · Executive Director

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ADVOCACY

# Our year at the Capitol

JANUARY

## HB 444

Filed with sponsors Rep. Robert Duvall and Rep. Deanna Gordon; worked the bill with Cornerstone

JAN – FEB

## Legislators

Met with many legislators to build support

JAN – FEB

## Lobby day

Promoted hearing protection and conducted hearing screenings

FEB 17

## Town hall

Updated members on HB 444 with ADA Executive Director Stephanie Czuhajewski

SPRING – SUMMER

## 2027 bill

Rewrote the draft with stakeholders, educators, and Chairman Koch

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

MARCH 6 · LOUISVILLE

## RPK Leadership Dinner

Met key members and left hopeful we would be on the committee agenda

JUNE 20 · LEXINGTON

## Lincoln Dinner

Attended and discussed HB 444 with key members

KEY LEGISLATORS

## New connections

Made connections with Sen. Max Wise and Sen. Amanda Mays Bledsoe

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MEMBERSHIP

# Three years of membership

| 2024 | 2025 | 2026 |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 50 | 49 | 43 |
| members | members | members |

- Down 12% from 2024
- Retention rate of 86% over 3 years.

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SUPPORT OUR ADVOCACY

# Donate an Hour to KAA

Our advocacy work depends on our members. Please consider a gift to the KAA general fund.

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# Thank you!

Next: **Beyond the Audiogram** with Dr. Raquel Proctor