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### **A Word from the Executive Director**

As some of you may remember, I instituted a board newsletter back in Fall 2016. The first issue was a success (or at least I like to think so). However, I have unfortunately not had the time to follow through with subsequent newsletters due to the realities of how many hours are actually in day. In order to try to keep the information flowing without taking the time necessary to produce a full-fledged newsletter I have decided to start a "Quick Updates" e-mail. There will be no specific schedule to these e-mails and there will be no fancy formatting. Rather, the updates are intended as short blurbs under 1000 words to keep you informed whenever there are things related to the board which are of interest to the you, the licensees. As always, feel free to contact me at the contact information below if you have any questions.

### **Upcoming Dates of Interest and Deadlines**

- **February 1, 2018 – End of License Renewal Period for Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists** – don't forget to renew your license if you have not already done so. Annual renewal ends on February 1. Visit the [board homepage](#) for more information on how to renew. Renew on time to avoid late fees and a possible lapse in licensure. Contact the license renewal unit at 406-444-6880 if you have trouble logging into your online account.
- **February 21, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. – Upcoming Board Meeting** – a final meeting agenda will be posted to website approximately two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting date. Recordings and agendas from past meetings can also be found by clicking on the "Board Information " tab and selecting "Board Events".

### **Administrative Rule Update**

Between 5/26/17 and 11/10/17 the board began and completed two large rulemaking projects. The most recent rulemaking included a 45% reduction in board fees for application and renewal. The current rules are available at <http://www.mtrules.org/gateway/ChapterHome.asp?Chapter=24%2E222>. The "Effective Date" column on the page shows you the date the rules were last updated. Over the next year the board will likely engage in one more minor rulemaking project to update the aide rules which have been discussed in concept at many board meetings. At the February meeting the board will be discussing the CE course approval process although it will not be formally proposing a rule package at that meeting. For more information any of these rules or future board agenda items, contact the board office.

### **Make Sure Your Contact Information on File with the Board Is Current**

Make sure your contact information on file with the board is current. Email is the board's primary form of communication so a current e-mail helps ensure you stay up-to-date on board information. You can update your information at any time by [logging into your online account](#). You can do this at the same time you login to renew your license if you have not already renewed. If you have trouble logging into your account you can call 406-444-6880 for assistance.

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