

## Leading Perspective: Thoughts from the Chair



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### ASLP-IC Continues to Build Momentum

The Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC) continues to make tremendous progress as we expand access to care and strengthen interstate collaboration. The momentum behind the Compact has never been greater, and we are excited to share several important updates.

First, we are pleased to announce the appointment of our new Executive Director, Claire Covert-ByBee. Claire brings a wealth of experience, leadership, and enthusiasm to the Commission, and we are confident that her guidance will help propel ASLP-IC into its next phase of growth and success. We are thrilled to welcome her to the team.

The Compact continues to gain widespread support across the country. We are proud to report that 37 states have now enacted ASLP-IC legislation, demonstrating an ongoing commitment to improving access to audiology and speech-language pathology services for consumers nationwide.

An equally exciting milestone is the continued rollout of privilege issuance. West Virginia, Ohio, Louisiana, and Tennessee are now actively issuing Compact privileges, allowing qualified practitioners to serve patients across state lines more efficiently. In addition, several other member states are actively working through the CompactConnect onboarding process and are expected to begin issuing privileges soon.

These accomplishments represent significant progress for both practitioners and the public. By reducing barriers to interstate practice, the Compact is expanding access to high-quality audiology and speech-language pathology services, particularly for individuals in underserved and rural communities. As additional states begin issuing privileges, consumers across the nation will continue to benefit from greater access to timely care.

Looking ahead, the Commission will hold its Annual Business Meeting in Denver, Colorado, on October 3. During the meeting, commissioners will elect officers and we will begin recruiting volunteers to serve on several important committees, including Rules, Finance, Compliance, and Nominations. These committees play a vital role in guiding the continued development and success of the Compact, and we encourage those interested in contributing to consider volunteering.

The Commission is energized by the remarkable progress we have achieved together. We look forward to welcoming additional states through the onboarding process, expanding privilege issuance, and continuing our mission of increasing access to quality care through interstate licensure mobility.

Thank you to our member states, commissioners, volunteers, and stakeholders for your continued dedication and support. Together, we are building a stronger future for the professions and the consumers we serve.

Vickie Pullins, Chair  
ASLP-IC Commission

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# CompactConnect

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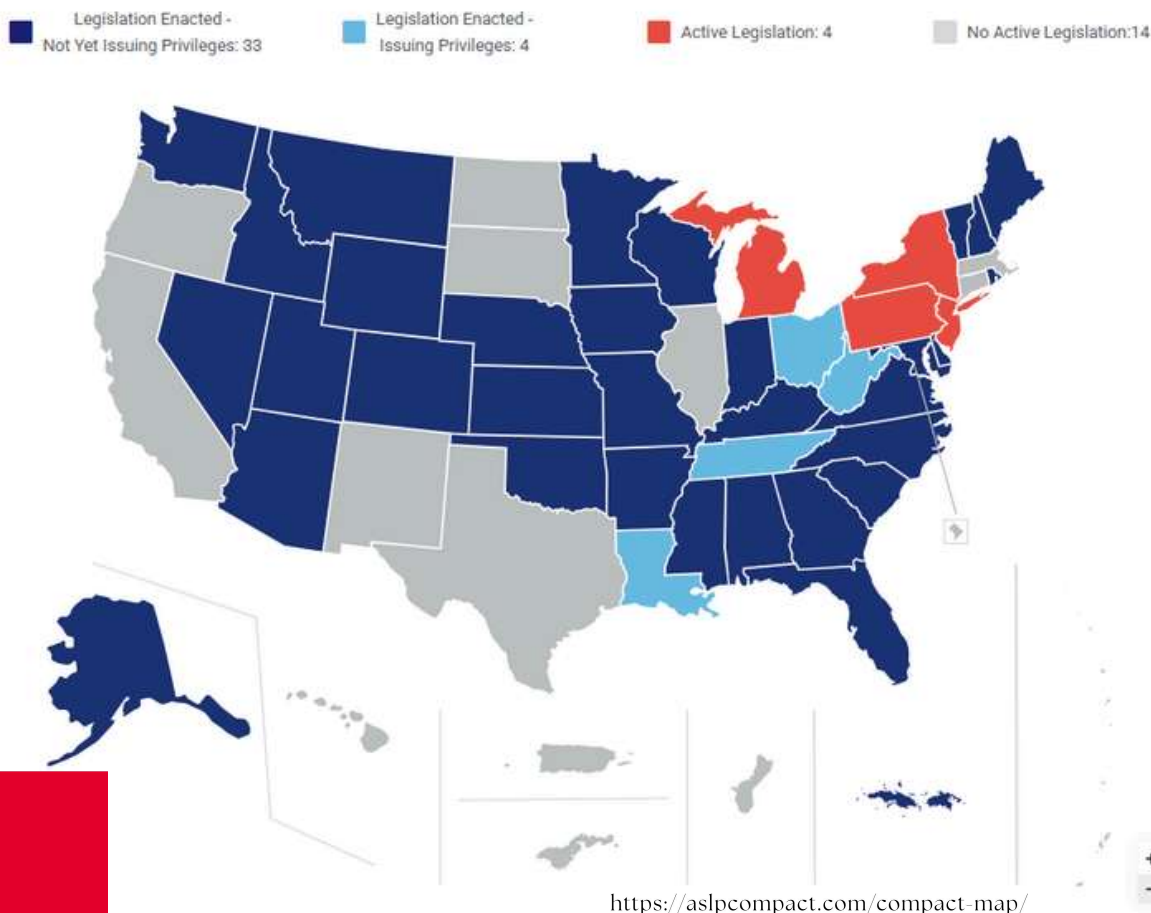
CompactConnect will be making some changes to the data system to increase flexibility in data reporting and corrections. The system will add the ability for member states to correct errors in social security numbers while retaining the licensee's information in the system. Previously, this could not be done by member states as it would create a duplicate account for the licensee in the system. This will be helpful in many cases - for instance, where an SSN was transposed when initially entered or in cases where a licensee was issued a new SSN. A state will utilize this new ability by adding a column named "PreviousSSN" to the data report submitted. Please be aware that states should make every effort to ensure that data submitted is accurate. If a state needs to use this new process to fix errors, the state must coordinate with the data vendor first. Additionally, licensees that have a correction to their SSN in CompactConnect through this new process will need to re-register before purchasing or renewing privileges; existing privileges at time of SSN correction will be retained. We hope to continue bringing improvements like this one to CompactConnect that both enhance the security of the system and ensure ongoing protection of the public.

For more information on CompactConnect, please visit [Compact Privilege Status Update – ASLPCompact](#)



## Updates from the States

The Compact now has FOUR active states issuing and recognizing compact privileges!! Congratulations to West Virginia, Louisiana, Ohio and Tennessee for meeting all requirements. Where is your state in the process? For assistance or to set up a technical onboarding session, contact Claire Covert-Bybee at [director@aslpcompact.com](mailto:director@aslpcompact.com)



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# News from the Rules Committee

Gregg Thornton, Chair

The Rules Committee is responsible for developing compact rules, bylaw amendments, and policies for approval by the Commission and for implementation by the member states.

The Committee meets virtually each month on the second Thursday. The meeting agenda is posted several days before each meeting, and meetings are open to the public to attend virtually. The Committee has worked on several administrative policies, bylaws, rules and frequently asked questions since its inception in 2022. Proposed changes to the bylaws and rules go through the Commission's rule-making process, which includes a period for public comment. Member states are responsible for posting proposed changes on their website. Proposed rules and bylaws are subsequently approved by the Commission at preannounced special meetings or the annual meeting. Final rules, policies, bylaws, and FAQs are posted on the Commission's website.

Since the last newsletter in the winter of 2026, the Committee has met monthly. During 2026, the Committee met five times.

The following rules and bylaws were approved by the Commission at its Special meeting on June 29, 2026.

## ***Rules Approved at the Special Commission Meeting on June 29, 2026:***

- *Proposed Chapter 5 ASLP-IC Rule on Dispute Resolution*

Upon request by a member state, the Commission shall attempt to resolve disputes related to the Compact that arise among member states and between member and nonmember states. The purpose of this rule is to further define dispute resolution pursuant to Section 11.A.2.

- *Proposed Chapter 6 ASLP-IC Rule on Joint Investigations*

Any Member State may participate with other Member States in joint investigations of licensees. The purpose of this rule is to further explain the process for joint investigations pursuant to Section 7(F).

- *Proposed Chapter 7 ASLP-IC Rule on Post Graduate Professional Experience*

Pursuant to Section 3(F)(3), a speech-language pathologist is eligible to practice under a privilege having completed a supervised postgraduate professional experience as required by the Commission. The purpose of this rule is to define the parameters of the supervised postgraduate professional experience. The "Supervised Postgraduate Professional Experience" means a structured, professional experience completed after graduation from an accredited speech-language pathology program, consisting of hours of clinical work, including contact with persons served, consultations, record keeping, clinical conferences, in-service training, and other relevant professional duties, as permitted under Section (3)(F)(1)(a) or (b). The duration of the Supervised Postgraduate Professional Experience is a minimum of 9 months, or the equivalent of thirty-six weeks or 1,260 hours.

- *Proposed Chapter 8 ASLP-IC Rule on National Examination*

Pursuant to Sections 3(E)(3) and (F)(4), audiologists or speech-language pathologists are eligible to practice under a privilege having passed a national examination approved by the Commission. The purpose of this rule is to identify the national exam. The rule identifies the Educational Testing Service, its predecessors, successors, or national examination recognized by the Commission as being equivalent.

- *Proposed Chapter 9 ASLP-IC Rule on Military Identification*

The purpose of the ASLP-IC is to facilitate interstate practice of audiology and speech-language pathology with the goal of improving public access to audiology and speech-language pathology services. One of the ASLP-IC's objectives is to support spouses of relocating active-duty military personnel. This rule establishes procedures for the Commission to verify an applicant's military status and procedures that will be followed if verification is not provided.



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## **Bylaw Amendment Approved at the Special Commission Meeting on June 29, 2026:**

- *Staggered Terms*

Amend the Article III by adding provisions for staggered terms under the Executive Committee and Article VII, section 1 by changing the fiscal year dates for the ASLP-IC Commission as follows:

1. Terms shall begin January 1 and end on December 31
2. The members-at-large shall be two members elected in odd numbered years; one member elected in even numbered years.
3. The Election process as defined in the Bylaws shall begin at a time that does not coincide with a federal holiday of each year with the elected delegates assuming their roles on January 1.
4. The Chair shall be elected on odd numbered years.
5. The Vice Chair shall be elected on even numbered years.
6. The Treasurer shall be elected on even numbered years.
7. The Secretary shall be elected on odd numbered years.
8. The Commission's fiscal year shall begin on July 1 and end on June 30. Membership fees in an amount to be determined by the Commission, are payable by July 1 of each year.

The Committee's response to the public comments received on the proposed rules is available on the Commission's website at: <https://aslpcompact.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/ASLP-Rules-Committee-Response-to-Public-Comments.pdf>

## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):**

- The Committee continued to add more frequently asked questions which are available on the Commission's website. The Committee recommended an additional FAQ to the Executive Committee regarding Member States that have a grace period during their licensure renewal period. The proposed FAQ will address how that impacts compact privileges. In short, the compact privilege is based on the expiration date of the home state license as outlined in both the model legislation and as part of the CompactConnect database design. The FAQs will explain to licensees and privilege holders the importance of ensuring their home state is renewed and that the new expiration date is reflected in the CompactConnect database prior to renewing any compact privileges.

## **Proposed Rules, Bylaws, and Policies for remainder of 2026:**

The Committee has not identified any additional rules, bylaws, or policies for the remainder of 2026. The Committee has suspended meetings until after the Annual Business Meeting in October, unless pressing business arises.

The work of the Rules Committee would not be possible without the hard work and support of the following committee members who volunteer their time:

Commission Chair: Vickie Pullins (WV)  
Commission Executive Director: Claire Covert-ByBee  
Committee Chair: Gregg Thornton (OH)  
Committee Member: Tamara Cranfill (KY)  
Committee Member: Michael Zagarella (WV)

A special thank you is extended to the following for their contributions given to the Committee:

General Counsel Nahale Kalfas  
Keith Buckhout, Council of State Governments  
Susan Adams, American Speech-Language Hearing Association



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## News from the Finance Committee

Felicia Wang, Chair

The Finance Committee was established in January 2022. The Finance Committee provides financial oversight and ensures the Commission is operating within its budget and is developing financial resources to achieve its purpose.

The Finance Committee had a meeting on April 16, 2026. During the finance meeting, the FY27 Budget was approved to be sent to the Executive Commission meeting, in which it was approved. The FY27 Operating Budget was presented at the Commission Special Meeting on June 29, 2026.

We look forward to meeting, and thank the members of the Finance Committee:

Chair: Felicia Wang (MS)  
Vickie Pullins, ex-officio (WV)  
Jolie Jones (LA)  
Denise Brown (NC)

We would also like to thank, Keith Buckout, Council of State Governments, Nahale Kalfas, ASLP-IC General Counsel, Robert Raneri, NCSB, and Susan Adams, ASHA, for their work and dedication to the Commission.

The next meeting will be published once the date is set. It is open to the public to attend virtually.

## News from the Compliance Committee

Jeanne Copeland, Interim Chair

The Compliance Committee monitors a member state's compliance with the terms of the Compact and its authorized rules. Monitored areas include, but are not limited to, states' reporting of adverse actions, completion of background checks, payment of assessment fees, and proper posting of proposed rules as required by the ASLP-IC. Now that states have begun onboarding with the data system, the compliance committee has been stood up.

To date, the group has not rescheduled or resumed its proceedings. We look forward to our next meeting, and thank the members of the Compliance Committee for their service:

Interim Chair: Jeanne Copeland (KS)  
Alice Cellino (GA)  
Carol Hofbauer (OH)  
Elizabeth Maynor (NC)

A special thank you is also extended to the following for their contributions given to the Committee:

Nahale Kalfas, ASLP-IC General Counsel  
Susan Adams, American Speech-Language Hearing Association Ex-Officio Member  
Keith Buckout, Council of State Governments

**Interested in serving on a standing committee? Send your name, contact information, the standing committee(s) that you're interested in, and a short bio to [director@aslpcompact.com](mailto:director@aslpcompact.com). Standing Committee membership is appointed by the Executive Committee.**



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# Election 2026: Nominations Sought

The ASLP is seeking nominations for the following Executive Committee positions eligible for election or reelection this year:

- Chair (one year term ending 2027 due to vacancy)
- Vice-Chair (two-year term ending 2028)
- Treasurer (two-year term ending 2028)
- Secretary (one year term ending 2027 due to vacancy)
- Member-at-Large (two-year term ending 2028)

More information about the responsibilities of each position can be found in the Bylaws. If you are interested in any of these positions, please e-mail [director@aslpcompact.com](mailto:director@aslpcompact.com) before 4:30 p.m. ET on Wednesday, September 2, 2026.

- Nominees must be current ASLP-IC Delegates.
- Delegates may nominate themselves.
- If you are nominating another delegate, please include confirmation that the delegate accepts the nomination.
- Please include a short bio (2 paragraphs maximum) about yourself, or the delegate you are nominating, describing relevant knowledge, experience, and qualifications for the position.

The slate of candidates will be announced before 5: p.m. ET on Friday, September 11, 2026.

- Nominated candidates can use the 10-day candidate review period to campaign and explain to the commission why they are the best candidate for the job, if they wish.
- Delegates will have 10 days to review and consider the qualifications of each candidate.

Voting will commence on September 22, 2026 and end at 11:59 p.m. ET on October 2, 2026.

- Each delegate will get 1 vote for each open position.
- Voting will be done electronically. You will receive an e-mail at the address on file granting you access to the voting software.
- The results of the election will be announced at the meeting on Saturday, October 3, 2026.

Your prompt action in nominating candidates is greatly appreciated and will contribute to the efficient functioning of the ASLP-IC Commission.

Questions? Send them to [director@aslpcompact.com](mailto:director@aslpcompact.com)

## Save the Date



### **Annual Business Meeting**

October 3, 2026 at 1:00 PM MT

### **Executive Committee Meetings**

4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 4:00 PM ET

### **Rules Committee Meetings**

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 3:00 PM ET

### **Finance Committee Meetings**

As needed

### **Compliance Committee Meetings**

As needed

Find meeting information at: <https://aslpcompact.com/meetings/>

