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NAS REPORT UPDATE: PUBLIC MEETING ON DECEMBER 7

The National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine (NAS) will be holding a public dissemination meeting on Wednesday, December 7 to discuss the [Hearing Health Care for Adults: Priorities for Improving Access and Affordability](#) report. Topics that will be discussed include:

- Improving Access and Affordability
- Expanding Technology Options
- Improving Consumer Information and Public Awareness

The meeting will be held at 9 a.m. EST in Room 100 at the Keck Center of the NAS, 500 5th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001. You can attend in person or join remotely via WebEx. For those attending in person the room will be equipped with a hearing loop and CART will be provided. You can register [here](#).

HLAA2017 CONVENTION

Registration is now OPEN!

Check this off your to-do list! See more information on the [Convention page](#).

2017 HLAA AWARDS

Award Nomination Deadline is December 2, 2016

We are still accepting nominations for the 2017 HLAA awards. HLAA will honor outstanding individuals, chapters and state organizations, companies, and organizations at the [HLAA2017 Convention](#) in Salt Lake City on Friday evening, June 23, at the Awards Ceremony & Talent Show. Some awards are presented at our other convention events, but the main attraction is the Awards Ceremony & Talent Show. In addition to the awards, recognitions are given during this event to outgoing chapter and state leaders, Walk4Hearing participants for leadership roles and program development from proceeds, Founder's Day, and more. The [Nomination Packet](#) is now available on our website for submissions.

CHAPTERS

Chapter Update Forms Now Past Due!

All HLAA chapters and state associations should have filled out and sent a Chapter/State Update form by October 1.



HLAA's Membership Services and Web Technologies Departments use the information to update your chapter's database record and its listing in the *Find A Chapter* page of the HLAA website. With more than 160 chapters and state associations, working from these forms is the best way for HLAA to process the data and keep your chapter's information up to date.

If you have not submitted your chapter's update form please do so as soon as possible. You can download it [here](#).

Many of you have already submitted your forms and your diligence is greatly appreciated. If you are not sure if you have submitted the form we will be happy to check for you. Just email Valerie Stafford-Mallis at chapters@hearingloss.org.

HLAA2017 Convention State/Chapter Development Track Call for Papers Now Open

Do you have an innovative idea for making chapters and state organizations stronger? Would you like an opportunity to share your knowledge with the rest of HLAA? If so, here is your opportunity!

The Call for Papers is now open for [HLAA2017 Convention](#) workshop proposals. You don't want to miss this chance to share what works in your chapter and have a great time doing so in the process! On the [Call for Papers page](#) you can also find information on presenting in the State/Chapter Development Room. The deadline for submissions is December 2, so don't delay, apply today!

EDUCATIONAL WEBINAR

November 15, 8 p.m. – 9 p.m. EST

Educated Consumers Hear Better

Presenter: Abram Bailey, Au.D.

Summary: Best practices in audiology can make a real difference in how well we hear with our hearing aids. Join [HearingTracker.com](#) founder Abram Bailey to find out what services you should expect to receive from your audiologist, and to discuss Hearing Tracker's unique approach to identifying and highlighting the nation's best audiologists. You can join the webinar on the [Schedule page](#).

Note: There will no webinar in December. We'll be back in January with our regular webinar series on the third Wednesday of each month from 8 p.m. – 9 p.m. EST.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES AWARENESS AND OUTREACH

Hearing Loop Expo Features Keynote by Richard Einhorn

If you're going to be in the greater Milwaukee area tomorrow, November 5, be sure to check out the Hearing Loop and Accessibility Expo, hosted by the HLAA Metro Milwaukee Chapter and the HLAA Wisconsin State Association. The keynote speaker of the event is HLAA Board of Trustee Member and world-renowned composer [Richard Einhorn](#), who will deliver *Hearing Loops: What Have They Done for Me, What They Can Do for You*. For more information on the event visit hlaawi.org/conventions.

KR Liu Guest Speaker at Three High-Profile Events

HLAA Board of Trustee Member [KR Liu](#) appeared as a guest speaker at two recent events to raise awareness for people with hearing loss and will be speaking at a third next week.

- KR had the honor of being on the [Deaf in Tech](#) panel at [Tech Inclusion 2016](#), presented by [Google for Entrepreneurs](#), held October 26-27 in San Francisco. KR spoke about the importance of disability inclusion in tech. As she pointed out, "When you design for disability, you design for everyone." You can see a clip of KR speaking [here](#).
- KR also spoke at the inaugural [Fortune Brainstorm HEALTH](#), held November 1-2 in San Diego. Fortune Brainstorm HEALTH is focused on unleashing the problem-solving potential of new technologies and on how corporations are best poised to adopt these new technologies to disrupt and transform the medical field.
- On Monday, November 7 KR will be at the White House as part of the Disability Inclusive Technology Summit. She will be part of the panel *The "How" of Becoming a Disability Inclusive Technology Company*. HLAA Executive Director Barbara Kelley and Director of Public Policy Lise Hamlin will also be attending the event.

Barbara Kelley at U.S. Attorney's Office Roundtable

HLAA Executive Director Barbara Kelley attended the United States Attorney's Office Roundtable for Advocates for Individuals with Disabilities on Thursday, November 3. She spoke on communication access for those who use technology and some of the civil rights issues concerning public accommodation for people with hearing loss.

