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Speech-Language & Audiology Canada Welcomes Linda Rammage to the Role of SAC Chair

OTTAWA, ON (May 27, 2019) — Speech-Language & Audiology Canada's (SAC) Board of Directors is pleased to announce Linda Rammage, PhD, RSLP, S-LP(C) as the association's new Chair.

Dr. Rammage officially began her term on May 23, 2019, following SAC's Annual Meeting of Members (AMM). She assumes the position from Colleen Braun-Janzen, RSLP, MA, M.Mus., S-LP (C), who had chaired the SAC Board of Directors since last spring. As a former President of the association (2006-2008) and member of the Executive Committee for the past two years, Dr. Rammage is well prepared for this new stewardship role.

In addition to running a private practice, Dr. Rammage currently works with Vancouver Coastal Health providing clinical services (assessment and treatment) to British Columbians with voice and laryngeal dysfunction. She is also an adjunct professor at UBC's School of Audiology and Speech Sciences, participating in research and academic activities relevant to dysfunction of the voice and the larynx.

Dr. Rammage has held leadership positions with her provincial professional association and regulatory body, as well as serving as a member of the Canadian Alliance of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Regulators. While serving as the 2006 – 2008 President of SAC, then known as the Canadian Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists, Dr. Rammage was involved in several major initiatives, including the launch of the Clinical Research Grants Program and the association's Noisy Toy Campaign on Parliament Hill. Dr. Rammage looks forward to continuing to serve the professions in her new role as SAC Chair.

"It is a great honour to serve as SAC Chair and have the opportunity to guide the Board as we make decisions that have an immediate impact on the professions of speech-language pathology and audiology. I look forward to working with our 2019-2020 Board and SAC staff to chart the future of the association and on exciting projects such as advocacy for the upcoming federal election and preparations for the 2020 SAC S-LP Conference in Ottawa."

When asked why she thinks it is important for members and associates to participate in their national professional association, Dr. Rammage responded "I can't think of a more pleasurable way to broaden one's knowledge about the professions of speech-language pathology and

audiology than to volunteer with SAC. Whether as a Board Director or as a committee member, you have the opportunity to build relationships and learn from professionals right across Canada."

Under Dr. Rammage's leadership, SAC's Board of Directors will develop the association's new strategic plan and continue to raise public awareness about the important role of speech-language pathologists, audiologists and communication health assistants in healthcare and education systems across Canada.

For more information on the 2019-2020 Board, please visit the <u>SAC website</u>. SAC members and associates can contact Linda Rammage at <u>chair@sac-oac.ca</u>.

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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