



HLAA STATE ORGANIZATION AND CHAPTER PRINCIPLES

The Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) is comprised of state associations, state offices and chapters with a national headquarters office in Bethesda, Maryland. We work together to carry out the mission of HLAA and to help people live successfully with their hearing loss. We represent 48 million people with hearing loss in the United States.

As a community resource, we engage in outreach to others, advance public awareness of hearing loss and encourage exciting and new chapters.

People working together are the cornerstone of HLAA and form the basis for a strong local organization and national network. Therefore, active member participation is essential to individual growth and organizational strength.

The only requirement for HLAA membership is having an interest in hearing loss, its causes, implications, and prevention. Leaders of HLAA State organizations (associations and offices) and Chapters are HLAA members.

We share mutual concerns as we seek solutions to the problems related to hearing loss through improved communication and educating our families, our friends and ourselves.

HLAA self-help enrichment programs further HLAA's mission locally and nationally.

HLAA State organizations and Chapters are not subsidiaries of other organizations, although they are encouraged to work in cooperation with them.

HLAA is a non-aligned, nonprofit, service/educational organization and does not engage in profit-making ventures. HLAA accepts donations freely given but neither engages in compromising situations nor acts as a vehicle for commercial interest. HLAA neither recommends nor endorses products, people, or services.

HLAA members meet regularly under national guidance and learn and practice organizational goals and philosophy. Leaders place the welfare of the organization above personal gain.

HLAA State organizations and Chapters are democratically governed by people with hearing loss, parents of children with hearing loss or family and friends of people with hearing loss.

HLAA State organizations and Chapters comply with HLAA national bylaws and consent to HLAA national office guidance and policies. In governance and other developmental factors, HLAA promotes independence so that each entity may come to realize their unique and valuable position in the community.