

**AG Bell Academy for Listening and Spoken Language
Resolution 7.04**

LSSL Emeritus Certification Status

WHEREAS, other comparable professional organizations (e.g., ASHA, APTA) offer certified members who have retired an option for a “life member” or “emeritus” status to maintain certification at a reduced cost when no longer providing direct service, and;

WHEREAS, retaining LSSL-certified professionals who have retired will promote professional identity and benefit the Academy financially. THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the designation LSSL-Emeritus will be established, and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LSSL-Emeritus status will be offered to members who:

- Have held LSSL certification (LSSL Cert. AVT or LSSL Cert. AVEd) for a minimum of 10 years prior to applying for LSSL-Emeritus status
- Have ceased to provide direct services to children with hearing loss and their families *and* have ceased to provide mentoring services to LSSL candidates, and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT members holding the LSSL-Emeritus status will pay an annual equal the annual recertification fee/ rate for LSSL-certified professionals one final time and indicate their desire to switch to LSSL-Emeritus status at that time , and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT following payment of the final certification renewal fee, that professional will receive a final certificate indicating LSSL-Emeritus status

BE IT RESOLVED THAT members holding the LSSL-Emeritus designation will continue to receive Academy communications, and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT members holding the LSSL-Emeritus designation will be entitled to use the LSSL-Emeritus designation in their professional signature, and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT members holding the LSSL-Emeritus designation will be listed in the online LSSL registry as “ *Retired – Not Accepting Mentees, Not Providing Services* ”, and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT complaints regarding members holding the LSSL-Emeritus who are suspected of violating the guidelines for holding this status will be referred to the Academy Board Ethics Committee, and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a description of the LSSL-Emeritus designation will be added to the AG Bell Academy website, and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT members holding the LSLS-Emeritus designation will not be required to complete annual continuing education requirements.

Approved this date, 07/20/2023 during the meeting of the AG Bell Academy Board of Directors.