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One of our two public members is ending her term this June, and the Board is looking to fill that vacancy. Of course, all appointments to the Board are made by the Governor, and he may have someone in mind. However, in the past the Board has encouraged well-qualified members of the public to submit a Board Interest Form to the Governor's Executive Appointments office for his consideration.

Board members must be committed to the mission of the agency: to protect the public through regulating the practice of speech-language pathology and audiology. It helps if they have past experience on a non-profit or civic board or other decision-making body, and an interest in both clinical and legal matters. Although the statute does not require it, it has been helpful that many of our public members have been consumers of hearing or speech services. The Governor's office also has stated goals of increasing ethnic diversity and geographic breadth on boards and commissions.

The current Board membership is 4 women and 3 men, and we have two members from the Polk county area, 1 from Eastern Oregon, and 4 from the Portland metro area. Although we have diversity in age of our members, none are ethnic minorities. It would seem beneficial to identify some potential Board candidates from central or southern Oregon, or on the Coast, to balance the current group.

Please consider your patients, colleagues, friends, and/or local community leaders and let me know if you have anyone that you think might be interested, committed, and able to provide conscientious leadership to our work. They can look at the Governor's Executive Appointments website: <http://www.oregon.gov/gov/pages/boards.aspx> to obtain general information about Boards & Commissions, and to download an interest form.

They can look at our website to get information about what we do, and to read past meeting minutes, etc. I would also encourage them to give me a call before they decide to apply, so I can give them more details about what's involved, and then I can help track their application after they submit it to the Governor's office.

Thank you for any help you might be able to give this process.