



Pam Ashton, BC-H.I.S.

I have been an HIS for 40 plus years, one of the “Grandfathered” generations.

During those years I have worked for the Ministry of Health-ADP and various clinics from the “Ma and Pa” venue as well as mid- size companies and large corporations. Some of you may know me from George Brown College as both Faculty and Coordinator of the HIS Program from 1997-2011. I have enjoyed my journey on this career path and now have some time to give back to the Association. It would be an honour to give of my time as needed to best serve you, the Membership in maintaining this wonderful profession.



Angie Chianelli, H.I.S.

Angie Chianelli of Toronto has been working as a HIS for 22 years in the greater Toronto area.

Angie began her career training at the Canadian Hearing Society while completing her clinical placement. She then went on to work in a hospital setting for 10 years in the Audiology/ENT dept. In 2007 she opened Family Hearing Centre in both Toronto and Woodbridge serving very multicultural communities.

In 2019 Angie’s daughter Melissa joined her in running both practices.

Angie’s main professional interests are developing initiatives which support the deaf and hard of hearing through accessibility of hearing health care services.

Angie enjoys her spare time gardening and traveling with her family and friends.



Stephanie De Rosa, H.I.S.

I got my start working in the hearing healthcare field with ListenUP / HearingLife right out of school as a Communicative Disorders Assistant over 15 years ago. I realized very quickly doing the CDA program that my interest lay in the audiology courses.

While working in hearing clinics, the choice to attend Grant MacEwan and upgrade to an H.I.S. was an easy choice, and I have been an H.I.S. since 2013. I have been living and working in the Niagara Region for almost 15 years now in multiple clinics for HearingLife, now solely in Welland. I live with my husband and furry babies in Niagara Falls.



Adam Perrie, H.I.S.

I had the very good opportunity of working in the hearing business by learning from the fantastic people of Unitron starting in the fall of 1991. I was able to learn repairs, modifications and how hearing aids are made.

Since then I have had the great experiences of working for private practices large and small and one of the large corporate chains. I have also since 2006 had the humbling experience of working at Conestoga College and currently at George Brown College in their Hearing Instrument Specialist programs.

A great many things have changed in the past 30 years. When I started, body and eyeglass aids were still in use. Now we have incredible miniature hearing aids that can deliver sound processing and reliability that we could only dream about back then.

The one constant that has not changed and I enjoy the most is troubleshooting and service.



Mark Peterson, H.I.S.

Thank you for reading this!

I feel like I finally have enough experience and I've spent enough time home with my kids this past year that I would love to be on the AHIP board and would love the opportunity to serve AHIP and all of you!

I graduated George Brown College in 2006 but I've been in the industry since 2003 working as a front office staff member while I attended college. My mother was the CFO of a chain of clinics until she retired for medical reasons. I have been a Platinum Club (440+ Hearing aids a year) clinician at Connect Hearing since Provincial Hearing Consultants was bought out over a decade ago. I've worked in private practice and in a corporate setting. I've been Vice President of the Hamilton branch of the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association for 2 years. I am hearing impaired. I've given presentations to The Hamilton Academy of Medicine, AHIP, CHHA and too many nursing homes to count. I've had interviews on TV and in the newspaper. I would love the opportunity to help AHIP in any way I can. Thank you!



Danielle Rizk, H.I.S.

Dear Members,

My name is Danielle Rizk and it has been my pleasure to serve as a Director on the Board for over 5 years. As an owner of 2 clinics and a mother of 2 young daughters, I have devoted my energy and time to helping our members. I am very passionate about being your active voice and fighting for our Association and all your patients.

There is still much work to be done through these uncertain times, and I would be honoured to continue being an active voice for YOU, our wonderful members, and serve another term as your representative on the Board.

Yours truly,

Danielle Rizk



Demetra Valente, H.I.D.

Demetra Tsimicalis-Valente has served as Director of the AHIP Board for three years. She chairs the Quality Assurance Committee and authored AHIP's Consent Guidelines (2019) and the COVID-19 Return to Practice Guidance (2020). Ms. Valente previously chaired the Membership Committee. She is a member of IHS and sits on the Hearing Health Alliance of Canada Advisory Board.

Ms. Valente is a Hearing Instrument Dispenser and is co-owner of Smiles from Ear to Hear, a hearing, denture and sleep clinic located in Toronto.

She has served as an enthusiastic volunteer with the United Way, Habitat for Humanity, the Parkinson's Society, Children's Wish Foundation, Canadian Cancer Society, Sick Kids Hospital, the Autistic Society and Junior Achievement. Ms. Valente has sponsored and attended three hearing missions with the Starkey Foundation.

Ms. Valente previously enjoyed a rewarding career as a financial services executive in the banking and securities industries within the regulatory compliance realm where her mandate was to interpret, apply and lobby to shape regulation, develop compliance policies and training in areas such as Governance, Privacy, Anti-Money Laundering, Security and Complaints Handling.

She earned a Bachelors' degree from the University of Toronto and the Hearing Aid Practitioner diploma from Grant MacEwan University.
