

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE INTERNATIONAL HEARING SOCIETY AND THE NEBRASKA HEARING SOCIETY

- 1951 = Society of Hearing Aid Audiologists (SHAA) is formed (later to become the International Hearing Society - IHS) and they begin to develop a Distance Learning Course for dispensing hearing aids**
* technology touchpoint for the time = color TV was introduced (1953)
- 1959 = Code of Ethical Trade Practices for the Hearing Aid Industry is established**
- 1963 = Council of State Hearing Aid Associations is created (CSHAA)**
- 1965 = SHAA & CSHAA combine and change their name to the National Hearing Aid Society (NHAS)**
* technology touchpoint for the time = 1st heart transplant (1967)
- 1970 = Licensing for Hearing Aid Specialists in 26 states with 14 more scheduled by 1971**
- 1978 = American Speech & Hearing Association (ASHA) established in 1925, changes their code of ethics to allow the commercial dispensing of hearing aids**
* technology touchpoint for the time = Sony introduces the Walkman (1979)
- 1980 = National Board Certification in Hearing Instrument Science (NBC-HIS) program is created for Hearing Instrument Specialists**
- 1982 = NBC-HIS gives 1st National Competency Exam to 174 candidates**
* technology touchpoint for the time = Ronald Reagan announces he wears hearing aids (1983)
- 1991 = National Hearing Aid Society (NHAS) changes their name to the International Hearing Society (IHS)**
- 1999 = National Institute for Hearing Instrument Science changes their name to the International Institute for Hearing instrument Science**
* technology touchpoint for the time = Y2K concerns mount (1999) and Facebook is launched (2003)
- 2004 = Nebraska Hearing Society (NHS), through 407 scope rewrite process, adopts the then current IHS Model Practice Act**
- 2011 = International Licensing Exam (ILE) becomes computer based and is adopted in its current format, now used by 43 states towards license**
- 2021 = IHS releases an updated Model Licensure Act for states to adopt, approved in August, 2021**
- 2022 = Most recent issue of the IHS Distance Learning Course is published, available in all 50 states for HIS trainees and trainers**
- 2023 = Nebraska Hearing Society, through 407 scope rewrite process, starts to work on adopting the most current IHS Model Licensure Act**