

## **HEARING AID SIG – FIRST MEETING**

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Hearing aids don't last forever; therefore everyone needs information for immediate use or for future consideration.

#### **Suggestions for Future Meetings**

Outside speakers from hearing industry to give technical information, not a sales pitch for their product.

Speakers from places like UT audio department.

When should I seek help with my hearing difficulties; what are my first steps?

First step might be to find a good ENT or Audiologist - develop list of references from members.

Discuss the many different products available, their features, and prices

Share positive and negative experiences and tell why I felt this way.

#### **Other Suggestions**

Divide into groups according to degrees of hearing loss

Investigate information contained at [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org)

#### **The results of the organizational effort were as follows :**

We agreed to share information about our experiences with local hearing professionals.

We agreed to share information about our hearing aids – make, model, and satisfaction.

We agreed to share our audiograms – so that we can find individuals with similar hearing loss.

A list of current hearing aids available will be developed.