

NHSLHA Board Meeting December, 10, 2013

Present: Laura, June, Gina, Pam, Todd, Erin, Vicki, Cass

1. Meeting minutes (we did not have a Nov. meeting): October minutes were discussed. Laura was concerned about Section 9 of the notes regarding the NCC 10 hour supervision conference and the statement that says "If SLPs don't have this training, they will be fined by ASHA" – this statement is NOT TRUE! Laura contacted the action center of ASHA and they do not impose fines. Laura also stated that regarding SLA scope of practice – state licensing laws supercede ASHA. SLPs will not lose their ASHA certification if they do not take 10 hours of supervision education– this is currently just a recommendation not a mandate. Laura shared what the action center told her regarding SLA scope of practice: "This document does not supercede federal legislation and regulation requirements or any existing state licensure laws, nor does it affect the interpretation or implementation of such laws. The document may serve, however, as a guide for the development of new laws or, at the appropriate time, for revising existing licensure laws." What your individual district or your employer asks you to do may differ from place to place and each state also has different guidelines for supervision. Laura suggested that Vicki consider sending a clarification of this point to the special education administrators around the state that had previously been sent the supervision conference info. that may be misleading about the need for SLPs to attend this sort of training or face fines. As modified by Laura's information, we voted to accept the minutes for the October meeting.
2. SPRING CONFERENCE:
 - a) all set with facilities at Granite State College.
 - b) Gina sketched out a schedule for 6 CEUs. 3 hour am and then pm sessions with a break of 15 min.s half way. Close time of ~ 4:30 pm.
 - c) Ed track: Jon Clancy re: advocacy and funding resources for school-based SLPs; Dr. Jared Skoworn re: naturopathic approaches to the treatment of autism. Med track: no confirmation on either person but these folks are "thinking about it" – Lisa Sommers re: aphasia recovery; Joe Dorko re: tracheotomy management from swallowing and communication standpoint. Barbara Ahlgren suggested to Gina that we consider someone from Passy-Muir to do a live webinar. Pam stated that this kind of thing is available to people for free from the Passy-Muir website so folks probably would balk at paying us for this...Gina may send Judy Macombi an email to see if she might like to present. Irene has also been in touch to see if she can help locate the speaker. Gina is also presenting her labs both in the am and pm.

d) Friday, March 14, 2014 is the date. As previously discussed, lunch is on your own and we will offer am and pm snacks. Gina would like a list of past vendors and Erin will send this to her. The room for vendors is not very large and could hold 6-8 vendors. Todd suggested we send out an email to the list of our past vendors and see who is interested this time. If we get a lot of vendors wanting to attend, then we could let go of the used supply sale we spoke about previously and do it as a separate fund-raising event. Erin mentioned that vendors can also advertise on the brochure if they pay for an ad, whether or not they have a table set up.

e) The presenters are doing this pro-bono. Gina wonders if we should consider giving the presenters a \$50 gift card in appreciation. Laura shared some information about conferences put on by NHSLHA in the past. Pam, Gina and Laura have all been given gift cards for presentations they've given elsewhere and felt it was nice to get. Todd suggests we do "something" depending on how many people register for the conference (registration is capped at 90).

f) The award: Todd brought up the award blurb written by Cass, which was sent around to board members and that people liked. Nominations will come from NHSLHA members and the board will determine the winner. They should be submitted to Cass and we'd need them by Feb. 1 so that we can look them over at the Feb. meeting on 2/11/14. Todd will put the info. on Facebook and Erin will eblast out to our membership, once she gets the info. from Cass. Todd will also put a link for this on Twitter.

3. The ASHA eblast is slated to go out 1/2/14 (this is our 2013 eblast). This has all the info. about NHSLHA and getting involved. We get one every year and we talked about using the other eblast for our spring conference so it would need to go out in mid-January at the latest. We need to know all the confirmed speakers by our next meeting. If we don't have all the speakers slotted by our Jan. meeting, then the group would like to hold that second eblast for something else.

4. Supervision conference: Vicki said no vendors will be at this conference. She is happy to put out info. regarding NHSLHA. We would like to have a presence there.
Vicki gave each of us a paper copy of a recruitment card promotion coupon she saw another group use. Vicki will give these out at the supervision conference with our okay. Our membership will now go from March first to March first.

5. Board positions: Vicki has someone who is interested in joining the board. She had car trouble this evening so was not able to attend. Todd expressed his concern that we need to get folks to join the board who are willing to dedicate some time to different tasks. For example, doing the CEUs is good

- for NHSLHA because we make some money with it. However, it is a pain in the neck to do, according to Todd and we will need someone to step up and take it over when his time is done. If no one steps up, we would need to discuss if we will continue to do this service.
6. PR/Social Media for NHSLHA: Todd would like it if someone else would be willing to take on this task from him.
 7. Website: if you have something to post, get it to Todd by this Friday. Todd would like to have Board meeting minutes on the website but this takes time to make happen. Erin confirmed that Crimson Design has not invoiced us for maintenance. We did get the initial bill for their work on our website. Todd has encouraged them to bill us for a monthly maintenance fee.
 8. Pam went to a monthly rehab meeting that happens for the state of NH rehab. Directors. The directors seem to all be PTs or OTs and don't have much knowledge of speech. She was asked if she knew of anyone that is tuned into where the speech field is going regarding higher education and what ASHA is thinking about this. There are changes afoot for the need for a PhD in physical therapy.
 9. Erin got an email from a woman who has a son who will turn 3 soon, has apraxia, and has been going to the Moore Center in Manchester for therapy. She is asking for a referral. She has the option to go through her local school district or be seen by a private practice SLP. It was also suggested that we tell her to check out our website for SLPs. Todd offered to respond to this email.
 10. CEUs. Laura has brought two large boxes of files from Cathy Tsiros. Each file represents someone who paid \$250 to ASHA and we charged \$150 and this went to NHSLHA. Cathy wants to turn these files over to the board. Todd will take them – we are obligated to keep them for 2 years after the event is held. Todd said we stand to make about \$1400 per year from doing this, given the average over the past years.
 11. Laura mentioned about giving a thank you to Cathy Tsiros on behalf of NHSLHA. Laura put together a chronology of Cathy's years of contributions to the board as part of this thank you.
 12. Laura shared the following questions she has regarding our constitution and how non-board members interface with us. The information she shared is quoted below:

Re: Non-Board Member questions, Dec. 10, 2013
From: Laura Darling, NHSLHA VP Govt Affairs

1. Does the NHSLHA Board and or NHSLHA Constitution currently allow Non-Board members to contribute, offer a position on a topic, vote on an issue, partake in the discussion in the same manner as a Board member?
2. Does (or will) the board take into consideration the impact a Non-Board member will have when input is recommended, suggested, discussed?
3. Is NHSLHA planning to change the NHSLHA Constitution Bylaws that would allow a Non-Board member to act as a Board member?
4. Should a Non-Board member have access to the minutes and other important discussion information that occurs between members?
5. Consultant: What is the role of a consultant to NHSLHA? What particular goals are to be reached in conjunction with NHSLHA and a consultant?

Laura is submitting this as part of the minutes to this meeting.

We need to strike some balance with this, noted Todd.

The group shared what we know: non-board members do not vote. There was a brief discussion about whether we want board meeting minutes to be available to the public? The public is allowed to attend our meetings and can make comments but not vote. We voted in favor of making the Board minutes available to the public.

This reminded us that we are long overdue to review our Constitution.....

14. Treasurer's Report: \$3,391.04 is in our account at this time. Vicki also has a few deposits that she hasn't made yet.

15. Regarding Medicaid billing and school-based SLPs: NPI – not required for school based SLPs but Todd could not find this any where in writing.

16. Other: 226-9603 is the phone number at HealthSouth for doing speaker phone communication during meetings.

Next meeting: Jan. 14th at 6:00 pm at HealthSouth's conference room next to the dining room on the first floor.

Minutes typed by June Adinah