

NHSLHA Executive Board Meeting
April 2, 2012

Present: Vicki, Erin, June, Katelyn Monaghan, Elsa Abele, Laura Darling, Christopher Boothby

Welcome to Katelyn – audiologist at Dartmouth Hitchcock in Hanover, and Elsa – retired Communication Disorders professor from BU and current consultant.

1. Treasurer's Report – approx. \$7,580.00!!! We are waiting for ~\$1,000 in purchase orders to come in.

Need to pay: Demers & Blaisdell \$2,020
CSAP \$ 375 in dues
Accountant re: taxes \$??

We are a 501C6 for tax purposes....

Web designer \$?? Edward has done our work pro bono.

Vicki would like to give him some money for his efforts.

2. Vicki nominated Katelyn Monaghan for the position of audiology advisor. Erin seconded this. Vicki would also like to nominate Susan Granfors as SLPA student advisor (a position that is currently proposed as an addition to the Board).
3. We looked at the handout re: proposed Board & Committee positions. We talked briefly about the current positions, proposed new positions, and changes proposed.
Elsa will consider joining the Legislative Committee to learn from Laura about legislative issues.

We had a conversation about ethical issues in our work. Vicki & Christopher stated their interest in working on these topics. Vicki would like to get info. out on the website that clarifies SLPs, SLPAs, and SL Specialists differences.

The Constitutional Committee work could be done on the Internet – Google Docs could work.

4. Spring Conference. Went well. It is evident that people can't wait to get out once the learning part is done. A social event, like Christopher & Marin's chocolate extravaganza, might be best done partway through the afternoon instead of at the end. We now have 217 members. Approx. 150 people came to the conference. The venue was really lovely. One hour presentations were short, according to evaluations.
Featured sessions of 1 ½ hours (bigger speaker with more education on a topic) and Learning Modules for 1 hour (needed some background education to attend).

ASHA counts the minutes for the educational component of conferences. This doesn't include lunch and social events. It was suggested that people sign in/out on a printout of attendees names listed alphabetically before getting their certificate of attendance. However, ASHA CEU logs can not have the names of anyone on it that doesn't pay ASHA to keep track of this.

Food was \$3400. We estimated 175. His normal minimum is 200. We thought the food was good.

Vicki made a program that was appreciated. Attendees commented that it was a nice touch. She mentioned all the Board positions that are open which was smart of her!

Things to do better for next time: Technology presented some challenges. A campus map would be good for next time. The website caused some glitches – Internet Explorer users had difficulty and people who typed in www.NHSLHA went to our old website.....4 or 5 people did manage to pay through Payroll...we need to push to get our brochures out early and get "early" registration out for earlier than 2 weeks prior to the event.

Vicki already booked NCC for our Spring Conference for March 15, 2013. We are doing a joint conference with VT on Nov. 1 & 2! Lisa Durstin and Susan Kimerly of the VT SLHA have talked and will talk again. We are going to co-sponsor the conference. We will get money from this – we will get something for the ASHA CEUs (we are a provider, they are not). The money piece is of interest to us and will be a part of what gets worked out.

Laura shared that we could see if local coffee places would donate coffee. Donations are not tax deductible due to our tax position. We did do well with vendors and

Katelyn said that Panera will take all their food left over from the day before and will donate it for organizations. We could consider this.

TOPICS for next time:

- Selective Mutism
- Hearing loss – overview, hearing aids, LOOP NH Campaign, wireless blue tooth appliances can access FM as well.
- Technology- iPads, laptops, AAC
- Christopher suggested a big name speaker as a possibility

Vicki asked: 1 day or 2? We think one day is good.

Keynote speaker again?

Break out into how many separate groups?

2 hour minimum session length?

Christopher suggested we do the same set-up next time with a keynote session and breakout sessions. Laura shared that she thinks that people really like to walk out with some new tricks to use.

June wondered if we could look at psychological issues connected to our work – like selective mutism, hearing impairment, stuttering. Laura suggested we consider a round table discussion to discuss this. Vicki reminded us that we'd also talked about doing this in different parts of the state. Katelyn suggested a keynote speaker who addressed a topic like this and then would be available for a round table. Cheryl Lundgren at DH in Hanover deals with cleft palate and she, people think, would be a wonderful presenter. How about calling it LOW INCIDENCE DISORDERS and how to help with these "boutique disorders"? A panel discussion might be good too.

Christopher suggested calling in a teacher of the visually impaired or ATECH.

Katelyn suggested we make it relevant for audiologists to pull in that population as attendees. David Urion is a pediatric neurologist at Children's Hospital in Boston – Elsa and Vicki say he is terrific. He talks the how and why of neurological deficits. Theresa Bollack is a good psychologist who consults a lot in the schools. She is well-known and may be a good draw. Elsa said she does work nationally, at SERESC, and around NH.

We discussed checking out David Urion as an all-day speaker. Katelyn suggested we open the morning session to parents as well.

5. Next meetings – 5/7, 6/6, skip July, 8/6 these will be all at Granite Ledges.