

NHSLHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES – May 7, 2012

Present: Vicki, Erin, June, Christopher on SKYPE

1. Vicki shared a very nice note we received from Ruth Peaper who was recognized at our last conference.
2. Vicki was asked by a State Licensing Board member to do a survey on continuing ed things. Vicki shared what she drafted with us. The reason for this survey is to ascertain the # of hours folks use this method towards their certification. They are contemplating a cap on hours accrued this way....

They also want us to do a survey as to whether or not there should be a time frame for when a new SLP could supervise another person. There is a requirement from ASHA of 2 years of work experience before you can supervise an assistant, but none for when you can supervise a provisionally licensed SLP. Vicki will pull another survey together for them. She will include some other questions as well.

3. We accept the minutes from April's meeting.
4. Treasurer's report: Remaining in Paypay: \$495.79
Checking Account: \$6,603.71
Conference expenses to Vicki???
5. Last time we voted to give Edward a "token of our appreciation". Vicki gave him a check for \$1000 and he was shocked and very touched. He said the appreciation was worth more than the money to him.
6. May is Better Speech and Hearing Month. We aren't doing anything special. Do we have any ideas? June shared a few things she's seen in the schools. Christopher mentioned some packets Boothby has given to their employees with info. and treats. They sent special water to the Sped directors of their employees and the bottles had a listing of pertinent info. re: the students that are helped by SLPs in the schools. Vicki thought that perhaps our organization could send emails out re: May being better speech/hearing month and asking if they have any questions/want any info. Erin wondered if we should put something about it on our website.
7. Christopher wonders if we could spend a little money on getting our lobbyist onto our agenda to speak with us. Agenda: SLPAs /certification of them – where is this at, as well as an update on legislative issues. Vicki would like to see the state have definitions of each level of position of folks (re: education) that deliver S/L services and what is required of them certification-wise. Christopher says we've paid him to play defense for a long time, it is time to have him play offense..... Vicki has heard of SLPAs who say they don't feel comfortable testing and or working with students with certain disabilities and that other SLPs are asked to travel to another school to work with these kids. Christopher stated that he doesn't like the Alt 4 option in the field either. Vicki stated that the Alt 4 option exists for many other fields in addition to SLPs. Vicki will talk with Jim Demers about this.
Vicki shared that SLPs don't really get the kind of respect in the schools that she thinks we should get. She feels that being called a speech teacher or a "speechie" is disrespectful. The reverse is that she knows we also get called

- uppity or snobbish and elitist sometimes. She also feels that there is a general lack of knowledge about what we do.
8. Vicki shared paperwork that outlines the Oregon SLHA five year long range goals. We could certainly benefit from this kind of vision. Vicki would like us to work on a plan like this even if it is a 6 month or 1 year plan.
 9. Constitution – perhaps this is better left to our next meeting. We only had three Board members in person and Christopher on SKYPE. So, it was decided that Vicki will post the Constitution online so that everyone can read it and work on it.
 10. Board member update: Elsa, who was here for the April meeting, might be interested in being on a legislative committee, as opposed to being a board member. Angela, our UNH rep, has been dealing with some health related issues. She would like it if another student could take her place, but thus far no one else has offered. Vicki would like to get UNH to have involvement with our association. Getting them to be involved is a challenge we'd like to figure out.....
 11. Vicki spoke with the VT SLHA regarding the fall conference, Nov. 1 & 2 in Killington. Vicki asked if they want us to cosponsor the conference but did not get a response. They are inviting Patty Prelock in May 2013 and VT asked if we'd like to cosponsor that one.
Christopher is going to have an OCT. 26th conference at NCC that NHSLHA will cosponsor. Erin asked what that entails. Christopher said that Boothby will do all the work and they'll write us a check. They will be able to staff things themselves. We will help with the CEU process. We could have a booth for membership. We'll get some publicity for the event. Linda Eve Seth will present on "Push in Services" (working within the classroom on regular ed curriculum with special ed overlaid). Vicki asked if there will be a discounted rate for NHSLHA members?! Christopher said he'll speak with his team about this. Vicki offered student volunteers if they get free or reduced rate admission to the conference. Christopher said that sounds good to him – they'll put them to work. Vicki will be there on campus to help out as well. These two conferences are just a week apart – it could be a lot of work packed into a short time.

We are planning a Spring 2013 conference in March (15th). Vicki emailed Dr. Urion about speaking at it, but she hasn't heard back.

NEXT MEETING is June 6th, WEDNESDAY at Granite Ledges at 6:30 pm

Minutes taken by June Adinah