

NHSLHA Board Meeting Minutes 6/6/2012

Present: Susan Granfors, Katelyn, June, Vicki, Laura

1. Minutes from last month were accepted by the Board.
2. No changes in treasury. Accounting software program: Vicki told us that we now have enough money to buy this. She would like to talk with Katelyn's husband Ross who is a CPA about what programs are best for non-profits. She got his contact info.
3. June nominated Gina England as the new University Advisor to the Board. Several Board members seconded this and we welcome Gina.
4. Macy's Shop for a Cause will start soon. Vicki will order 200 tickets. Let Vicki know how many you would like and she will send them to you. There is no cost to us to get the tickets and we keep the money on each ticket we sell. They cost \$5.00 each and you can get as many as you would like. Shopping is on a date in August. You can shop at a store on on-line.
5. Survey results on continuing ed formats got sent out today. This was done in response to a request from the state licensing board. Vicki felt the two most significant points were that: 1) on line CEUs are an important option for those who live in very rural locations 2) those with mobility issues find it helpful.

Laura spoke and said that there are those who are concerned about lack of criteria upon completion for some of the tests (she wonders about validity). Another issue is there have been instances where some people cram in so many on line CEU's in one day that it doesn't seem feasible that quality learning occurred.

We all received the survey results today and Vicki also sent them to the Licensing Board. Time will tell if there will be any future restrictions made in this area.

6. Go-To Meeting as a meeting format was discussed. Katelyn said that she has done meetings that way and they were very successful. ASHA will be trying this out. We might try this sometime – it would be a good way to draw in people from each county in NH (having members on the Board from each county is a goal we'd like to see realized). It would also be great to find other free locations to meet for monthly meetings and maybe to have our conferences in other parts of the state.
7. The next survey Vicki will be doing is one on supervision of CFYs and SLAs. There is no requirement from ASHA that supervisors have any experience beyond having their CCCs. ASHA requires 2 years of experience for SLPs before they supervise SLPAs. We discussed whether or not you have to have your CCCs to have a NH state license. It appears to be unclear to us at this time. Katelyn shared that in Audiology, if you get your AudD you meet the requirements for a state license even if you don't have your CCCs. Vicki would like to get something out to SpEd directors around the state regarding SLAs and certification and how important we feel that is.

- Katelyn mentioned the Academy of NH Audiologists and ASHA certified audiologists. She said all the pediatric audiologists at Dartmouth have their CCCs but the adult ones don't. She said there is a lot of tension between ASHA and the American Academy of Audiologists. ASHA's stance is that if you are a member of ASHA and don't have your CCCs, then they feel there are things you can't do. Not everyone feels comfortable with this.
8. Five Year Plan: we need to decide if we want to do this now. June suggested we have so many Board positions still unfilled that that should be a focus first perhaps. We need these positions filled: membership, treasurer, conference coordinator, president elect, SEALS, STARS, SMAC and SLP Advisor. There was agreement that it might be good to concentrate on filling positions first and then we'll have more people to work on a five year plan. We talked about adding some Board positions like an SLPA student Rep, an SLPA working person rep, a rep from each county and a UNH undergrad and grad. school advisor.
 9. Constitution: goal for the future.
 10. Legislative Initiatives: SLS vs licensed SLPs – is there any way to move the process along to have everybody in the state have the same credentials?!! Vicki got a partial list of SLSs from the state (there are about 80 on the list). She also has a partial list of SLPs. Some people may be listed under both.
 11. Next meeting has been changed to July 9th, at Granite Ledges. We will not have a meeting in August.

Notes taken by June Adinah