

June 8, 2011
NHSLHA Board Meeting Minutes - Revised

Present: Vicki, June, Roxanne, Stephen

- 1) The minutes from our May meeting were approved by all.
- 2) Vicki sent an email re: her Treasurer's accounting of our \$. We had a fraudulent withdrawal from our account. Erin went to cash her check & was told that there was no money in the account. Much time went into investigating this event. We've recovered our funds and no checks bounced (phew). A new account has been created and the old one has been closed. Vicki is thinking it might be good to not do online banking with this next account.

ASHA sent us \$250 back for overpayment of a fee. We got \$ from 34 new/renewing members. No money has been returned from Grappone. It appears that we never wrote a check to reserve a spot for a fall 2011 conference at their center
- 3) Vicki nominated Heather Pattangill for VP of Public Affairs and Angela Delessio for student advisor (please excuse name spelling if incorrect). Stephen seconded the motion and June & Roxanne agreed.
- 4) The Office of Allied Health Professionals sent Vicki an incomplete list of NH SLPs (it is available for a fee). Vicki has been cross-referencing it with the ASHA website and found ~250 master's level practitioners that were not on the State list. Go figure....There are also folks who are master's level SLPs with their C's who have a Dept. of Ed. License so they did not show up on the Office of Allied Health list.
- 5) Stephen suggested NHSLHA consider hiring a bus to drive to North East Coast ASHA conferences in the future.
- 6) Granite State College ran a SLP Assistant Program on the Seacoast. They went to the Board of SLP Examiners re: the certification of their program/students. They had no practicum component and were told to add this. Vicki read a letter from the Board and it states that, "Granite State meets or exceeds the ASHA requirements". The letter says that ASHA requires 60 class hours of instruction in speech language pathology & 100 hours of directly-supervised practicum. Depending on their definition of class hour versus credit hour, neither NCC nor GSC offers 60 hours of instruction in speech pathology. GSC has increased their practicum requirements significantly & these -are now equivalent to the NCC program. However, the NCC program still offers more credit hours of instruction. Vicki will be continuing to look into this.

- 7) The NHSLHA website was briefly discussed. Vicki has been looking at other state websites. She said that Arizona's has Google ads on theirs.
- 8) We reviewed the three page Corporate Partnership Program handouts.
- 9) We briefly discussed SLP contracts in schools and the differences inherent in being paid on a teacher's salary scale and negotiating an independent salary. Union membership was also mentioned. This whole topic would be good to talk about at a later date.
- 10) We discussed May 2012 as a possible time for our next conference.
- 11) Vicki would like to do monthly surveys. You get 100 surveys per month free from SurveyMonkey. Zoomerang is another possible option.
- 12) Vicki met a programmer who would be willing to work on our website for free. He said he would like to put the experience on his resume. He will be back in contact with Vicki. We talked about taking off the sign language photo from our website. "Bridging the Communication Gap" or "Communication: the Human Connection" were tossed about as alternatives to the photo. Both phrases may be copyrighted so that needs to be looked into prior to making a change. Vicki would like a section on the website for jobs that exist in our field and corresponding qualifications for each. We also discussed that it would be great if 1-2 folks on the Board were able to put things up/take things off the site.
- 13) Vicki has been in touch with ASHA to ask if we could get a course from them for less money than the general membership does so that we could make some money from the acquisition. They said that they would get back to her.
- 14) Macy's (all locations) is having a shop for a cause charity day in August. Any organization can sign up for this. Vicki saw info. re: this in the Nashua Telegraph. We have to sell the tickets for \$5 and shoppers get special discounts on Aug. 27th which is a Sat. You can set up an account online. We keep all the \$ from the ticket sales. We agreed to check with all Board members re: their interest in selling tickets. Watch for Vicki's email regarding this.
- 15) Future topic: the "Maiden name" thing and the Board of Allied Health licensure fiasco of last year. Laura is our link to them. We talked about how it would be really good to be pro-active about this.
- 16) NEXT MEETING – Mon. July 18th at NCC