

NHSLHA
BOARD MEETING OCT. 17, 2011

Present: Vicki, June, Heather, Lauren, Roxanne, Christopher
Minutes Taken By: June Adinah

1. TRESASURER'S REPORT: We have \$2080.06 in our account right now.
 - a) outstanding: \$20.00 to Demers
 - b) obligations: bank fee for the bounced check and \$117.00 to our previous web server.
 - c) The change to on-line statements is not yet complete.
2. CONFERENCE and Continuing Ed survey results – there were a lot of topics that members would be interested in. To get big name presenters we need a lot of money. Vicki has begun discussion with our neighboring SLH assoc.s like MA and VT and it appears that they might be interested in putting on a workshop with us. We talked about wanting to get more vendors and attendees. Heather talked about making sure that our CEUs are applicable to licensure for SLPs and for Dept. of Ed, which is a little different. Christopher shared that he thinks people want it cheap and immediately relevant to their practice. Round table discussion sessions were put out as a possibility to address the myriad of topics people showed interest in. All the administrative type topics could be put together for a one-day event.
-IDEAS for conferences: a) smaller venues around the state. b) bigger venue that focuses on: the ethics of our work; caseload vs workload (ASHA person to present perhaps) with maybe three breakout sessions in the afternoon – focused upon issues in the schools/in the hospital/in long-term care settings; we brainstormed topics such as having meetings to attend when you need to work with kids; swallowing protocols in the schools; medically fragile children in the schools and children with severe, multiple handicaps in the schools; case management and recess or other duties as part of your job...

End goal: put out position papers on various topics that were discussed at the round table discussion groups. Every SLP who wants a position paper on an issue of concern to our profession can have one and can then use it to discuss the ethical issues we face at our jobs with administrators.

-WHEN will the next conference be? Friday, March 23rd.

-TOPIC: caseload vs workload - keynote speaker in the am and breakout sessions in the pm (for schools, clinics/hospitals/long-term care facilities). Breakout sessions can be spearheaded by the ASHA staffer and two other folks who have experience working within the other two settings. Start with ASHA's or someone else's position paper on this topic, tweak it for NH, send people home with the statement paper.

- price it right, maybe around \$99, more if you pay at the door/ have it close to southern NH so that folks from MA will attend

- spread the word via: members, website, Christopher offered Boothby to tell folks via email; connect with other New England SLP associations.
- Heather and Lauren offered to contact lots of vendors!

Vicki will speak with someone at ASHA about presenters/presenting. We need to determine the location. SERESC is a place being considered. We want to fill the ASHA speakers slot first, make sure they can do it on the date we are considering, and then we can look for two other facilitators to compliment that person.

-Renee Lacaine is an SLP and shared with Vicki the differences between “training” and “continuing ed”. She said that more can be charged for “trainings” than for “continuing ed” presentations.

3. WEBSITE – is still under construction. Vicki has made some recent changes to the site. Please take a look at it and share your thoughts, ideas, comments with Vicki.
4. PLEASE send your personal/work info. along with how long you’ve been on the board and what positions you’ve held to Vicki. We really need to do this asap!!
5. Constitutional Amendments: Vicki shared some of her observations and thoughts about changes that need to be looked at. Our organization has not revised the Constitution since 2000. We will do this in more detail at a future Board meeting.
6. Quilt Raffle. Thank you to Roxanne and her daughter Alexi for making the lovely quilt! Vicki picked the winning name: Gail Gumbel. The new raffle item should be displayed at the conference in March. June offered to make a felted item to raffle off.
7. The giving of a lifetime achievement award was discussed and people thought it was a good idea to do this as a Board. Vicki nominated Ruth Peaper of UNH as the recipient of this for this year. Christopher proposed that the gift not exceed \$100 and this was seconded. We would like to present the award at our March meeting.
8. Vicki nominated Lauren Hardacre to the NHSLHA Board to fill the vacancy in the school advisor position. The nomination was seconded. Welcome Lauren!
9. NEXT MEETING: Wed. Nov. 28th at 5:30* (NOTE THE NEW TIME). June will ask Lara Darling if we can use her space. If we can not then June will find another space in Concord.