

NHSLHA BOARD MEETING
10/15/12

PRESENT: Vicki Chesterley, Ann Walker, Laura Darling, Cathy Tsiros, Erin Fortier, Todd Butler, Christopher Boothby, Barbara Ahlgren, Elsa Abele, Pam Thomas, Carla Jennison and June Adinah.

1. Welcome to all the new people in attendance! Introductions were made.
2. Vicki provided us with a list of all open Board positions and there are currently five: president-elect, vice president of membership, treasurer, treasurer elect, medical advisor, and SLP advisor. We also have a long list of Committees and several ASHA Advocates spots that are vacant.
3. Gina asked if we could put info. about our organization into state licensure packets as they get sent out, thus reaching all SLPs within NH. Vicki and Erin shared what they've done re: updating our mailing lists with current contact info. and the many problems inherent in this task. This updating should be done every two years.
4. Vicki shared what Board positions are currently filled. President-Elect and Treasurer are the most important for us to fill asap. We are also open to considering two people working together on a position. Gina will volunteer to do the Medical Advisor and VP Professional Dev. Positions. Pam and Carla are now going to be on the Program Conference Committee. Thank you three for volunteering. They will assemble a strong committee from their personal contacts!
5. Vicki shared some info. about our lack of money last year and how it was turned around with a very successful Spring of '12 conference.
6. It was mentioned that we could do an e-newsletter to make that potentially easier and more cost effective to get going than a paper style one that must be mailed.
7. Barbara Algren volunteered to be on the Public Relations Committee. Thank you Barbara.
8. Vicki shared how important our voice can be at the Legislature. Laura has been doing this position for many years. We are happy to have Elsa joining in on this committee.
9. The Ethical Practices Committee: Vicki said that the licensing committee does the job of looking into ethical concerns that are raised, related to individual SLPs. Vicki doesn't think NHSLHA has to do this as well. However, she does feel that we need to advocate for speech staff (SLPs and SLP-As) who are being asked to do what they think are unethical things at their place of work.
10. We had a brief mention of the Dept. of Ed. not recognizing SLPs, or SLP-As.....and we had a brief mention about how hard it is to work in the schools.
11. Committees can be made up of non-board members. Gina suggested we look at the people around the table here and prioritize what Board positions are critical to be filled with Board members. She also suggests we look to fill the Committees with non-Board members. June suggested we get this

- information onto the website as it would be good to let people know that there are ways to support NHSLHA without joining the Board.
12. Our conference focus on school practitioners' issues was discussed. We have been aware of the fact that we haven't offered much in recent years to SLPs working in medical settings. Tracts were mentioned as a good solution to open up our target audience (Gina suggested 5-6 tracts after we i.d. what the most relevant issues are for NH SLPs). Vicki solicited our member's wishes for further conference topics just this past year, so we have that information on hand.
 13. Future Meetings: on-line meetings have been suggested again. There are on-line meeting venues we have used and new ones we could try. SKYPE hasn't worked well for our group. We'd need folks to do some self-education about whatever program we might use. Gina asked if we've ever used the conference call system. She says it works better and other people chimed in in agreement. Gina will check into how this gets set up (she does this regularly with another group she works with).
 14. Gina suggested an all day work date to re-vamp the constitution – at a nice location with good food and beverages. We all agreed that this would be great!
 15. SPRING CONFERENCE: 3/15/13 (Friday) is the date that Vicki has reserved at NCC. There was some discussion about changing the date to the Monday before but no vote was taken.
 16. NEXT MEETING: Nov. 5th in Concord. NOTE: we will meet in the classroom at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital in Concord. It has the capability to allow us to have people join us via speaker phone. HealthSouth is behind Concord Hospital and across the street from Concord Ledges, where we met this evening.

Minutes taken by June Adinah, Secretary