

2/10/2015
NHSLHA Board Meeting

Present: June Adinah, Todd Butler, Vicki Chesterley, Erin Fortier, Gina England, Annie Doyle

Visitor: Sophie Merrill

1. June updated the group on the latest NH Council on Autism Spectrum Disorders meeting. The group met last Friday and spoke about the four areas they will focus upon in the coming year. When June leaves the NHSLHA board in June, she is willing to continue as the designee to the Council or else another designee should be appointed. The Council will be meeting every other month at ATECH in Concord.
2. Vicki would like us to clarify what each board position entails and how much time it generally takes (prospective board members often ask). She'd like to see this posted on the website along with the open positions that are already posted. Todd offered to assist Vicki with doing this. He suggested we use less language rather than more language. Vicki nominated Sophie Merrill for the position of SLPA representative to the Board. This was seconded and all voted in favor. Vicki also nominated Melissa Mercer as VP of Public Relations. The nomination was seconded and all voted in favor.
3. Annie would like to write a seasonal email newsletter. It would be posted on our website. We suggested we send an email to members alerting them to the posting of the newsletter when it is available.
4. Strategic Planning: Todd said that Melissa sent out an email today outlining some details about getting free support for strategic planning from Susan Adams of ASHA. We need to come up with a date and with meals for attendees. Todd will contact her with possible dates and will get back to us. Susan will need a wall to project a power point presentation on. HealthSouth could work as a space or a public library. We will speak about this at our next meeting.
5. The next speaker event was discussed. Todd mentioned that we had previously liked the idea of a few smaller events. Gina suggested we talk about size of the event. She is in favor of having one speaker that we pay and suggests we consider a topic that would be of interest to both the medical and school SLPs. Todd wonders if swallowing would be a good topic. Gina thinks things are too different between children and adults for one speaker to address. Maybe a focus upon children in the am and adults in the pm. We could consider having them come for ½ day or a full day. Judi Macombe could be approached for children and Irene Cohen has a connection to the woman who discovered FEES – Dr. Susan Langmore. On further discussion, Gina thinks that since FEES is not available in NH so that might not be a good topic for us. Another topic Gina suggested was Apps/websites for children

for ½ a day and then ½ a day for adults. Two names were floated: Shawn Sweeney and Erik X. Raj. Apps and websites would be of interest to Special Ed teachers as well as SLPs. It was discussed that we could do this big event the beginning of June and then consider shorter, smaller presentations for next year in other parts of the state.

FYI: the Brain Injury conference is in May. We could aim for the very beginning of June: the 5th or the 12th. Todd suggests a facility somewhat smaller than SNHU. Perhaps 75 people would be a good number of attendees to aim for. The Hampton Inn off 93 N. in Tilton was mentioned but they can only accommodate 50 people. Gina has all the info. re: places and how many people they can have in attendance. We need to be careful that the location have good WIFI for an APPs and Websites conference.

Gina will contact Judi Macombe re: presenting. We all need to think about a presenter for adult swallowing.

6. Erin sent out an email re: membership. She got a response from Susan Hollack at Granite State College. Susan said that their SLPAs need to do 100 hours of practice therapy under the supervision of an SLP. She asked if we could help with names of SLPs who'd like to be a part of this. Todd suggested she be told that if she wants to pay for an ad that is a one page letter attached to the website, we'll post it for her for \$50.00.
7. Next meeting is March 10, 2015 at 6:00 pm at HealthSouth.

Minutes taken by June Adinah