

## NHSLHA Meeting Minutes for 1/12/2016

Members present: Gina England, Cass Chapman, Sophie Merrill, Victoria Chesterley, Anne Doyle, Bridget Powers, and Kerry Vasquez, Melissa Mercer

1. Call to order: Anne called the meeting to order.
2. Review of minutes: minutes from 12/8/15 were accepted with my promise to correct my spelling error following a motion by Cass and seconded by Vicki.

3. Officer's Reports:  
**Treasurer:** deferred

**Membership:** Group agreed all who haven't already, should move forward on e-mailing members in their designated counties. Bridget agreed to adopt Belknap, Coos. Cass and Gina agreed to take care of Stratford. The e-mail is on Azendoo for all to use.

**Public Relations:** The group is reminded again, to provide Melissa with material for newsletters. Melissa expects to have one out in January.

**Legislative:** Vicki provided information re: a bill, expected to pass, related to dyslexia, which provides for a state dyslexia specialist that will provide support to schools.

**Continuing Education:** see conference below.

4. Old Business

Bios for the website: Bios are trickling in to either Melissa directly or uploaded for her access to Azendoo. Anyone who has not done so, should submit one.

4. Regular Business

### **Lobbyist**

- Continued discussion whether to retain Blaisdell and Demers was motioned by Vicki and seconded by Melissa.
- Primary concerns were affordability and need for. Seeking bids from other attorneys was discussed and dismissed as group presumed that Blaisdell and Demers price is discounted significantly due to past relations. Their proven quality of work was acknowledged as well as flexibility in billing in consideration of NH SLHA's financial status. Group acknowledged that at past member survey, lobbyist action was a priority.

- Vicki made a motion to vote on whether to ask B+D if they would agree to a contract for three payments of \$2000. The motion was seconded by Cass and approved by unanimous vote.

**Conference:**

- Medical and SM track speakers each have 6 hours of material to present, so Anne will cancel ASHA speaker.
- Medical speakers requested to have literature table at conference. Bridget is checking in with Todd to assure that we are clear on ASHA policies relevant to vendors/sale of products at professional development activities.
- SM group has submitted speaker agreement and medical speakers' agreement is expected shortly.
- Some discussion about handing certificates of attendance with an aim to streamline the process. It was agreed to leave participant line blank for attendees to complete themselves.
- Melissa and Erin are tasked with advertising conference via e-mail blast and website as a "save the date" in advance of brochure availability.
- conference schedule was developed as follows:
  - 7:15-8 Registration
  - 8-8:15 Welcome and opening remarks
  - 8:15-9:45 Program
  - 9:45-10 am break
  - 10-11:30 Program
  - 11:30-12:45 lunch on your own
  - 12:45-2:15 Program
  - 2:15-2:30 pm break
  - 2:30-3:45 Program
  - 3:45-4 closing remarks/certificates
- Gina has negotiated space at Holiday Inn to accommodate 200 ppl in 2 rooms for \$350
- The group has decided to opt for coffee, tea, water all day, snacks and to have participants have lunch on their own
- Group agreed to \$800 for selective mutism group and plans to buy lunch for speakers. We are paying for Dr. Baumer's flight (medical speakers are donating their time)

**6. New Business:**

- Vicki motioned to nominate Jon for position of treasurer. It was seconded by Sophie and unanimously approved by vote.
- The group discussed concerns related to licensing process. Anne will draft letter to licensing board.

- Anne provided information to members relative to our being selected for an upcoming State Spotlight in the ASHA Leader and will upload the same to Azendoo. Members are asked to provide feedback to questions for the column.
- Discussion re: purchasing subscription to Azendoo. Group agreed it is worthwhile and Anne will purchase a subscription privately to seek reimbursement once Jon is rolling as treasurer.
- Anne mentioned she's like to pursue an event such as a fun run for Better Hearing and Speech Month.
- Anne and Cass continue to seek information from Medicaid to facilitate a training of some sort re: Medicaid to School Program.
- Kerry mentioned her desire to develop a mentorship program for grad. Students/ new grads

Next meeting 2/9/16 at 6:00