

NHSLHA Meeting Minutes for 12/8/2015

Members present: Gina England, Cass Chapman, Bernadette Quinn, Victoria Chesterley, Anne Doyle, Bridget Powers,Carolynn Garretson, Erin Fornier, Jon Clancy and Kerry Vasquez (via Skype)

1. Call to order: Anne called the meeting to order.
2. Review of minutes: minutes from 11/10/15 were accepted with one typographical error corrected, following a motion by Bernie and seconded by Cass.
3. Officer's Reports:
Treasurer: in account is 8,072.65 with 131.00 outstanding. We have not paid the lobbyist for 2015 and as noted below, the topic is under discussion. Conference net was 2172.15 (4565.82 in costs, 2393.67 in expenses). There were 29 attendees (including non-paying board members)

Membership: Cass questioned how the Regional Representatives are going to be notified when new members from each area join the association. Erin will change the membership application to include county of residence. The group shares an interest in making sure that regional group responsibilities are shared evenly. **To that end, members agreed to look at each county list to get numbers for each.** Cass volunteered to count for counties not yet assigned.

Public Relations: nothing new

Legislative: Vicki feels strongly that the group needs to engage a lobbyists unless someone on the board is actively monitoring legislative actions. Vicki reports that we've used Blaisdell and Demers since 2001 and she will follow-up with them to investigate further why there was no interaction this year. The group agreed to vote on related action in January.

Continuing Education: nothing new

4. Old Business

Bios for the website: **members are reminded to either give to Melissa or upload bios to Azendoo as well as articles, book reviews, etc. for newsletter**

5. Regular Business

Conference:

- Gina and Cass are working with presenters on speaker agreements and brochure information to include: Bios, learner objectives, content, disclosure.

- Gina will book rooms at Holiday Inn: small (35) for medical track and large (100) for selective mutism.
- Gina will look into the cost of providing lunch. Holiday Inn can provide coffee, tea and water all day.
- Anne will inquire about borrowing projection equipment from school to save \$100 per projector fee from Holiday Inn. Group agreed to look into purchasing equipment also. Various members will bring ideas to the group at a future meeting.
- The group agreed to do an e-mail blast, save the date with general information ASAP.

6. New Business:

- Licensing renewal process was discussed relative to timeliness of paperwork, difficulty of process and helpfulness of staff at Allied Health. **Board members should send comments to Anne, who will draft a letter to Allied Health.**
- The group acknowledged that there seems to be a lot of questions from members, etc. around Medicaid billing in the schools as of late. Cass volunteered to call Lynda Carter at Medicaid to schools Program to initiate a conversation toward clarifying issues for all.
- Carolynn informed the group of her retirement beginning January 2016.

Next meeting 1/12/2016 at 6:00