

NHSLHA Meeting Minutes for 6/14/2016

Members present: Cass Chapman, Victoria Chesterley, Anne Doyle, Bridget Powers, Melissa Mercer, Sophie Merrill, Bernadette Quinn, Mary Carbonneau, Keri Miloro (via Facetime)

Call to order: Anne called the meeting to order.

1. Review of minutes: minutes from May meeting were accepted with 1 correction, following a motion by Bridget, seconded by Cass.
2. Officer's reports:
Treasurer: deferred in Jon's absence

Membership: nothing

Public Relations: Discussion regarding developing standards for ensuring that information presented in the newsletter reflects evidenced based practices. Several suggestions were offered: including a disclaimer for all submissions that procedures, etc. reported upon are not necessarily endorsed by NHSHLA, contacting ASHA for guidance. Follow up discussion re: adding an interactive components to the members only portion of the website where members could comment on opposing viewpoints presented in the newsletter.

Discussion about SLP of the year award: honor with prize at spring conference, separate from recognizing exceptional practitioners to be featured in the newsletter.

Melissa presented some designs for T-shirts. Group agreed to request a unique design that encompasses both speech and audiology. T-shirts to be sold at conference. There was interest in buying women's t-shirts, rather than unisex.

Continuing Ed: Anne reported that she continues to communicate with Medicaid and hopes to be able to offer a short seminar in the fall.

Conference Planning: Several Topics and speaker possibilities were discussed:

- Kathryn Ransom – Executive Function
- Adult Apraxia/Aphasia, Bill Connors
- Fluency
- Early Intervention, apraxia, fluency, voice
- Dysfluency in ASD, Vivian Siskin
- Glen Tellis, Stuttering
- Bilingualism
- Glen Bunting, Mass Eye and Ear
- Hearing loss/dementia connection Dr. Lee of Johns Hopkins

- Technology in treatment
- Gina has a list of topics of interest based on feedback from her presentations

Dates: March 23/24 or 30/31

Venue: desired features: central, lunch on premises, easy parking.

Legislative: Vicki reported that legislative sessions are over for the summer. The SLP-A bill, clarifying language, is waiting for the Governor's signature. Vicki has submitted information on the EDHI legislation to Azendoo for our review. Vicki reported that there is no indication that the Speech Language Specialist designation will go away and that there are efforts to allow SLS to supervise SLP-As.

3. Other

- Cass reported that tonight is her last meeting with the board as she has taken on a new role on the board of Allied Health.
- Jennifer Klingensmith missed tonight's meeting, but hopes to attend in July
- Vicki reported that she is and will continue to work on updating the constitution
- Mary Carbonneau was unanimously accepted as Graduate Student Representative following a motion by Vicki, seconded by Bernie.
- Anne provided an overview of information received from June Adinah re: work by the Council on Autism
- Meet-ups were somewhat successful
- Melissa met 2 therapists who may be interested in taking on management of social media

Next meeting 7/12/16 at 6:00, followed by some social time at the Barley House

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget Powers