

NHSLHA Meeting Minutes for 7/12/2016

Members present: Victoria Chesterley, Anne Doyle, Bridget Powers, Bernadette Quinn, Jon Clancy, Gina England, Jen Klingensmith, Erin Fornier

Call to order: Anne called the meeting to order.

1. Review of minutes: minutes from June meeting were accepted with 1 correction, following a motion by Bernadette and seconded by Gina.
2. Officer's reports:

Treasurer: Current balance 9237.66 with outstanding payments to the lobbyist and fee for website. We also have some revenues that were not included in this balance.

Membership: nothing

Public Relations: Anne reminded the board that last month, we discussed adding a disclaimer to submissions to the newsletter and incorporating an interactive portion to the website. It is hoped that the PR team continues to move forward with these items.

Continuing Ed:

Conference planning:

The group agreed that March 9/10 may be a better date than later in the month.

Venues discussed, which Gina volunteered to investigate:

- Hampton Inn, Tilton, off exit 20
- Fairfield Inn, Plymouth
- Fireside Inn, West Lebanon

Topics for Adult Track:

Day 1

- Articulating Your Value as a Health Care Professional, Gregg Altobello, who agreed to do a 2-4 hour presentation for free and will require travel and lodging.
- To be paired with either, Gina (possibly reflux management/voice or head/neck cancer) or Glen Bunting

Day 2

- Dementia: connection between hearing loss and dementia, shared with Joan Aresenault: dementia and sensory loss relative to feeding issues.

Pediatric Track Topics discussed:

Day 1:

Erik Raj: Use of technology/free websites in Therapy

Day 2:

Autism and fluency, possibly Kathleen Scaler-Scott or Vivian Siskin

Anne reminded the board that we will have to have our annual business meeting at the conference.

Legislative:

1. The latest version of the ASHA Code of Ethics has been added to the Ethical Standards Section of the NH Administrative Rules for Speech-Language Pathologists. A summary of the changes is available from ASHA.
2. HB 1246, which clarified the use of the title "speech-language assistant" was signed by Governor Hassan.
3. Vicki met with the SLP Board of Governors to discuss changes in the rules for supervision of SLAs and will meet with them again in August.

3. Other

- Jen Klingensmith was admitted to the board as STAR Representative following a motion by Vicki, seconded by Gina and by unanimous vote.
- Difficulty with website snafu in which it was down for several days was solved. For the future, the board agreed that all information on vendors, passwords, etc. be managed by Erin for continuity and so that all such information can be found in a centralized location.
- Vicki suggested that Erin's laptop should be replaced.
- Anne noted that there has been increased traffic on NSHSLA's Facebook page and encourages board members to continue adding content.
- Anne questioned whether NSHLA may want to have a table in the ASHA exhibit hall to promote our visibility and the group agreed that the Boston conference in 2018, might be a better format than Philadelphia this year. Gina mentioned that she has investigated being a vendor in the past and found it was quite expensive. The group generated ideas for minimizing cost such as sharing with VT and/or ME associations.
- The board agreed to continue promoting and conducting meet-ups 3 times per year. E-vites proved a successful recruitment approach.

Next meeting 8/9/16 at 6:00, followed by some social time at the Barley House

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget Powers