NHSLHA Meeting Minutes for 11/10/2015

Members present: Gina England, Cass Chapman, Bernadette Quinn, Victoria Chesterley, Melissa Mercer, Anne Doyle, Bridget Powers and Kerry Vasquez (via Skype)

1. Call to order: Anne called the meeting to order.
2. Review of minutes: minutes from 10/13/15 were accepted without corrections following a motion by Bernie and seconded by Vicki.
3. Officer's Reports:
   Treasurer: in Carolyn’s absence it was noted that the treasurer's report was up to date as of the last meeting minus $280 for refreshments for the conference.
   Membership: nothing new
   Public Relations: Melissa reported having been contacted by Jean Rube on behalf of NCC asking for help finding clinical practicum sites for SLP-A students and requesting that we share membership list/contacts for a project they are working on. The group agreed that Melissa could post the request for practicum sites to the website and Facebook pages and that since the group previously voted against selling or sharing the membership list, that decision would stand and apply to this request.
   Legislative: nothing new
   Continuing Education: nothing new

4. Old Business
   County Reps: Anne drafted proposed responsibilities and uploaded to Azendoo, draft was reviewed by the group
   Bios for the website: Melissa requests that all board members forward a bio to her
   Discussion re: new law regarding recording in classrooms and it's implications for SLP's: Anne uploaded a technical assistance document from the Department of Education to Azendoo. In summary, the group suggests including use of audio/video recordings in IEPs and suggests this can be put under supplementary aids.
   Strategic Planning items:
   A. Regional Groups: Group decided on an e-mail blast instead of phone calls to introduce the idea of phone calls, which Anne will draft. We can solicit reps from membership following the holidays and introductory e-mail.
B. Newsletter: Melissa requests board members submit items to provide her with a stash of materials that can be used in newsletters: favorite resources, favorite materials, article reviews. PDF format suggested. Other topics will include current events, professional development opportunities, we talked about possibly including a highlight of an SLP or Aud. who has done something noteworthy and/or testimonials from parents/clients re: what has your speech and hearing professional done for you.

5. Regular Business

Conference: Gina reported the success of her recent program and suggests the Holiday Inn Concord for a venue for the spring conference. They do not have lunch, although they do have a catering options as well as a variety of room options and plenty of parking. Reviews of the venue from Gina’s conference were favorable and she reports they were easy to work with.

Gina to contact Joan Arsenault (Esophageal Dysphagia) and Cass will check with her folks (Selective Mutism) to confirm 3/18/16 for the date.

6. New Business:

• Anne was contacted by Goodlife Expo, to help May 26, 2016 at the Center of NH in Manchester requesting that NHSLHA become a partner. Unclear on details, possibly tie in to BSHM? Anne will follow up for cost and details.

• Anne shared that the group paid 2,000 in 2014 for a lobbyist but nothing this year. Brief discussion about whether we should/should not engage a lobbyist and group decided to defer further discussion until next meeting.

• ASHA’s Envisioned Future 2015-2017 offers presentations to state associations and other meetings to inform leaders and members. This presentation includes information in several areas across the continuum of service delivery including appropriate use of support personnel and more. We may possibly consider including this 1 hour talk into March conference. Anne will follow up with Susan from ASHA.

• NHSLHA has been contacted by a student, Lauren, who is seeking opportunities, paid or volunteer; group agreed to invite her to join a meeting.

• HHS 2017 is seeking input for review of base benchmark

• We are going to be featured in the ASHA Leader’s state association spotlight.

Private session: group moved into private session as motioned by Melissa and seconded by Bernadette
Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting 12/8/15 at 6:00