



Association des orthophonistes & des audiologistes du Nouveau-Brunswick
New Brunswick Association of Speech-Language Pathologists & Audiologists

Executive Council Minutes
March 1, 2018
Teleconference Meeting 7:30 PM

Teleconference #: 1-888-882-9090 (participant #9845752; chair #5008760), as req'd

Present: Mike H, Claudine, Kari, Diane, Mike G, Darrelyn, Linda, Darin

Regrets: Julie

Call to order: 7:35pm

1.0 Approval	Owner	Time
1.1 Agenda Motion to approve: Kari; Seconded by Darrelyn; motion passed	Claudine	2
1.2 Minutes from February 1, 2018 EC meeting Motion to approve: Darin; Seconded by Mike G; motion passed	Claudine	3
 2.0 Business Arising		
2.1 PR Cmte Chairperson and members wanted No volunteers have come forward. Will look at sending out a call with the next Echo.	Claudine/ Mike	2
2.2 Strategic Plan 2017-19 update/follow up Deferred until the March 10 face to face meeting	Mike/All	3
2.3 School Districts student to SLP ratio – Districts' contacts for upcoming meeting Claudine requested that this be discussed during the face to face meeting.	Darrelyn/ Claudine	5
2.4 Hearing screening/high risk registry/ audiology services/SAC support Mike was directed to Child Welfare department and drafted a letter to be sent to same. Mike will send a copy on behalf of the EC president. Action: Claudine to review/edit the letter and forward edits to Mike.	Mike/ Claudine	5
2.5 ECHO Newsletter – Way forward Recommendations from the PR committee were to have the ECHO issued twice a year in June and December. Need to recruit members to help with the first edition. Need to be mindful of what is put in the ECHO to ensure that the information is current at the time that it is distributed. Linda suggested we hire someone to act as editor who is not necessarily a member and Mike could oversee it. Darin suggested it could also be part of the responsibility of the summer student.	All	5

Action: Mike to draft an email out to membership to recruit volunteers for the ECHO (in addition to Awards Committee, Website committee). EC to meet with Kim (Communication Health Assistant) for potential help with ECHO.

3.0 New Business

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| 3.1 | Website CMS upgrade initiative – Proposed approach
Mike suggested we put forth an RFP to several different providers. The EC will need to decide on a budget for this (? \$30 - \$40K). Action: Mike to talk to Social Work association to see if its ok to use a modified version of their RFP. | Mike | 5 |
| 3.2 | Concerns from member regarding daycare language rule
Francophone SLP with daughter in daycare in Grand Falls - the daycare staff told her that they are only allowed to speak to French with the kids (no English allowed). Linda recommended that the member get the policy in writing and potentially forward to NB Official Languages commissioner. | Claudine | 5 |
| 3.3 | Student members
There is a question of whether or not students have to be members of NBASLPA when completing their clinical placements. Linda inquired with other regulators across Canada and other jurisdictions do not have this requirement. The Act does not state explicitly that they are required to be members but it is inferred. As long as students are enrolled in an accredited university they are covered and ultimately the supervising clinician is responsible.
Action: Linda to contact lawyer to clarify this rule - are students required to be student members of NBASLPA? | Linda | 5 |
| 3.4 | Survey regarding CHAs
Linda attempted to track down paper trail regarding the issue related to supervision of CHAs but was not successful. Linda recommended that a focus group be formed for the fall.
Action: Linda to prepare/do research for this group. | Linda | 5 |
| 3.5 | Désignation professionnelle – Question de Vitalité
Claudine had inquired about whether the association had any restrictions on professional designations. The EC indicated that there are no restrictions. | Claudine | 5 |
| 3.6 | NBCP Position Statement - Cannabis
Linda suggested that a letter of support be sent to the college of Pharmacists.
Action: Linda to draw up a draft letter and will present to the EC at the face to face meeting. | Linda | |
| 3.7 | Liability Insurance | Linda | |

Linda put together a document that shows that all regulators in NB require their members to have liability insurance. This is also the case for other SLP/Aud regulators across Canada. Linda recommended that the EC look at making this a requirement for all NBASLPA members.

Action: Linda to draft an amendment to the bylaw requiring all SLPs and Auds to obtain personal liability insurance.

3.8 CEE Audit Linda

Members have submitted CEEs. Diane compiled the data. Linda and Diane will send out letters to those who have not kept up with their hours. CHA audits are also being looked at by Linda and Diane.

4.0 Network Updates

4.1 Pan Canadian Alliance Darin/Kari 2

Next meeting is on March 21st. Claudine will try to attend the teleconference in order to prepare for the face to face meeting that will occur at the SAC conference in May. Darin has been filling out the updates that are submitted to the PCA before each meeting and requested that the EC forward any updates or concerns to him to be included.

4.2 CAASPR Linda 3

Project for the competency profiles is near completion. Negotiation with SAC regarding national exam is also close to completion.

4.3 NB Health Profession Regulators Network Mike 0

Nothing new from Mike but reported that it is a great network to be a part of.

5.0 Round Table All 5

Mike inquired about location of next conference in 2019. Will check the bylaws to verify the rules surrounding location of conference. Mike offered to organize the next one if it is in the Fredericton area.

6.0 Date & Time of Next Meeting – F2F March 10, 2018, Moncton Hospital, Rm 6A (beside cafeteria), 9:30 AM -2:00 PM

7.0 Adjournment Motion to adjourn: Kari
Adjourned at 8:37pm