



Association des Orthophonistes & des Audiologistes du Nouveau-Brunswick
New Brunswick Association of Speech-Language Pathologists & Audiologists

Executive Council Minutes

August 3, 2017

Teleconference Meeting 8:30-9:30PM

Teleconference #: 1-888-882-9090 (participant #9845752; chair #5008760)

Present: Darin, Kari, Mike H, Melanie, Rhonda, Linda, Mike G, Diane
Regrets: Debbie, Claudine

1.0	Approval	2030-2040	Owner	Time
1.1	Agenda Motion to accept agenda: Melanie; seconded by Kari Motion carried.		Darin	5
1.2	Minutes from July 6, 2017 EC meeting Motion to accept minutes: deferred		Kari	5
2.0	Business Arising	2040-2105		
2.1	National RD scope of practice Linda spoke with the president and registrar of the NB association of Dietitians. She inquired about training of dietitians in dysphagia in accredited programs. Academic and clinical training related to dysphagia is part of the accredited programs across Canada. Inquired about the purpose of the integrated competencies paper that briefly touches on dysphagia. Nothing in NB Act with respect to dysphagia so are currently rewriting the act to include dysphagia. No advanced competencies for RDs in NB regarding dysphagia - up to employer to verify competencies. Alberta and BC - restrictions related to carrying out VFSSs (have to prove they have the competencies and complete continuing ed). Inquired as to why RDs are doing so much work in dysphagia. Appears to be in NHs when there are no SLPs available. May be due to resources but could also be due to reluctance of SLPs to address dysphagia (out of comfort zone). Action: Linda to inquire regarding RD policy related to dysphagia in Vitalite.		Linda	

- 2.2 **Strategic Plan 2017-19 tracking review** - Deferred Darin
Goal #1 Financial and admin processes review
Goal #2 Regulatory responsibilities Debbie
 - **Clinical Standards project****Goal #3 Public Relations**
Goal #4 Communication plan
- 2.3 **AGM deadlines (ctte reports, awards, budget, videoconference, bylaw changes, nominations, agenda/reports out for 'consent agenda', status of videoconference option)** Darin 15
Diane reported 88 participants registered so far and 54 members to attend the AGM. The numbers are looking good for participants in each of the presentations. 60 members have registered for the breakfast. Mike is getting committee reports in and sends them to the translation committee as they arrive.
Linda inquired about having a consent agenda - reports need to be done by Aug. 24, 2017. Diane shared the guidelines to the consent agenda via email. Linda would like 5-10 minutes at the AGM to go over CAASPR activities.
Darin asked for feedback regarding when the awards should be handed out and at what point the meeting should take place (ie: during the meal/dessert or after the meal is done).
Currently have a nomination for lifetime achievement award but no other nominations have been received (deadline is Aug. 4/17).
Linda proposed that we develop bylaws to require proof of professional liability insurance for private practice members as well as proof of identity when they apply to become members.
Darin proposed that all documentation related to the AGM be submitted by September 5, 2017.
Darin proposed that the executive committee meet Thursday September 14 at 7pm prior to the conference.
- 2.4 **Lifetime member inquiry** Darin 10
Legal opinion indicated that the EC could change the bylaw to accommodate these types of members. As it stands right now members have to be a part of NBASLPA for 30 years from the date of when NBASLPA was formed in order to be considered lifetime members.
Motion to accept our lawyer's legal opinion with regards to early lifetime membership: Kari; seconded by Melanie.
Motioned carried.
Action: Darin to send letter and legal opinion to member who is inquiring about this issue.

2.5	WSNB hearing aid program teleconference / NIHL campaign Deferred	Darin	
2.6	Other actions from June 17 FTF meeting Deferred	All	
3.0	New Business	2110-2125	
3.1	Letters from Audiology Cttee	Darin	15
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Letter to Medicare RE direct referral to ENT Discrepancy regarding what physicians can bill when referrals are received from Audiologists (and SLPs) versus from physicians. This has also been an issue from SLPs making similar referrals; however, the committee has worked on this particular issue as it relates to audiology. Linda proposed that a joint letter from our association and combining with other allied health professionals might have more weight. Darin wonders if it may be good to start with just a single discipline. Action: Darin to make some minor changes to the letter from the audiology committee, share to receive feedback from interested parties and send it to Medicare. ● Outdated Health Services hearing aid program letter Darin and Melanie indicated that this is a good starting point to try to encourage change to the Social Development (SD) program regarding their hearing aid program. Darin will review the letter, share with the EC for feedback and then send it to SD. 		
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4.0	Network Updates		
4.1	Pan Canadian Alliance Deferred	Debbie/ Kari	
4.2	CAASPR Deferred	Linda	
4.3	NB Health Profession Regulators Network Deferred	Mike	
5.0	Round Table Mike G concurred that starting small in regards to dealing with SD is a good approach. Mike H - would like to address electronic signature	All	5

issue at the next meeting.

6.0 Date & Time of Next Meeting – Sept. 7th, 8:30-9:30PM teleconference

7.0 Adjournment 21:35