



Executive Council Minutes

April 7th, 2020

7:00PM-9:00PM

Teleconference # 1-888-882-9090 (participant #9845752; chair #5008760), as required

1. Approval

- Agenda
 - Linda to give an update on swallowing re Extra Mural
 - **Angela moved to approve agenda as amended; Cathy seconded**
- Minutes from March 14th, 2020 (**Alisha - 5mins**)
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2. Business Arising

- Review Executive Council Action Items Spreadsheet (**Alisha -10 mins**)
 - Document storage for minutes- need to talk to Pridham Group to see what can be created. Question was asked if everyone is able to access the member section. This should allow access to Executive section.
 - Another Email provider would cost \$120 extra for the year. Google Suite is what we currently use and we are already familiar with it. We do not qualify as a not for profit organization. The Google Suites that we are currently using allows for video conferencing. We may be able to use this. Go To Meeting has a fee involved. **France suggested that we stick with Google Suite and explore the video conferencing option. It was decided that we stick with Google Suite.**
 - Private Practice fees- Alisha and Cathy will look into sending out survey. France spoke with Pridham Group and we can use the website to send out a survey. It is included in the website.
 - Linda's action items have been deferred due to the current health issues with Covid-19
 - France spoke with Pridham group regarding membership renewal. This is making good progress. Will be ready for the next renewal.
 - Horizon Health Strategic Plan- France will send out by the end of the week.

- AIS meeting- Linda will review and then will be sent for translation and then out to members.
- 750 hours requirement- deferred for the moment.

3. New Business

- Review NBASLPA Strategic Plan (**France - 30 mins**)
 - Needs to be worked on in order for the ED to know what to work on for the Association. The draft suggestions was circulated at the last meeting. ED needs feedback from the EC in order to move forward with the plan. However, due to the current health crisis, it may not be the time to work on this. **This will be put on hold for now.**
- Review Annual PR Plan (**France - 15 mins**)
 - Plan will be deferred for the time being. France will contact re May Month
- Advocacy – Anglophone East School District S-LP's/Green Paper (**France/Cathy - 15 mins**)
 - France reached out to SLPs. New letter was drafted. Main issues were staffing and decrease in professional autonomy. A response needs to be sent. **Darrelyn and France will work together to draft this.**
- Website Online Renewal Timeline (**France – 5 mins**)
 - **See above**
- Petition to Allow Allied Health Professionals Access to the CERB (**France – 5 mins**)
 - Question as to who this group is. It would appear that this is a business that is looking for more paid clients within the health professions. **We will not send this to members**
- Website Application Forms (**France – 5 mins**)
 - Did a full review of the new website. Identified that there were some on-line forms that never existed but should be there. Members from the membership committee have volunteered to start drafting these forms but have a few questions. **This will be deferred to Linda at this time. Linda will review these by April 13, 2020**
- Swallowing and Extra-Mural (**Linda**)
 - Linda sent out a document for the EC to consider.
 - Began with a member contacting NBASLPA with a question about providing swallowing assessments in the community. They had been directed to carry on as usual but had lack of information about protection for themselves as well as patients. Linda has been doing a lot of research into this. However, this information continues to change regularly due to the health crisis. Need to make sure that both the patients are protected as well as the members. There has been information that a swallowing assessment does not produce respiratory droplets, but it does. Members have been told that if patient is not a known Covid-19 carrier, then masks are not required. Members were not feeling safe with this.

- Research has shown that telepractice assessments are as good as in-person assessment.
- The members are not being provided with the proper protective equipment.
- **Linda will send information in order to educate regarding the risk of respiratory droplets during a swallowing assessment. She will also do more research**
- NBASLPA Governance/reporting structure
 - France would like clarification about who communicates with the committees. Not all committees are active at this point. France has been communicating with the PR committee on a regular basis thus far. France has been in communication with all committees so this will continue. **More discussion is needed about reporting structure. This will occur once the Covid-19 crisis is calmed down. In the meantime, France will continue to contact committees.**

4. Network Updates

- Pan Canadian Alliance **(Cathy – 5 mins)**
 - Nothing to report
- CAASPR **(Linda – 5 mins)**
 - Major project finished at the end of March. As of April 1st, registrations go to the central portal and not to NBASLPA. Having discussion regarding Covid-19 with regards to the Universities. Universities have requested that the Regulatory bodies loosen the requirements for registration. Regulatory bodies are saying no to this.
- NB Health Profession Regulators Network **(Linda – 5 mins)**
 - Very helpful and communicative group. Lots of sharing of information.

5. Operations Items

- Contract Updates **(France – 20 mins)**
 - Discussion regarding contracts.

6. Date & Time of Next Meetings

May 19th @ 7pm

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm