



Executive Council Meeting Minutes
June 13th, 2020
9:00AM-12:00PM

Google Meet Code - meet.google.com/mfn-qggm-ndj

Teleconference # 1-888-882-9090 (participant #9845752; chair #5008760), in case

Present: Alisha, Angela, Cathy, Darrelyn, Diane, France, John, Linda, Shelley
Meeting began at 9:07am, concluded at 12:28pm

1. Approval

- Agenda

Additions to the agenda: telepractice for audiology, emails circulating with telepractice for NS Cathy requested update from Linda, mini ECHO

Motion to approve agenda: Cathy. Seconded by: Darrelyn. Motion carried.

- Minutes from May 19th, 2020 (**Alisha - 5mins**)

Motion to approve minutes: Darrelyn. Seconded by Cathy. Motion carried.

2. Business Arising

- Review Executive Council Action Items Spreadsheet (**Alisha - 25 mins**)

Refer to action items spreadsheet for France's updated notes on specific items.

Review of online forms for labour mobility – forms completed and sent to France. France hopes that this will be done by the Pridham group in a couple of weeks.

School SLP questions:

- 1) What level of PPEs school-based SLPs should wear? Could NBASLPA come out with statement on this matter? Linda would like EC to have meeting notes from the school SLP focus group meeting.
- 2) Assessment tools: difficult to do F2F ax and keep materials clean. Should employers be providing digital assessment tools? Laminate existing materials to help prevent contamination/ease cleaning.
- 3) Supporting telepractice – what population can benefit from telepractice?

- **ECHO:**

Mini edition with 6 articles. Training trust fund – could it be used for webinars from cancelled conference? Darrelyn asked if a memorial award in

Andre's memory should be created. Angela is part of that committee (TTF) who are wanting to know the process around developing a memorial fund procedure moving forward. Linda mentioned having a moment of silence at the AGM to honour past members who have passed away. Could the association send a reasonable donation? France will look at this over the summer.

3. New Business

- **Airfare for president to SAC (Angela - 5 mins)**
Alisha has a credit in her name that must be used by December (this date may change). Westjet will not change the name on the credit. Could a past president go to an upcoming conference? A policy needs to be developed around this and approved by the EC. The purpose of the activity/conference should be taken into consideration – will the individual attending be representing and doing work for NBASLPA? Angela will try to recoup the money for Alisha's flight that was cancelled. France will develop a policy to present to EC.
- **PR Committee Update (France - 5 mins)**
Karen Baird is stepping down from the co-chair position. There are still enough members to meet the Terms of Reference for this committee. Mary Silliphant (spelling?) will replace Karen.
- **2020 AGM (France - 20 mins)**
Diane and France are moving forward as though the AGM were still occurring but lots of unknowns due to evolving COVID situation. Videoconferencing will be the safest and most efficient mode of completing the AGM. Participants should have time to prepare for this medium. Decision made to be a virtual AGM. Theatre A will hold 10 people respecting physically distancing recommendations. France will put together agenda for the AGM. AGM should be in both official languages. Diane to book room (Theatre A) from 11:00am to 2:00pm.
- **Financial Review (Angela - 10 mins)**
Overbudget on the Registrar's amount. COVID caused an increase in Linda's hours and affected expenses, hours of ED. Skeleton of budget for 2021 has been created. Should Registrar and CAASPR rep amounts be combined since they come out of the same pot? Angela reported that the budget is in good stead due to COVID's restriction on association business.
- **Finalize Strategic Plan (France - 30 mins)**
Linda will suggest more precise wording for qualified and competency. Define decision makers (is this term too broad?). Changed to stakeholders. Action items: To be finalized by the EC via email.
- **Review Operational Plan (France - 40 mins)**
Operational plan reviewed. Members of EC made recommendations for changes. Linda recommended an education session for EC and membership to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the association and registrar. Training trust fund

should be part of this. This should all be part of orientation. Regulation meeting to be arranged by Linda with the lawyer for a meeting.

4. Network Updates

- **Pan Canadian Alliance (Cathy – 10 mins)**
Successful meeting over Zoom. Shared experiences around COVID. Discussed format and purpose of Pan Canadian. Might see more activity and participation, as opposed to just the regular meeting times. Clear masks are available in Canada, uncertain if approved.
- **CAASPR (Linda – 5 mins)**
Special board meeting coming up, setting an exam date for new national exam. Linda sent out a doodle poll for next meeting.
- **NB Health Profession Regulators Network (Linda – 10 mins)**
Informal, meets twice a year. Last meeting was held by videoconference which allowed more participants. Considering continuing this in the future. This group is very helpful and responsive to questions from members, especially around the COVID 19 situation.
- Telepractice for audiology. Concerns brought forward by a member due to a private audiology group doing hearing tests using an app via telepractice. There are questions being raised about the ethics of this. There is a process developed in the US to test hearing – sending equipment out to patients – that audiologists are using. Angela mentioned about the OTC hearing aids that are going to be available soon in Canada. Hearing aids will move from a medical device to a retail device. Linda stated the association as a regulatory body needs to be part of this discussion before the bill is passed. The audiology committee should discuss this. Linda will reply to member indicating that we'd like discussion around this.
- There is a national agreement that if a member is doing telepractice with a client in another province/territory, the professional must be a registered member in both jurisdictions. If there are complaints against a member, then the regulatory body of the province where that member lives will hold the hearing (client might not be able to be there for the hearing). Dual regulation requirement should be in place. Linda communicated this to SHANS.

5. Operations Items (France – 15 mins)

Operations items were discussed.

6. Date & Time of Next Meetings

August - Tuesday August 18th 7pm