



Executive Council Agenda
April 20, 2021
7:00PM-9:00PM

Google Meet ID: <https://meet.google.com/prs-ropm-dcp>

Attendees: Cathy Cormier, John Gillis, Angela Kaiser Hansen, Paula Murray, France Gauthier, Nicole Fowler, Valerie Caron

1. Approval

- Agenda- Motion to approve agenda by Paula, seconded by Angela.
- Minutes from March 16th, 2021-Motion to approve minutes by Paula, seconded by Angela.

2. Business Arising

- Review Executive Council Action Items Spreadsheet – EC reviewed
- Work Safe - HIAs Completing Audiological Assessment (**Paula**) Need to send a letter (email from Audiology Committee to Audiology members) asking for evidence of repeat audiogram requests. Necessary to have backup before involving lawyer. Angela agreed. Website regulation mentions NB Hearing Aid Society instead of NBASLPA. Nicole and France will decide if it needs to be looked at by Audiology Committee or Audiology Committee. Paula will write an outline of letter and forward to Audiology Committee to action.

3. New Business

- HR Updates France introduced Valerie Caron and Nicole Fowler. Mentioned new email (info@nbaslpa.ca), phone number (softphone) trial, and PO Box will be set up.
- Review Org. Chart. France proposes new org chart. Registrar would now be under ED. Discipline and Complaints committee may need to be moved. Chart organized based on flow of information. Changes on hold to May meeting.
- SAC – CETP Exam Update. Draft MOU based on agreement based on CASLPO. SACs responded to Sheila's questions. Lawyers on working on it. SAC will review their process/logistics this week, Nicole and France will attend their

meeting. Applicants will have access to SAC exam this June sitting. Cathy suggested adding to website “if you have applied to CAASPAR you also have to apply to NBASLPA.” We may put a link in our website requiring a test at SAC.

- Financial Review. Angela reminded to not use the lawyer without ED / EC approval, as entire year’s budget has already been spent in 4 months. France mentioned possibility of TTF funding, and fee from members and participants, a possibility of making money during Fall conference.
- Review Updated Membership & Legislation TOR. Membership Committee TOR have been reviewed, wording changed, explanation of ex-officio members. Motion to approve Membership Committee TOR with the addition of Canadian graduates and foreign graduates, and turnaround time by Cathy, seconded by Paula. Legislation TOR past chairperson, ED and Registrar as ex-officio members. Request was that a quorum should have 1 SLP and 1 Audiologist, problem is Audiologist not always available. Motion to approve Legislative Committee TOR with the removal of the quorum requiring 1 audiologist and 1 speech pathologist. Quorum requirement will be 4 voting members. Motion by Cathy, seconded by Paula.
- EC Member Recruitment. Cathy reiterated that we need an audiologist as treasurer.
- Social Development Policies. See #2 - Business arising, bullet point 2
- Ability to Direct Refer – Expanded to OTs and PTs. Cathy received copy gov’t memo March 2021 that Speech pathologists can now refer to ENTs. The Act 11.2 (J) (H) OTs PTs SPs and Audiologists are allowed to refer to a medical practitioner – France will research with government.
- Organization Update Template – NB Health Regulators Nicole and France will meet with regulators on May 20th. Cathy asked they mention we require a CAT exam, inform them we are changing our processes.

5. Member & External Correspondence

- NFLD request to share virtual conference. Cathy will send info to France.
- Project regarding hearing aid coverage in NB – Kara McLean asking for support to speak to government. ADP would provide \$500 toward hearing aid if it is not covered by Worker’s Compensation. Cathy said to approve this if it fits in our strategic plan. France will communicate with Kara to have her discuss with Audiology Committee.
- Complaint re Mentorship program. Membership Committee so a group oversees the program. Cathy requested to review if Mentorship Program is needed and is sustainable (are there volunteers). Nicole to research SAC’s existing mentorship program for new graduates.

6. Network & Committee Updates

- PR Committee. Paula suggested using our Calendar to announce educational events, instead of several emails. France would like to put together a

communication strategy to reduce mass emails, make messages more relevant and targeted. Urgent emails would come from ED, Registrar would send regulation and registration.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 by Cathy, seconded by Paula.

8. Date & Time of Next Meeting

May 18th, 2021

Special Meeting to review Operations Plan – **May 12th, 2021, 7 – 8:30 pm.**