



Executive Council Minutes
February 16th, 2021
7:00PM-9:00PM

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

Attendees: Alisha Gaetz, Allison Bowes, Angela Kaiser Hansen, Cathy Cormier, France Gauthier, John Gillis, Paula Murray.
Absentees: Linda Walsh

1. Approval

- Agenda- Motion to approve by Paula, Angela seconded. Motion approved.
- Minutes from January 26th, 2021- No changes made.

2. Business Arising

- Review Executive Council Action Items Spreadsheet

3. New Business

- New Membership Letters (**Cathy**)- Cathy asked Diane/Linda to send her the letters that were sent prior to February 2020. **ACTION: EC to review and Linda to send letters back out. There are 22 members that have had membership from February 2020 to current. If they were given a restriction, EC to reissue a new one. Explanation of why letter was reissued will be put in email intro. Diane to send letters out.**
- Request for Legislation Committee (**Cathy**)- Cathy reported that Legislative committee is looking to get working again. Cathy would like to review key points to help guide expectations of this committee. France is chairing this committee and Alisha is also a member. Committee should review the applicability of rules to our membership and the impact on the public. Cathy would like them to look at the rules that CAASPR want us to use. Legislative committee should bring recommendations to the EC. **ACTION: Send language proficiency rule, Angela's responses from other provinces regarding language proficiency rule, environmental scan of currency hours, and modify as needed. Cathy to provide France with those two docs and key question regarding applicability and whether it should be rule or a bylaw.**

- PR Committee Strategic Plan **(Paula)**- They are obtaining metrics from NBASLPA website. They do not need to pay to obtain these metrics. Every month they receive information on people viewing website. They are looking to make a video to target these audiences (i.e mothers). They are speaking with person to make video on what Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists do in different populations. **ACTION: EC approved PR plan. Cathy to send to France.**
- Discuss comment on public act vs. private act. **(Cathy)**- Brief conversation regarding private act and public act. **ACTION: Further conversation and investigation into this.**
- Review Committees **(Cathy)**- Cathy would like Membership committee to review terms of reference, would like to see the application process laid out. Make process map. Focus on the Canadian-accredited universities for now. Review this process. If someone misses a document, should registrar be requesting this? Diane stated that there hasn't been a directory in five years. Paula stated that finding a professional on the website is very slow. **ACTION: Membership Committee to meet on February 18, 2021 at 12:00.**
- Email from reporter **(Cathy)**- Cathy reported that she has not encountered any instances of S-LP involvement in recovery for communication with COVID patients. **ACTION: Cathy to ask France to respond to reporter and ask more questions in what they want. Will ask if they would like more of a general explanation of the role of S-LPs.**
- Email from Nova Scotia board **(Cathy)**- Wondering if an S-LP or Audiologist in NS sees a patient from NB, then the client goes back to NB, can they see them by telehealth? Currently they would need to have an NBASLPA license. NS board asked if we would be open to having a memorandum of understanding (MOU) during COVID times that wouldn't require either province to have a license with each other to follow that patient. Cathy gave to Linda to respond to and NS board has reached out again. Paula asked if this would just be for medical transfers or would it include private practice. NS board suggested that it would be for transfers back to NB that do not have the services in that area (rural areas). They have been waiting for a response since June. Cathy suggested that if it is difficult to reach out for services in certain areas, they should bring it up to the health system and identify a person in the area. EC discussed that there is no reason an S-LP/Aud in NB could provide these services via telehealth to the patient. France mentioned that there is an MOU in existence for psychology between IWK and NB. If we had MOU in place, we could put specific rules in place. Time frame would be helpful. EC not interested in MOU at this time. **ACTION- Cathy to follow-up with Linda regarding MOU with NS board.**
- Feedback from other provinces **(France)**- France has not heard back from the Executive Directors yet. **ACTION: France to reach out to the registrars from the different provinces.**
- Feedback from members about discussion with Minister of Health **(France)**- Have until March 9, 2021 to receive feedback. France stated that her

document will be ready by end of week and will send out to EC for review.

ACTION: France and EC to make briefing note. France to send key questions for EC to review.

- Membership letter **(France)**- France drafted email. Cathy has reviewed. **ACTION: Diane to send out.**
- Database **(France)**- Diane has done excellent job with database. Database was finished on Friday. **ACTION: Message to be sent to members this week.**

5. Member & External Correspondence

- Hearing and Speech NS – Request for Interprovincial Support for NB Patients **(Cathy)**-Tabled.

6. Network & Committee Updates

- CAASPR **(Linda)**-Tabled
- Pan Canadian Alliance **(Cathy)**- Tabled

7. Special Projects

8. Date & Time of Next Meeting

March 16th, 2021 at 7:00.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Paula, seconded by Allison. Meeting adjourned.