

The June MSHA meeting was called to order at 9:16 a.m. in Helena, MT.

Members present were Lezlie Pierce Hopper, Catherine Drescher, Sharlene Schmidt, Shelby Midboe. Present by phone were Steven Moates, UM representative, and Kathleen DeLapp-Cohn. Jessica Reynolds and Abigail St. Lawrence also joined in person to provide the Legislative Update.

Lezlie moved to approve the March meeting minutes as amended, Kathleen seconded. Motion passed.

Shelby moved to approve the committee reports which were submitted prior to the meeting. Lezlie seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer: Shar reported a balance of \$60,116.49. There was a discussion of whether or not MSHA should invest some of that money into a Wadell Reed account, and discussion of other types of investment accounts which may help funds grow. **Lezlie made a motion to direct the treasurer to open an account with Edward Jones, which would include a credit card, to get a return on expenditures. Motion was seconded by Kathleen. Motion passed.** There was discussion about the amount to move over to that account. Group settled on moving enough that \$25-30,000 remained in the MSHA account. Other balances reported in attached document “MSHA Details as on 6-2-2017,” prepared by Sharlene.

- Budget Review: Shar and Lezlie moved things around in the budget to reflect current practices and created a preliminary budget. This will be offered for review and approval at the next meeting.
- Per the MSHA bylaws, the president elect is to review auditor information and book information. Lezlie reported that she completed this task on 6-1-2017. She also reported that she is getting information on becoming a 501C3 organization so that individuals donating to MSHA can write it off in their taxes.
- Communicator: May 2017 issue was sent out: 127 copies were mailed and 40 were emailed. There was a discussion about membership numbers in comparison to licensed SLPs and AuDs. Currently, 25-30% of licensees are members, but MT had a record year of new licensees in February. In May, MSHA had 3 membership renewals and 1 new membership as a result of our membership drive efforts.

Leadership Training with Lezlie: The board reviewed the Twenty-One Irrefutable Laws of Leadership with excerpts from Steven C. Maxwell’s work.

Strategic Plan: Lezlie led discussion of 3 Year Strategic Plan progress. See attached Document.

Legislative update: Abi and Jessica joined the meeting to provide updates:

- Interim committees are starting to gather

- HB347: Primary bill that MSHA lobbied for. This was unanimous at every vote and Abi said that representatives voiced being grateful for the help and grateful for the people in Special Education fields who were there to help and give information. Representatives Kelker and Price carried this bill.
- HJ1: This is the bill to study costs of Special Services in schools (SpEd and Gifted). This is ranked high for the education interim committee.
- SB362: Healthcare Pricing Transparency: Carried by Mr. Buttrey from Great Falls. Abi said this was a hot item because of a few issues:
 - Time period for pricing is 5 business days
 - Added in that anyone can request pricing down to \$250
 - Fine for not responding.
- HJ20: Study Transparency in Healthcare Pricing: Abi feels something will be happening with this at the June 29 meeting
- HB41: Provide Active Supervision (to Licensing Boards) for Anti Trust: Abi is monitoring
- HB191: Inflationary increase
- SB198: Establish requirement for EPSTD benefit – Early Screening – bill passed
- Discussion about Behavior Analyst violation of scope of practice
- Interim committees we need to watch:
 - Education: June 13 meeting 9:00-4:30, Public comment including HJ1 which addresses all special needs, including gifted & talented
 - Early Ed/K12: school safety/student health. Preschool Development grant, K-12 funding, recruitment & retention & distance learning
 - Adults with Developmental Disabilities.
- Jessica is working on a Survey Monkey about caseload numbers for SLPs. Lezlie will mention that we are doing that at the meeting on the 13th (Education committee, above) and offer to help prepare some of that information.
- Handout on rule-making
 - Continuing Ed: MSHA would propose to make credits in line with ASHA.
 - Audits: No records, list of approved providers
 - OPI: Not all credits apply for MSHA or are eligible for ASHA
- Jessica reported on the ASHA Advisory meeting in March.
 - Hearing Aid Dispensers: online ordering/OTC hearing aids are something being proposed
 - Jessica had great meetings at the congressional offices. All three offices were interested in telehealth and helping with the infrastructure
 - Jessica will start sending out emails for ASHA Action Alerts
 - Political Committee webpage is in the works
 - Jessica is also working on creating or being part of an activist network where MSHA could unite with similar groups (PLUK, SpEd Teachers) to work on similar issues

UM/MCASE SLP-A Update: Steven Moates

- Wondered about rule changes for Tele-supervision from board as it relates to SLP-A program
- SLP-A program probably won't get approved before fall semester, so they could start the Intro course as an independent study
- SLP-A bill does not include an Audiology track at this time

- 2 year program for licensure as SLP-A is what is in the works, and this will be presented in the 2019 legislative session (rule changes as it pertains to new license).
- Bringing a bill forward at the request of the licensure Board to move forward quickly with DLI and Economic Affairs.
- Catherine will help with getting input from Audiologists

BYLAWS:

- Discussed making Lifetime Membership \$125 after retirement. Discussed changing the name to “Sustainer” Membership to create less confusion.
- Update Code of Ethics: Lezlie & Catherine
- We need to update the policy/procedure manual and remove duties of each position from bylaws and instead put them into the policy and procedure manual
- Discussion of members who were attending/voting at board meetings. Board voiced support for more voting members, such as chairs of Political Action Committee, Membership Committee, Publications and Scholarship.
 1. If chair of committee could not attend, they could send another committee member in their place and notify the board in advance of who would attend.
- Discussion of a Board Member only area of the website for bylaws and other documents to be posted
- MEMBERSHIP DUES
 1. Discussion about changing the due date from December 1 to November 1 annually since most people join at the same time they pay for MSHA convention in mid-October. Shar said it would require some extra work on her part for the first year, but after that it would be the same amount of work as it is now.
 2. Late Fee: Currently there is no late fee. Lezlie mentioned that other states impose a late fee for membership dues. The discussion was tabled to another meeting
- We need to add a section to the bylaws to allow for amendments
- Quorum is 1/3 of the active membership
- Quorum for the board is 2/3 of board members, which is currently 11 people. This is not defined in the bylaws and needs to be updated.
- Timeline/Steps for updating bylaws so they can be approved by the membership in October
 1. Send to board for feedback
 2. Send to committee chairs
 3. Send to membership in September
 4. Membership vote in October
- Policy/Procedures manual: this is new in addition to the bylaws.

Licensure Board Update: Lezlie

- Update on legislative session
- Supervision bill based on what happened in North Carolina
 - Board must consider financial hardship before passing laws
 - Board members can't individually be sued
- Proposal to cut 12 FTE positions. Vacancies exist, but because of the price gap, they can't promise no change to the board. There is no new legislation happening now.

- Licensing board is working to simplify process of licensure to help reduce price
- Price reduction is still a possibility – it will be recommended, but can't be guaranteed. It is a positive that the high rate is being acknowledged
- Limited license: reviewing fee by going biannually.
- One current expense is that all Licensure Board meetings must have an attorney present, and each board must pay for the attorney, no the DLI
- Statute changes must go through the legislative process
- MSHA needs a game plan to educate legislature prior to the 2019 legislature session
- Can't hold up renewal for lack of CE unless license is expired
- CE#: instead of saying, "Have you done your CE?" Ask if person is aware of compliance rules
- CE is more closely aligned with ASHA (coming up)

Regional Reps Update:

- Proposed: each rep serves a 2 year term
- We need to get them together: Lezlie calling each within the month to get information disseminated
- If Regional Reps will be voting members, we need to incorporate this into the new Bylaws as this is a projected change
- Information about what they need to do and what is coming up needs to be clearly given before each accepts position.
- What information do we need? Continuing Ed? Who/What? Delivery Method.

Member Issues/Suggestions:

- Website:
 - Why be a member?
 - Post open positions on committees
 - Other CE opportunities for both SLP/AuD
 - Service to members
- Other:
 - SIG for Medical SLPs
 - Offer CE for EIGs thru MSHA – talk to CE person for SIGs
- ABA: If it seems like a behavior analyst is doing SLP work which they are not trained/licensed for:
 - Rules and regulations have been developed
 - Report to our licensing board
 - Report to Psychology board
 - Remind them of scope of practice for SLP
 - Applied Behavior Specialist: One national license
 - Will keep informed of situation
 - Masters of SpEd and Applied Behavior (MSU-B): we need to put this on our radar
 - Lezlie will follow up to see where we need to refer people.

Conference Update:

- Everything is filled now except for one Thursday slot
- SPA slot: 1.5 hours

- Students: \$30 with membership = \$40. LATE FEES APPLY for registration for students
- Future conferences: we need to start booking sites 3 years out.
 - Bozeman 2018
 - Missoula 2019 – voted previously to hold in Missoula every other year due to greater access to UM/students.
 - Billings 2020
 - Ideas for broadcasting to Rural sites for future years
- Speaker: Nippold could come next year

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:45. The next meetings are scheduled for Aug 5th (web-based), September 9 (if needed to discuss conference), and October 18 at MSHA