

## Called to

### Attendance:

Lezlie Pearce-Hopper, President  
Kathleen DeLapp-Cohn, President Elect  
Shelby Midboe, Secretary  
Julie Wolter, University of Montana CSD Chair  
Alida Wright, Region #5 Representative  
Anne Juel, Continuing Education  
Marilyn Thaden, Region #1 Representative  
Abigail St. Lawrence,

### Minutes from last meeting

Motion to approve: Kathleen, Julie second

Need to add there was a motion (passed) to update rates for vendors for MSHA convention. Motion was passed.

### Treasurer's report:

\$1100 ASHA grant to help pay for expense of traveling the state to gather information on SLPA  
See included report in this folder for complete information

### Abigail St. Lawrence: Legislative Report

- Rule Making (Behavioral Health analyst Rules): Our rules are adopted. Way the rules have been adopted BHAs will not be impinging on our territory within the rules of their license.
- Cuts: Revenue reports came in well, so it seemed like we would not incur the amounts of cuts that we had anticipated, but this is unfortunately wrong. Cuts were 2.1% and now they are going to 3.9% as of June. Working with other groups to try and delay the cuts, push press coverage on this. Abigail asked if any of us have stories to share of client impact, please pass them on as they really help us keep the issue in front of the public.
- Medicaid Expansion Reauthorization: current expansion expires in 2019. Up for reauthorization. Initiative is being brought by medical association and Cancer Association.
- SLPA bill: Lucy has asked for a draft of the bill by May 14, Abigail and Lezlie will be working on the bill. May iteration will not be final, and final will be needed by October for Board Meeting. Lezlie has added information to this board meeting folder so everyone can see current work and she and Julie will work on a position paper.
- Julie asked about how telepractice plays into these changes, and Lezlie said it is part of the discussion. June 4th 10 am is next meeting. Lezlie will speak. Julie Wolter: contact with the new Provost for new course. Process was started 1.5 years ago, but has been stalled. No new resources needed to provide it, added 6 credits to get a certificate. Halt on "new" programs, but old provost had approved it. New provost put it back on moratorium, Julie said as it is still on hold from going on to Board of Regents. Now, we will have to wait one more year until it can be a program offered. Julie is asking for a letter of support from MSHA that states a delay of time has a significant impact. Julie meets with the President on Wednesday of next week. Lezlie will address multiple issues in a letter and get it out to Julie quickly.
- MSHA Board passed the motion to add our support to

### **Committee Reports:**

- Membership at or above where we have been at this time in previous years. Lezlie handing out \$10 off for joining for people she is speaking with, and Sharlene is seeing some of those
- Website-fillable forms are up!
- Lezlie enjoyed meeting with SCHWA membership at the University.

### **President's Report**

- **October Conference:**
  - Student worker is doing a great job, stuffing envelopes to try to get more envelopes to try to get vendors going
  - Lezlie: Speakers are getting lined up and timeline is getting solidified
- Lezlie wants to send out a mailing to all SLP/AuD in MT to include caseload study, shortage study, update on assistants for SLP/AuD Motion by Kathleen, Second by Julie. Motion passes. Motion to add to motion that survey will also include information on telepractice and if telepractice is being performed by individuals from MT or not.
  - Julie: individuals being hired on as paraprofessionals and are doing SLP-A work, but contract says they don't need supervision and have no recourse. Have to pay money to get out of the job.
  - Shelby and Kathleen added stories about things they had heard about districts using or attempting to use paraprofessional or SLP aides inappropriately, possibly putting licensure into jeopardy for potential new licensees.
  - Lezlie has sent 3 communications to OPI with no response
  - Districts are getting around this somehow. Discussion about how Administrators get information and about information they are not getting. Need for information about SLP/OT/PT licensing requirements to be part of Educational Leadership/SpEd Supervision programs.
- Open positions: new bylaws have new positions. Some new positions do not have a process to elect. Have been volunteers before, but need to create a process to add more positions to the state.
- BSHM Month: Lezlie proposes \$10 discount for joining in May/June to go out in email blast. New list of current licensees just obtained. Last year gave \$5 off, only had 2 new members join. Hoping larger discount will get more memberships. Kathleen moves to approve \$10 discount, Julie seconds, motion passes.
- OPI: was to have position paper completed for Guidelines for first of the year. Those are still not through the process. OT is still not approved. OPI is not moving forward on that this year. OPI has some challenges. Lezlie will contact OPI to see if she can learn when those will be published.
- Discussion about large caseloads in MT and issues in schools. Julie Wolter spoke about possible options for UM to help

### **President Elect:**

- CSAP Meeting coming up and Kathleen is looking forward to learning more about how to be President for next year and support Lezlie this year.

**Julie:**

- \$240,000 to students to UM Outreach grant, for students who are from rural areas and who are going back to those rural areas to work.
- 32 Master's Degree graduates next week

**SLP-A information: See document posted in Meeting Folder**

- Lezlie requests feedback on document that will be going to Abigail
- 80 Licenses Audiologists in MT right now. Lezlie reports pros/cons to AuD assistants reported by those to whom she has spoken. Will continue with working on AuD-Aide so it exists and AuDs can decide if they want to use it or not.
- Lezlie went through document and highlighted certain areas.
- Discussion/Comments: Kathleen is surprised about some of the "disagree" or "strongly disagree" responses. Lezlie said some comments included that people thought clients should have fully-educated SLPs for the price they pay. Lezlie is unsure everyone responding is aware of the shortage of SLPs in the state.

**CE Report: Anne**

- June 28-29 conference on lactation registered by ASHA. Working with presenters to make sure information gets back on time.
- Getting
- OPI: Doug Doty (State coordinator for Autism training) online Relias Training on ABA/Autism may not be renewed because OPI is sitting on the contract with Relias. He has other trainings scheduled that OPI is sitting on which may have to be cancelled. Anne will ask Doug if MSHA can post the information about the class potentially closing.

**Conference:**

- Poster session 7-8 students and some professional posters. Lezlie looking at incorporating poster sessions into one of the 1.5 hour blocks during the day to make sure people are attending, as people tend to leave after major sessions are completed. Per Anne, poster session students need to do same paperwork as other presenters for ASHA.
- Hoping to get all paperwork for MSHA Convention to Anne by August 1st.
- Geneticists from Shodair may come present
- Confirmation that Lucy Hart-Paulsen will talk about writing. Full day presentation. Also a full-day on swallowing.
- School for Deaf and Blind will also be at our conference
- Christine Hansen
- Diverse group of presenters now and Lezlie will send out the information so we can look at it and get suggestions about topics we need to add to the agenda.
- Teleconference

**Scholarship: (Shelby)**

- Time to send out MSHA scholarship information now that the new cohort has been selected.
- Still trying to get Mina May on board, Shelby will continue as chair for now.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Kathleen, seconded by Lezlie. Adjourned at 11:26 Dates for face to face meeting announced in the future.