NHSLHA
New Hampshire Speech-Language-Hearing Association

NHSLHA Board Meeting Agenda

Monday November 10, 2025

Chair: Katie Wachel

In attendance: Amy Rea, Cassandra Healey, Collean Combs, Debbie Bennett, Katie Wachel, Keri Miloro, Lauren Thompson, Lisa Minahan, Meg Morgan, Nealy Mason, Quira Rodgers, Tia Barton, Wendy Lybrand

Absent: Amanda Perry, Julia Bosco, Andrea Parker, Morgan Ranfos, Kaitlyn Vanbennekum, Bill Flanders

Call to order: 7:04

Motion to approve minutes:

- September 8th, 2025
  - 1st approved by Lisa Minahan and 2nd approved by Collean Combs

Positions/Roles open:

- ASHA STaR being filled by Lauren Thompson as of tonight
- ASHA SEAL (Andrea) resigning at end of year

Upcoming Board/Committee Meetings:

Month	Date	Board/ Committees	Chair/Lead:
December 2025			
January 2026	1/12 @ 7:00	Full Board	Julia Bosco
February 2026		Conference Committee Website Committee	
March 2026	3/9 @ 7:00	Full Board	Lisa Minahan
April 2026	Conference Projected date 4/10		
May 2026	5/11 @ 7:00	Full Board	Wendy
June 2026	6/26?	Annual Retreat	Debbie?

New items:

- ASHA STaR being filled by Lauren Thompson as of tonight
- ASHA SEAL (Andrea) resigning at end of year
    - Will advertise in newsletter to fill position
    - Lauren Thompson is considering also filling this position after reviewing the role
- Meg will start a Student Advocacy Committee
    - Grant was awarded!
        - Money goes towards tshirts and lunch-can use some money from board funds if needed to supplement
        - In the past attendees were reimbursed for parking
        - One day with students on campus for an hour to talk about advocacy following LEND program's model
        - Day of event-have up to 30 spots for attendees
    - Meg will schedule it
    - Volunteers for committee: Collean Coombs, Wendy Lybrand
    - Meg will reach out to Vicki Chesterley as well to get her input and possibly talk during on campus portion

- Website Committee would like the board to review the new website and get feedback: https://nhslha.starchapter.com/index.php
    - Right now the website is not live
    - Send ideas of content to website committee
    - Hoping to launch website on 11/17/2025 so send urgent content ASAP to Quira Rodgers
    - Rates for job listing: $50 for members or $75 for non members for 30 days
        - If a school district reaches out they will be charged non member fee
    - Rates for sponsorship:
        - Logo will be listed at bottom or home page with hyperlink
        - $250/6 months, or $400/12 months-no objections from the board about these prices
        - Sending out a 48 hour "special" so we can get sponsorships before launching website-board did not have opposition to this
        - Our goal is to get 4 sponsors per year
    - Website maintenance plan will be sent to board
    - Website committee is sending StarChapter training to full board. Board members should all watch the trainings.
    - StarChapter has UNLIMITED support via zoom if problems arise that we can't fix

Officer Reports-

- **President(s) -** Wendy, Debbie, Lisa
    - Debbie and Wendy will go to ASHA and attend CSAP as well
    - Amy Bereiter is attending the Day on the Hill so Wendy will ask about relevant advocacy information we can use for our Advocacy Day

- **Treasurer-** Debbie
    - See report Debbie sent on 11/10/2025
    - $566 coming in from recent webinar and advocacy grant day will come in soon
    - N990 tax form was submitted

- **VP of Membership: Publications-** Katie
    - Membership Update: Fall 2025 renewal numbers
        - ~44% renewal rate
        - 3 new members - 1 student, 1 SLA, 1 full but the 1 paid members haven't actually submitted payment
    - Courtesy Member was never voted on so it was left in our constitution, but can be discussed at the retreat. Other states don't typically do this type of membership
    - With interstate compact happening soon, a board member proposed possibly having a regional membership for multi-state

- **VP of Membership: Outreach-** Keri
    - No updates at this time

- **VP of Public Relations -Website** Quira
    - No updates at this time other than website committee information

- **VP of Public Relations -Social Media** Meg
    - No updates at this time

- **VP of Gov. Affairs -**Wendy
    - Will reach out to NHOTA about fingerprinting bill
    - Will be connecting with Erica Layon-NH State Representative about fingerprinting
    - Will reach out to other associations such as contracting/consulting companies and psychology

- **VP of Professional Development** -Lisa
    - See information under Professional Development Committee

Standing Committee Reports-

- ***Professional Development (a.k.a. Conference committee)*** -Lisa, Keri, Cassandra, Debbie, Morgan
    - Cleft Palate Webinar was 11/6/25
        - 19 attended (6 NHSLHA Members $29, 8 Non-Member tickets $49, 5 student tickets, 3 no show student tickets)
        - **Net sales $566.00**
        - Very positive feedback about presentation
        - Cassandra will compile survey results and send to Lisa and speaker
    - 1/15/25 webinar has been registered with ASHA
    - Looking for supervision webinar in March from ASHA, but haven't heard back
    - 4/10/26 Conference schedule-Puritan in Manchester, NH
        - Literacy across the lifespan with Laura Gonnerman as keynote in AM
        - 3 tracks for PM
            - Jess/Bowen-Taylor-AAC and Literacy
            - Brenda Peters from Children's Dyslexia Center-school aged population
            - Elizabeth Hoover-adult population
    - Thinkific webinars will be taken down on 12/31/25 so we need to start adding more webinars to Thinkific
    - People are joining Thinkific and not always purchasing a course because they have to have a Paypal account to purchase
        - Tabled discussion about platforms to collect money: square, venmo etc.
    - Meg Morgan volunteered to do another DEI webinar next year
    - Lauren Thompson mentioned presenting on pediatric feeding disorders in schools

- ***Legislative Committee (Grant writing)*** - Vicki, Debbie, Wendy, Amanda?
    - See VP of Gov. Affairs section

- ***Public Relations–(Website, Meetups)*** - Quira, Amy R, Cassandra, Meg, Debbie, Amanda, Nealy
    - SLA meetup Mon 1/6/26 hosted by Amanda and Cassandra
    - Amy R volunteered to try to host a medical meet up on zoom
    - Keri and Katelyn are reaching out to their populations to host an in-person meetup at Vine 32 Wine + Graze Bar in Bedford or at an event that is already established

- ***Constitution Committee*** – Debbie, Amanda, Tia
    - Vote was sent to members on 10/24/25
    - Got 14 out of 15 responses to "accept as written"
    - Comment that did not "accept as written" said " AAssociate members may serve on committees, but may not vote or hold office (per Article III, Section 3.1.1 of the ASHA Bylaws)"
    - Constitution is approved!

- ***Interstate/New England Collaborative***– Katie, Debbie, Amanda, Lisa
    - No updates at this time
- ***Nominating Committee*** -Amanda, Debbie, Keri
    - No updates at this time

Advisor Updates -

- Tia - Schools/SLS updates
    - No updates at this time
- Amy Rea - Medical
    - No updates at this time
- Lisa - Private Practice/Early Intervention
    - No updates at this time
- Bill – Audiology
    - Absent
- Collean Coombs– University
    - No updates at this time
- Amanda – SLA
    - Absent
- Morgan-Student
    - Absent
- Julia-board member at large
    - Absent
- Cassandra-administrative assistant
    - No updates at this time

Meeting adjourned: 8:20 pm

Notes submitted by Cassandra Healey