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BOARD MEETING NOTES

Date: Thursday, April 20, 2023
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: via WebEx

In Attendance:

Stefan Fosco, Audiologist
Heather Pyke, Speech-Language Pathologist
Ianthe Dunn-Murad, Audiologist
Joe Pellegrino, Audiologist
Denise Cruz, Speech-Language Pathologist
Melissa Fenice, Speech-Language Pathologist
Sue Roberts, Audiologist

Jason Kramer, Executive Secretary
Christina Amato, Program Associate

Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 10:00am.

Kramer provided board office updates which included discussion of two fully online masters programs and the difficulties professional programs are currently facing including student preparedness for the clinical fellowship year, and drops in student enrollment. The Executive Secretaries report also provided updates on statistics, professional discipline, and an overview of the Office of the Professions activities in the past year.

The Board will present at the upcoming May 12th NYSSLHA Conference from 1:00 – 2:00pm with a meeting scheduled for 11:00 – 12:00pm. The office will bring materials for a virtual connection and power point presentation.

Students have been having a difficult time taking the examination for their hearing aid dispensing registration and wait times can be about 10 months. There is a consumer alert available on the website reporting this.

Information was shared regarding the state budge and upcoming proposed legislation including discussions on the professional compact. The Board further discussed the costs and benefits to entering the currently available compact.

Videoconferencing under extraordinary circumstances was discussed and will be voted on when there is a quorum.

The Board currently has the minimum membership needed but needs additional members for greater presence when some members cannot attend. Further discussion of recruitment efforts including discussions with colleagues and the association.

The meeting adjourned before 12:00 and will reconvene on May 12, 2023.