



Green Mountain Self-Advocates April 28, 2014 Board Meeting

Group check-ins.

Talk about what is going on in your group.

9:30



Once again give us the top 5 things your group is good at!

9:45

Voices Choices Conference

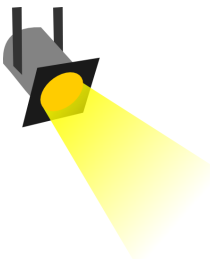
Is May 29-30. This is the Thursday and Friday after Memorial Day.



Does anyone need registration forms?

We will have one more conference calls on May 14 to plan the conference. Please join us. It is **10:30 to 12**. Call toll-free: **866-210-1669 code 1052014#**

- The deadline for sending in the Theresa Wood is May 2 this Friday
- Thanks to all the groups that sent in the winners for Local Group Awards. We just need award winners from: BSAC, GLBTQ, Friends Helping Friends, RAPS, RAMB, Speak Up, Vermont Choices and the new Windsor Group.
- **We Do Not Have A Conflict With Special Olympics. There is NO dinner at Special Olympics on Friday night.** The opening ceremony is 7:00 pm. Voices and Choices ends at 3:00. That gives you PLENTY of time to get to Burlington. GMSA met with Michele Gates the Program Director for Special Olympics and she said she would tell all the coaches that it is okay to check-in later if you are coming from Voices and Choices. We repeat—**There is NO Crisis**
- We NEED People to sign up for the TALENT SHOW
- Today we must pick the GMSA Ally of the year. Randy will run the election.
- We need volunteers. Here are the jobs:
 - Hosts to direct “traffic” which means help show people where to go. This job is on Friday.
 - Who wants to help work in the GMSA store?
Friday: 8:30 to 9:30 or 12:00 to 1:00
 - We could use help with registration: Friday 8:30 to 9:30
 - Help with the art project: Thursday 4:00 to 5:00



10:30



Nicole will give a Budget Update.
Kris Medina and Max Barrows will report back about the Taser Bill and how it is troubling for people with disabilities.

May 1st March & Rally

Join us at Noon at the VT State House. Great chance to march and hold a banner or sign about disability rights. Please note it can be LOUD. You can also have lunch at the state house. See you there.

Green Mountain Self-Advocates has BIG NEWS!

We got our non-profit status.

We will have an all day retreat at the GMSA office in Montpelier on June 16th or 17th or 18th or 19th. It would be fabulous if we had a few people from at least 8 different groups plus the officers. We need to make a plan to move forward to becoming a more formal board



11:00 **TAKE A BREAK!**

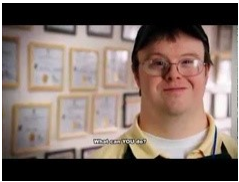
Needs Assessment

Max Barrows will read the directions for our next activity!

We will be coming up with a list of:

- 1) What kind of things does your self-advocacy organization want to learn about from self-advocacy groups in other states?
- 2) What kind of things does your self-advocacy organization want to teach to self-advocacy groups in other states?

After we complete each activity—Max will ask each group to report back on what they came up with.



We need to talk about the National Conference!

1. Who is thinking about going?
2. Who wants to teach a workshop?

What Are Your Ideas About Workshops to Teach?

- Sexuality Workshop
- Converting Sheltered Workshops to Job programs to get people Real Jobs
- Wellness Workshop: Your Are What You Eat, Drink, & That Doesn't mean Sweet!
- Take Charge & How to direct your own Services
- Alternatives to Guardianship
- Flirty Dancing
- How to Pay for College without Relying on the Bank of Mom and Dad! Also lots about true inclusion at college.
- Dating Game



Skye Needs 8 volunteers to hold up the letters to spell out Thanks You for a picture