



Green Mountain Self-Advocates August 25, 2014 Board Meeting

9:30



Group check-ins.

Talk about what is going on in your group.

9:45



New Board Members!

- Each local group needs to “elect” a representative for the GMSA Board.
- Does everyone remember the 3 requirements?

10:00

Budget Cut Hearing Highlights



Tracy Thresher ... told the Joint Fiscal Committee the 30 hours of support he receives each week from staff members is vital to his daily living and to his ability to communicate. Of such services, he said, “I absolutely believe it is our right as human beings.”

Thanks to GATSA, Communication Alliance and CAT for testifying! The cut was reduced somewhat on the day after the hearing.

10:15



National Conference

- Who Is Going?
- Who wants to help teach a workshop?
- Decide on best day to have conference call for presenters

- How To Date Like A Pro
- Sister Act: Involving Siblings in the Self-advocacy Movement
- Converting Sheltered Workshops to Job programs to get people Real Jobs
- LGBTQ Support Groups
- Sexuality and Relationships: How Do You Figure That Out!
- Dating Game

10:30

Support Worker Recognition Day September 12th 11 am to 1 pm



GMSA is working with Developmental Services agencies honor Direct Support Professionals for their commitment to promoting community inclusion for individuals of all ages with developmental disabilities. To get ready for the event today we will work in small groups to write short stories. **Tell us about your support person and how they help you out.** See the flyer for more details.

11:00



Presentation of Ally of the Year Award to Anthony Pollina

Anthony will facilitate a discussion with us about our concerns and what we can do about it.

12:00

Updates and Announcements



Save the Date: [November 15th First Annual GMSA Gala!](#)

We need volunteers for the planning committee



[Part-time JOB available](#): peer to peer video project. We are looking for a person who has lived experience of a person with an intellectual/developmental disability.

- work 5 hours a week in Montpelier out of the GMSA office.
- must have experience: operating a digital video camera; interviewing peers; filming; using a computer to edit video footage; know how to put captions on a video; uploading videos to YouTube; turning text from an interview into a biography or life history.

GMSA will provide needed equipment. If you are interested please send a letter to info@gmsavt.org describing your experience. DEADLINE is September 5th.



[Call for newsletter articles!](#)



[Peer Mentoring](#) Project with Agency Directors

Randy will describe our conversations with the directors about get more funding and support for self-advocates being paid to provide peer support.

12:30

Lunch today is being prepared by [Mindy's Lunch Box!](#)