

Green Mountain Self-Advocates Board Meeting July 27, 2015

Time	Topics to talk about:	Who	Decision to be made
9:30 	<p>Introduce yourself and give an update from your local group</p>	Randy	
9:50 	<p>Group Agreements: Lori will ask someone to read our group agreements. Lori will ask someone to explain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Step Up • Step Back 	Lori	
10:00 	<p>GMSA Gala – Handout program Randy will describe what it is.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Break up into small groups. We need our board and our groups to be more involved in the Gala. Give us at least 15 solid ideas of how groups can be more involved. • Discuss all the ideas. 	Randy	<p>Go around and ask each Board members to say what they personally and what their group will do to support the GALA to happen.</p>
	<p>GMSA Gala – when and where</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have decided to use the Capitol Plaza in Montpelier • The only Saturday in the fall that is open is November 14th but there is a conflict with Special Olympics. (They are having an annual meeting in the day but Nicole Villemaire said it is going to be small this year) Do we pick this day? • Would a Thursday or Friday work better? 		

<p>10:30</p> 	<p>GMSA Budget The officers met with Topper for 3 hours on Thursday and reviewed the budget for GMSA for one year.</p> <p>The board will take time to understand the budget, ask questions and make suggestions.</p>	<p>Randy</p>	<p>GMSA Board needs to vote on the budget.</p>
<p>11:00</p>	<p>Take a 10 minute break</p>		
<p>11:10</p> 	<p>Voices and Choices Conference. Report back from board members and local groups. We need to know the answer to 3 questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do people all, some or few people use 1-time money to go to the conference? 2. Do we know if there will be 1-time money to use for the conference? 3. If our numbers are down because of lack of 1-time money should use the smaller hotel in Killington? 	<p>Max</p>	<p>Feedback from board about how many people use one-time money to go to our conference?</p> <p>If there will be fewer people should we switch and go back to Killington?</p>
<p>11:30</p>	<p>NEAT - feedback GMSA manages a grant called NEAT. We basically are helping other state self-advocacy groups like GMSA share information. We work with NY and all the other New England states.</p> <p>Work in small groups – We want to know:</p>	<p>Skye</p>	



1. How can we use the internet to share information between groups in VT?
2. What kind of training do you need to make that happen?
3. What are the best ways to present that training?

12:00

Fall Election of Officers

Go over what they do. Read from the Bylaws.
Speeches will be made at our September meeting.

Randy



12:10

GMSA Committees

We are forming committees. Talk about what these committees will do and how you can participate in person or over the phone or with google hangout.

1. Voices and Choices Conference
2. Gala
3. Finance

Skye
And
Randy



12:30

We cannot go to the cafeteria for Lunch until AFTER 12:30.