



Green Mountain Self-Advocates December 15, 2014 Board Meeting

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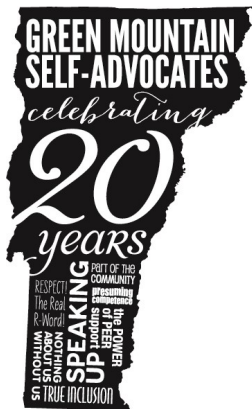
First time is a Personal Check-in:

1. Tell us one thing you are proud of that you accomplished in 2014.
2. What is your New Year's Resolution for 2015?

Second go around is a Group Check-In

1. Tell us one thing you are proud of that your group accomplished in 2014. The one thing should be about your advocacy work.
2. What is your New Year's Resolution for 2015 for your group?

10:00



Feedback on GMSA GALA ~ Our 20 Year Celebration

On December 6, 2014 we held our First Annual GMSA Speak Up Gala from 6:00 pm to 10:00pm

We need your feedback:

1. What was your favorite part?
2. What suggestions do you have to make it better?
3. How was the food?
4. How about the speeches? Too long? Too short?
5. Give us feedback about the Silent Auction
6. To be honest, not very many self-advocates bought tickets, why is that?

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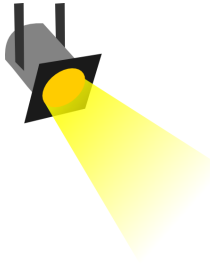
GMSA to pick 7 self-advocates for Leadership Training

Every two years we work with the DD Council to teach leadership skills. The training is on 3 weekends. You need to go to all 3 weekends. You get to stay over in a hotel and if chosen the hotel and food costs are paid for.

We will hear from self-advocates who have already done this

The officers with support by GMSA staff will decide who goes. We need to figure out how local groups can tell us who they want to go.

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Voices Choices Conference

We need volunteers for the Conference planning committee. We will meet once a month. You can call in to the meeting or come to the GMSA office at 2 Prospect St Montpelier,

- ⇒ December 23 at 9:30-11:00
- ⇒ January 21 at 9:30-11:00
- ⇒ February 25 at 9:30-11:00
- ⇒ March 17 at 9:30-11:00
- ⇒ April 15 at 9:30-11:00

Call 866-210-1669
 Then when they ask for
 code put in: 1052014
 Then hit #

Today we are giving out the form for self-advocates to teach workshops at the conference.

Break

11:15



Work in small groups

Make a list pf what do great GMSA board members need to learn how to do?

Discuss Randy's idea of just one time in January only having officers and board members come to the meeting to make sure people understand their job being a board member

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Picking out 2015 goals

GMSA has 8 big goals for the next 4 years. We need to decide what to work on in 2015.

Once we pick the goals—meet in small groups to think about activities to do to work on those goals



Budget Update

Nicole will talk about we are hearing about more budget cuts

12:15

GMSA days at the state house are:

- ☑ Jan 8: Health Care as a Human Right Day of Action
- ☑ February 4 focus on Developmental Services
- ☑ March 12 focus on Developmental Services
- ☑ March 18 cross disability issues
- ☑ May 1 rally and march