Members Present:
Northland: 6
Auckland: 24
Waikato-BOP: 24
Central: 32
Wellington: 20
Canterbury/Westland: 33
Otago/Southland: 13

Note from Auckland Area Rep: Several members report not receiving the emails for this meeting. Please check your NZSTA information is up to date in the first instance if it is please contact NZSTA admin. Pass this on to any colleagues you believe did not get the email
This issue is now resolved. Please also ensure that your contact email and address is updated via the website when any changes occur.

Review of last Area Meeting Minutes

The collated minutes from the Spring Area Meetings with EC responses to members’ queries or comments are now available online

Waikato-BOP
- Annabelle Hastings: No feedback received from EC yet regarding updated and accurate list of resources in the NZSTA Resource Room – some members had found it costly when ordering a resource off the list that was not the required edition etc.
  EC Response: Significant changes to Resource Room occurring. We are no longer legally permitted to lend out Standardised Tests.

Supervision Position Statement and Guideline

NZSTA has endorsed the new Supervision Position Statement and Guideline. This will be launched formally soon, please look out for information on the website and at area meetings.

Northland
- Members are looking forward to seeing this

Waikato-BOP
- Elizabeth Youard: Will be interesting to see the new supervision position statement and guidelines. Hopefully it is flexible for members being supervised by non-SLTs and for those members who are the only SLT or NZSTA member at their workplace. My workplace provides me with supervision by a non-SLT which is working well because I’m working in an educational setting. I imagine too that for SLTs in senior positions, supervision by a non-SLT might be preferred at that stage in their career.

Giving Voice

We still want to gather the 5 top tips for Communication Access in each sector.
Themes might be environment specific:
- In the classroom
At Rest homes
- In the hospital
- In the Dr’s waiting room
- At the supermarket, bank, hairdresser, café

Or Population specific:
- People with dementia
- People with brain injury
- Children with autism
- Dyslexia friendly suggestions

Northland
In the classroom
- Say the person’s name to get attention before giving a piece of information
- Face the person when talking to them
- Use visual supports, particularly for people with autism
- Hearing aids - check they’re on, charged and fit
- Take turns - give the person with a communication disorder time to communicate

In the hospitals
- Hearing aids in and working!
- Be aware of what communication difficulties people have and strategies that work for them
- Face the person you are talking to
- Check that the listener has understood
- Give people time to reply

At rest homes
- Encourage residents to wear hearing aids and have a tele-coil system
- Know your residents and how to communicate best with them

Waikato-BOP
- Use gesture, pictures and positioning to facilitate total communication
- In the classroom setting, encourage teachers to use microphones to facilitate access to communication
- In the hospital setting, colour coding of signage / directions can increase understanding of communicated information
- Teddie Mateo suggested looking at ‘Accessible Communication Guidelines’ at stroke.org.uk

Champions are forming working groups and Annette Rotherham will be contacting them directly. If Giving Voice Champions are present at the meeting, please make yourselves known.

You should also have received a link to the Giving Voice Speech Bubble, please make use of this when planning your Giving Voice activities and events.

Auckland
- Catherine Owen volunteered to pull together working groups for paediatrics and supply Patty with names of interested parties
- Others to volunteer to Patty Govender please at admin@speechtherapyassociates.co.nz or at Massey university p.t.govender@massey.ac.nz
• Amy Keenan reported that when they did it in the UK they used some patient experience videos for the giving voice campaign. We could consider utilise patient experience representatives in workplaces to see if they can support this campaign.

Waikato-BOP
• Elizabeth Youard: I agree with feedback from previous area meeting minutes that the Giving Voice campaign is a little vague – what are we trying to achieve? Also because it is spread across the whole year(s), there is less newsworthiness about it compared to an awareness week.

Central
• Emma Horsburgh that she is a champion in the area and advised that there would be another Giving Voice Champions teleconference in the near future and that she would update after this meeting.
• Emma Horsburgh advised that it would be ideal if local areas would start to think about forming a working party to begin brainstorming ideas.

Otago/Southland
• Sounds like a good idea. Just wondered how they are finally going to decide. Who is going to decide on the final 5? Will there be a survey or somewhere we can vote?
• Would like some clarification about what the aim of the 5 top tips is – is it about communication strategies or is it about accessing speech-language therapy services?
• Also wondering when to expect information/area update from local champions?
• Please could we have some clarification around time frames for the Giving Voice campaign?

Further information will be upcoming. Please contact your local Giving Voice Champion for information

Professional Development Symposium and AGM 2017

The Two-day professional development symposium is happening on September 7-8 in Rotorua. The AGM will be held on September 7th. Please make a note in your diaries. Further information will be released as available.

Auckland
• Request made for approximate cost and an agenda as soon as possible in order to allow people to apply for funding

Professional development

Recently Attended
Northland
• Kristen Perkins, Lady Cilento Children’s Hospital webinar “Managing Paediatric Tracheostomy in the Community: A guide for speech pathologists.” Kristen.perkins@northlanddhb.org.nz

Waikato-BOP
• Fiona Dominick: resource for webinars on aphasia http://www.aphasia.ca/home-page/health-care-professionals/knowledge-exchange/
Central
- Maria Camero: Queensland Managing Paediatric Tracheostomy in Communities. 3 online sessions
- Elisa Mynen: Camperdown training

Wellington
- *Paediatric Dysphagia day at the end of last year was a great success*

Canterbury/Westland
- Denise Diedrichs deny.diedrichs@outlook.com Tongue-tie and release education session 7/2/17. Has forwarded on powerpoint/information that I will send around. May write a review for communication matters
- Karina Sandweg ksandweg@gmail.com. ASHA 30 minutes a month case study. Jan edition was great targeting translators/interpreters.

Otago/Southland
- Leslie Smith (DHB) – Maggie Lee Huckabee intensive dysphagia course and Auckland Trache Study Day.

Prospective PD Events
Central
- Marie Jardine – Head and Neck Study Day, Auckland
- Melody de Burgh: Unravelling Complexities of Breastfeeding run by Lactation Consultants Association, Auckland
- Melody de Burgh: Cleft Palate Refresher run by Maeve Morrison, Auckland
- Brigid Fay advised members of an upcoming Voicecraft Workshop in Nelson, 20-24 April

Wellington
- Emma Burns – Voice craft is hopefully coming. Every department should have received a link to register interest
  - Essential treatment Thursday 20th April – Sunday 23rd April
  - Assessment Monday 24th April
  - Both paediatric and adult covered
- CELF-5 coming in July to Australia

Canterbury/Westland
- Talking mats training - ATANZ is running this, hosted by University of Canterbury. Not currently on ATANZ website.
- ASHA 30 minute case studies continuing - free, check out the ASHA website.

Otago/Southland
- MoE Dunedin hosting the Field Education Supervisor Training on 2-3 March.
- 3 day Voicecraft course in Nelson April 2017
- Free online e-learning resource: Better Conversations with Aphasia (10-15 hours).

Open Forum

Auckland
- Caroline Machado shared a collection of good websites for students who use AAC or assistive technology for literacy, and thought you may like to include the links. I couldn’t see them on the
NZSTA website.  tarheelreader.org/ A collection of free, easy to read books on a range of topics for students of all age groups. Books may be downloaded or students can ‘publish’ their own books on the website.

- Below are some very good websites on literacy instruction for learners with complex communication needs:
  - janefarrall.com/
  - aacliteracy.psu.edu/ Janice Light & David McNoughton
  - www.aacintervention.com Caroline Musselwhite
  - praacticalaac.org/ Useful AAC website with Video of the Week and Strategy of the Month

- Dysphagia forums on facebook have been used by several members.
  - Macarena Franco suggested the use of dysphagia therapy group-professional edition
  - Dysphagia café
  - One thing that was discovered on these forums was that the use of radiation safety goggles is standard practise in the USA for VFSS and on asking the radiology department they said yes they have these available for use within Waitemata DHB

- Apps on ipads:
  - Please note the risk of adverts on apps; these can sometimes take you to questionable websites (some x rated) by clicking on them. A paediatric free app with ads did exactly this when tested at Waitemata DHB. Mel Considine reports that you can get rids of ads on apps by turning on flight mode in many cases
  - Waitemata DHB has been using the MARS rating scale (available free but adapted for allied health apps) prior to adding any apps to the devices we now use with patients. This rates multiple fields including being fit for purpose, usability, visual appeal, security etc.

- Felicity Bright asked to let people know about the focus group she is doing looking at barriers and facilitators to intensive aphasia treatment. She is hoping to run a focus group with aphasia therapists on 14 February. If anyone is interested, please contact Felicity felicity.bright@aut.ac.nz

(addendum)

Waikato-BOP

- Health practitioners bill – Fiona Hewerdine. Discussion held around the implications of this Bill on our profession.
  - Idea that DHB’s somewhat implementing concepts from this Bill in current practice by aiming to work to the top of our scope of practice & equipping Therapy Assistants better.
  - Carla Knott: will we know which medication nurses may be able to prescribe should this Bill be passed? Will this enable referrals directly from SLT to specialist services such as ENT? [Possibly service specific?]

Central

- Jodi White advised members that there has been an issue around the timing of membership certificates coming out in some district health boards and that this will be addressed by the EC
- Brigid Fay advised members to double check their certificates when they received them as some certificates received have stated the incorrect membership
- Gillian Bell asked members whether they knew if children who are homeschooled were still eligible for Ministry of Education input. Members were unsure and advised to contact the local MOE office

Wellington

- Natasha Curham - “I see patients privately as well and I have been corresponding with Southern Cross Health Insurance about their lack of funding for SLT. They currently fund patients for voice therapy after they have been operated on by ENT. I’m wondering whether others/the Exec would have a part to play in backing my lobby to influence change in this area?”
Anna Miles is working on a response to this and will respond with an update as available

- A little bit of hope for MOE SLTs from the learning support update where it states the need for more SLT.

Canterbury/Westland

- Emily King from Nelson shares: Change of way of working in MoE. Looking like this will create more opportunities to work systemically with schools. In Nelson Tasman West Coast region we are going to have a project on supporting oral language of 0-7 year olds across whole communities rather than just children who are referred to us. Watch this space!
- Ali McCormick from CHCH shares: keen to connect with anyone working in schools with dyslexic students. Do we have a special interest group in this area of practice? We all thought not. If anyone wants to be part of one then email: alimick@xtra.co.nz
- Pariya Behami - pariya.behnami@gmail.com shares: University of Carolina has Project Core - training modules for core vocabulary

Otago/Southland

- Reminder that the Lidcombe programme has a website that is beneficial for SLTs and parents. Also includes the new severity rating scale
- You can submit an expression of interest for an online course run through University of Tasmania: Understanding Dementia MOOC https://mooc.utas.edu.au/courses/understanding-dementia-2017-06

Communication Matters

Are there articles from the Summer edition of Communication Matters members (at your meeting) would like to discuss?

Northland

- Really enjoyed the case study - An Unpredictable Journey. Was a great format and makes submitting a case study for Communication Matters seem less daunting!

Canterbury

- Excellent input from our region. Thanks to all who contributed!

What area updates do members in your area (Members Issues, challenges and things to celebrate)?

Waikato-BOP

- Martin Chadwick is the new Allied Health Manager at Tauranga Hospital – recently moved from Counties Manakau DHB.
- Tauranga MoE welcomes Nicola Pemberton to their team – moved from Whangarei.
- Congratulations to Victoria Lougher (Whakatane Hospital) on the recent arrival of her baby!
- Our Area Rep, Annabelle recently got married!

Canterbury

- Lots of staffing changes and celebrations at CDHB, MOE CHCH and CCS Disability Action already in 2017!

Otago/Southland

- Sarah Tay has left the MOE Invercargill and Sylvia Costello is now permanently full time.
- Amy Rosenfeld has started at the DHB. Eleanor Jackson has left and moved to Christchurch. There will be some recruitment changes coming up at the hospital.
- Rachel Matthews has started working for Parlez.
What articles are members in your area going to submit for the Autumn edition? (Please include names and contact e-mail addresses)

Central
- Kowhai Special School are hoping to submit an article – michelle@kowhaispecial.school.nz

Canterbury/Westland
- Maybe: Denise Diedrichs deny.diedrichs@outlook.com Tongue-tie and release education session 7/2/17. Has forwarded on powerpoint/information that I will send around. May write a review for communication matters
- Gia Kuek - giakuek@gmail.com - keen to discuss spokle.com.au
- Rose centre post-grads - Emma Burnip and Emma Wallace contact details: emmaburnip16@hotmail.co.uk and eswallac@tcd.ie
- Kyra Portis and co from CHCH MOE -have submitted already.

What websites of interest or links to resources do members have to share with their colleagues?

Northland

Other Matters for Exec

What other issues would members in your area like to raise with the Exec?

Auckland
- Membership timeframe currently is Jan 1st to December 31st and this year admin at NZSTA told everyone that their certificate would be sent by the 16th Jan. Several DHBs treat NZSTA membership as equivalent to any other annual practising certificate so are required to stand people down if they don’t have proof of membership. This is not ideal as it means the team leaders have to sight and log all certificates prior to the first day of work in January which is a challenge and even though NZSTA sent out renewal notices in October typically staff wait until the last minute to renew.
Our President Philippa has advised she will take this to the next exec meeting as it would be helpful to get a resolution before 2018 if possible.
Will aim to have more transparent process and timing this year. We will continue to have the same membership timeframe as it is too difficult to move the whole system.

- Members audits of CPD log could the NZSTA spell out the process and consequences when a person has not met requirements> employers who use NZSTA membership as their assurance of the HPCAA need to be informed when a staff member has not met the requirements and what the action will be
Employer has right to view CPD log and membership certificate. We are not a regulated profession, so would likely be a higher cost for monitoring this

Central
- Alicia Scott advised that she had tried to renew her membership after returning from Maternity Leave however was unable to access the page. Alicia.Scott@hbdhb.govt.nz
This should now be fixed

Wellington
• Hannah Clements - Getting replies from the admin email address is still an issue. **This issue should now be resolved.** Have discussed with ONZL and they have changed/improved process
• Hannah Clements - There is a glitch with the CPD online form. You are unable to delete mistakes. Can this be fixed please? **This should now be fixed**
• Hannah Clements - Any further information on Registration? **There is a response coming**
• Sally Schoon - The “where to find an SLT Section” only has about private practice SLT. We feel a statement on the other services available is required e.g. MOE and hospital. **We are in the process of adding this information to the website**

**Otago/Southland**

• Would like to feedback on the time for the renewal of membership s and the length of the process for same. Can the time of renewal be shifted given that the deadline is 31 December and the exec office is shut for a couple of weeks over this time? **We cannot change the timeframe of the membership year, but will aim to provide ample warning and information prior to the office closing for Christmas period.**
• Also the amount of time for a full membership change from a new grad membership to be made aware of. A member down here submitted in November and didn’t have confirmation until January while in the mean time had invoices being sent other for a new grad membership.

**What other questions would members in your area like to ask of the Exec?**

**Northland**

• Suannah Smith suannahjsmith@gmail.com
  o Did the NZSTA make a submission on the Te Whāriki update? **EC Response:** no we didn’t make a submission as the turnaround time was too brief to organise this. Everyone was entitled to make their own submission. The Child Language Expert Advisor role is currently vacant, anyone who is interested in this role can apply.
  o How is the NZSTA lobbying MPs about SLT/communication during election year? See **Communication Matters** for an update on this

**Auckland**

• On the CPD log:
  o What happens when a 3 yr cycle end? can you add any CPD activity retrospectively? **Yes**
  o Contribution to profession? - Why are the fields so narrow for this and only meetings and communication matters count to this where working parties for NZSTA don’t? **The fields are actually not that narrow, the items included online are just examples for ideas, you may add any other relevant items eg working parties, specific committees etc**

**Waikato-BOP**

• Gwen Lake: question around when new information will be released regarding NZSTA scholarships for 2017? There is no up to date information on the website at present. **We will try an add this information as soon as possible**
• Conor Hendry: In order to qualify for the MRA, does someone with New Graduate membership need to then maintain full membership? If practising in another country under the MRA, does that individual need to remain an active full member of NZSTA? **Only Full membership is accepted overseas under the MRA.** Once overseas, NZSTA membership does not need to be maintained but you are welcome to hold on to it

**Otago/Southland**
• One member wanted to know whether the NZSTA would get involved in advocating to the Government on SLT related issues. She reported that in Southland community rehab assistants were not being made available for patients with communication needs the same as they were for physio related needs.

AHANZ would be a good place for this issue to be raised. It is beyond the scope of NZSTA. Also sounds like a DHB local issue. Some other DHBs do have assistants, may also contact the Health Leader’s group for input

What other feedback would members like to share with the Exec?
Canterbury/Westland
• Karina Sandweg shares: The calendar appears to be out of date or very little notice given. Would like more notice of when events are happening e.g. 2 months to be able to arrange funding/flights etc - would this be possible?

We will endeavour to add details as soon as they come to hand

Otago/Southland
• One member had an issue with not being able to add CPD for 2017 at it doesn’t appear to have rolled over yet.

The website has recently changed and there were some glitches with this information transfer, these should all have been resolved now. Please go back to the website now and try entering the relevant details