GMSA Board Meeting Agenda for January 29, 2024

- Review and approve the agenda.
- Introductions. Share an update about your local self-advocacy group
- Read and approve the December minutes.
- Board Retreat Change Date from March to May
- 2024 GMSA Board Officer Elections
- Discuss Voices and Choices. Decide about special price for members
- Peer Advocacy - Jobs available
- More problems between the state and the federal government about our services
- The DD Council is looking for new members.
Board Retreat in Killington Vermont

Overnight Retreat for Board Members and Officers in March–May 2024

Day One
- Arrive by 10:00
- Lunch 12:00 to 1:00
- Work from 1 to 4 (with lots of breaks)
- 4:00 check in to our hotel rooms.
- 6:30 Dinner and relax.

Day Two
- Breakfast together 8:00
- Work from 9 to noon (with lots of breaks)
- Lunch 12:00 to 1:00
- 2:00 Leave
2024 Officer Elections

- January, we will review what each officer does and basic requirements
- February, we will find out who is interested in running
- In March, people will make their campaign speeches
- Members will vote during April and May
- Announcement of new officers in May 2024
The president will run and lead meetings or ask for a volunteer to run the meeting. They must be willing to share the spotlight. Be willing to represent the group.

Be willing to listen to and respect the other person’s point of view. Work with others to prepare the agenda, possibly at the Officer’s meeting.

The President must be their own guardian.

Attend 1 officer meeting a month on Zoom.
Vice President

The Vice President will do the work of the President if the President is absent. They may be asked to represent Green Mountain Self-Advocates at meetings with other groups.

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The Secretary will read the minutes at Board meetings. They will help with the e-newsletter and Facebook postings.

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The Treasurer will present money reports at Board meetings 4 times a year.

They will sign official documents.

They will work on making our budget for the year.

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Attend 1 officer meeting a month on Zoom.
The board discussed offering a Special Price for local group members to attend the Voices and Choices. The board decided **NOT to give any discount.** Instead members who regularly attend group meetings will get a free backpack or sweatshirt if they go to the conference.

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| A    | FULL CONFERENCE  
All events & meals on Tuesday & Wednesday  
(does not include hotel)  
Special price for Members of local groups.  
Discount is for all members who went to group meetings in 2022.  
Discount $135. | $160  
Due March 24 | $200  
Last day to get a hotel room is March 31. |
| B    | APRIL 26TH - WEDNESDAY ONLY  
Wednesday events and meals.  
Special price for Members of local groups.  
Discount is for all members who went to group meetings in 2022.  
Discount $36. | $80  
Due March 24 | $100  
Last day to sign up is April 10 |
Planning Committee for Voices and Choices

All are welcome
Committee members included:
   Chris D, Chad C., Lisa R., Erik J., Nicole V. and Marj B.
Meetings are second Monday of month
From 10:30 to 12

- February 12
- March 11
- April 8

Use GMSA link - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/905238684
Peer Advocacy Project

Lisa, Chad, Levi, and Nicole will serve on a 1 year Advisory committee for the Project

February 15th - Applications open for:

● 3 co-coordinators (2 with the lived experience of receiving developmental services

● Hire up to 16 Peer Advocates who get services from HCRS, Lincoln Street, Families First, NKHS, Community Associates, Champlain Community Services, Howard, and Upper Valley Services

● Peer Advocates work together to teach workshops
  ○ Getting ready for your Person-Centered Planning or ISA
  ○ Know your Rights Under the HCBS Rule and What to Do if My Rights Are Not Respected;

● Peer Advocates, working in teams of at least 2 people to provide “office hours” twice a week
To apply you must be an adult with a developmental disability or a family member. A developmental disability is any disability that began to show itself before the age of 22.

Our members meet 4 times a year. It is an all day meeting. You get a stipend and lunch. You may attend in-person or on Zoom. We talk with legislators, learn what’s going on in our state, and decide how VTDDC’s funding can best help Vermonters with developmental disabilities. Many members serve on sub-committees.
For information about VTDDC and our members, please visit our website at:
https://ddc.vermont.gov/about-us/membership

The application for membership is totally accessible and should only take a few minutes of your time.

>> You do not need to know how to read or write English to apply.

>> Would you like support to finish your application? Reach out to Council staff and let's get started!

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