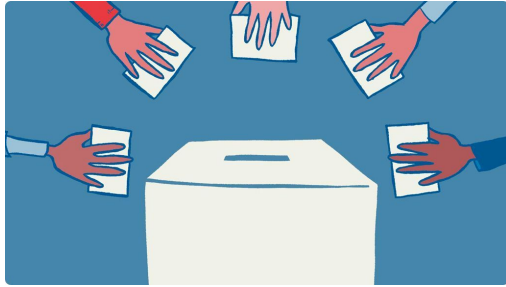


GMSA Board Meeting Agenda for March 25, 2024



- Review and approve the agenda.
- Board member Introductions. Share update about your self-advocacy group
- 2024 GMSA Board Officer Elections. Today Speeches are made by people who are running.
- Disability Awareness Day
- Kirsten Isgro will discuss Long COVID
- Board Retreat
- Voices and Choices Conference - Select Statewide Ally of the Year
- 11:15 Financial Report from Accountant
- The DD Council is looking for new members.



2024 Officer Elections

- Today 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

President

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.

David Frye and Lisa Rudiakov are running for President.

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.

Attend 1 officer meeting a month on Zoom.

Levi Gardner and and Marje Burns are running for Vice-President

Secretary

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

They may be asked to represent Green Mountain Self-Advocates at meetings with other groups.

Attend 1 officer meeting a month on Zoom.

Nicole Villemaire is running for Secretary

Treasurer

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

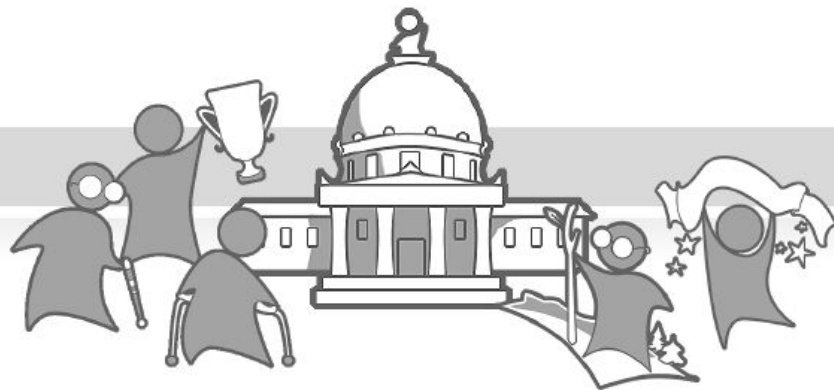
They will sign official documents.

They will work on making our budget for the year.

They may be asked to represent Green Mountain Self-Advocates at meetings with other groups. They will attend 1 officer meeting a month on Zoom.

The Treasurer must be their own guardian.

Chad Cleverley is running for Treasurer



EVERY DAY IS

DISABILITY AWARENESS DAY AT THE STATE HOUSE.

Legislators would like to meet you.

Join your Representatives, Senators, and peers to talk about how things are going for Vermonters with disabilities.

Where: Card Room outside the State House Cafeteria,
Montpelier, Vermont

When: Friday, March 29, 2024 at 8 am to 12 noon.

You can join us for a quick visit or stay for the entire time.

Board Retreat in Killington Vermont

Overnight Retreat for Board Members and GMSA Officers in **Date change 5/13 -5/14**

Killington Grand Hotel - it is free for Board members to attend.

Day One

- Arrive for 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



Voices & Choices

- Deadline for early cheaper registration is being extended to March 29th
- We are looking for an ally interested in doing the Flash Mob Dance
- Tia Nelis is our keynote speaker.



Pick Our Statewide Ally Of The Year

To get you thinking, here is a list of winners from the past

- Suki, Kirsten Murphy, Skye, DRVT, VT LEND, Workers Center, Katherine Mclaughlin, Jeff Coy, Pascal, Harvey Lavoy, DD Council, Anthony Polina, Theresa Wood...
- We are looking for someone who supports GMSA and self-advocacy on a statewide level.
- Some suggestions for this year are:
 - Theresa Wood for sounding the alarm about the forensic facility
 - June Bascom is retiring and she is a long time supporter of people who type and GMSA overall.
 - CDCI

Planning Committee for Voices and Choices

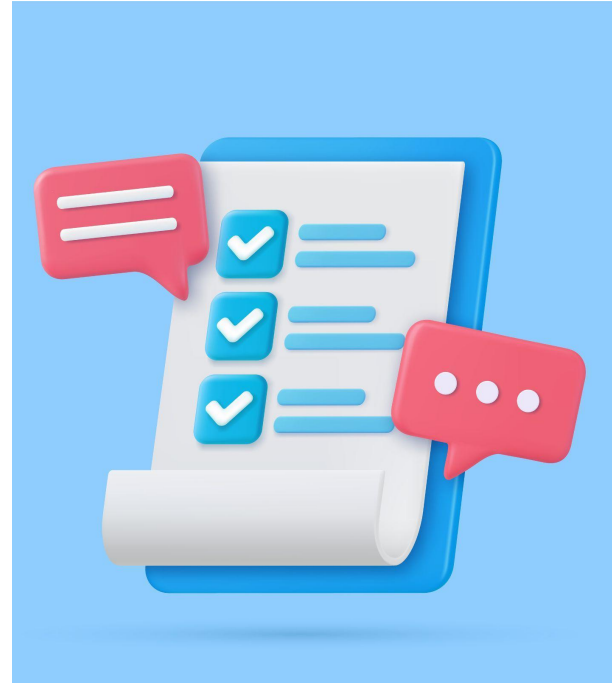
All are welcome

Committee members included:

Chris D, Lisa R., Erik J., Karen
Noone, and Marj B.

Meetings are second Monday of
month From 10:30 to 12

- April 8



Use GMSA link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/905238684>



The Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council needs members. They are a board that identifies and addresses important issues for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

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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