

## Guidelines for the Legislative Affairs Committee

The function of this committee shall be: (1) to establish and maintain communication with the NSLHA Board and membership regarding legislative issues that affect NSLHA membership; (2) communicate with NSLHA members regarding issues at local, state and national levels; (3) to work with the NSLHA lobbyist to develop strategies to monitor and respond to legislation and licensure issues on behalf of the professions and (4) take action as approved by the Board of Directors.

The membership of this committee shall consist of a minimum of two members (one SLP; one Audiologist) and the NSLHA lobbyist with the chair(s) appointed according to Board policy.

- I. Purposes of the Committee:
  - A. To increase involvement regarding legislation that affects the NSLHA membership.
  - B. Review legislation that will affect services that are provided by the membership.
  - C. Relay information to the Board of Directors regarding legislative bills that may affect NSLHA membership.
  - D. Support issues and concerns related to speech, language, and hearing professionals in schools, clinics, hospitals, research facilities, industry and universities throughout the state of Nebraska.
  - E. To increase consumer awareness of legislation as it affects the recipients of NSLHA membership service providers.

### Nebraska Speech-Language and Hearing Association Deadlines for the Legislative Affairs Committee

#### Example of 30-day session starting in January and going through April

January	*Invite lobbyist to Board Meeting for preview of upcoming session *Attend Board Meeting *Submit report for the February issue of <i>The Networker</i>
February	*
March	*Submit report for the Board Agenda
April	*Attend Board Meeting *Submit final report for the May issue of <i>The Networker</i>
May	*
June	*Submit items for the Board Agenda
July	*Attend Board Meeting
August	*
September	*Submit items for the Board Agenda
October	*Attend Board Meeting *Attend Annual Convention *Attend Annual Membership Meeting & Awards Luncheon *Attend Transition Meeting in October, November or December, if needed
November	*Up-date Procedure Manual
December	*Submit report for the Board Agenda *Check with NSLHA Director regarding contract with lobbying firm *Conference call may be needed with lobbyist regarding upcoming session

**\*\*Please note calendar will depend on if it's a 60 or 90-day session\*\***