

## Minutes from BATOD Eastern region AGM - 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016

### Agenda

- Chair's report
- Feedback from Secretary
- Feedback from Treasurer

### Minutes from the meeting

In addition to the Chair's report (see attached) Jo Sayers asked colleagues for feedback about possible training topics for next academic year. There was a very positive feeling about the topics suggested and using a venue in Bury St Edmunds. As the number of delegates on Ear Foundation Courses are limited to 20, Jo Sayers suggested that each LA would be allocated a number of places and asked to respond within a timescale. A waiting list would also be set up in case LAs didn't use all their allocated places.

As a small committee it was felt that using an Ear Foundation course would be the easiest way to provide a training day for the region. The suggested cost for delegates was £30.

The Secretary thanked other committee members for their support in meetings and helping with sending minutes. There was also a request for an updated email list for Heads of Sensory Services in the eastern region. Paul Simpson will be contacted to see if he can supply this information.

The Treasurer reported that the budget had not changed since the last AGM (a float of £1000) and it was felt that some of this could be used to subsidise the planned Ear Foundation conference for delegates in 2017.

Members were reminded that they are welcome to attend committee meetings next academic year and that we still need representation from across the regions.

Proposed dates for meetings;

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017

For further information about venue and timings members were asked to contact the Secretary on [trina.rankin@westgate.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:trina.rankin@westgate.suffolk.sch.uk)

**Chair's report:**

**BATOD Eastern Region AGM - 07.07.16**

Our last AGM was held in Peterborough at a training day about BCHI. My report at this meeting focused on trying to engage more with members across the region to gather information about what was happening in different Local Authorities.

As many members found it hard to attend our committee meetings we decided to identify a key liaison person within each region and committee members were charged with contacting them for an update before each committee meeting. To help us do this we devised a crib sheet with questions we could email asking for feedback. This process has been very useful as a way of informing BATOD members (via the minutes sent out from the meeting) about what is happening across our region.

We are aware however, that we currently only have 2 regions represented at our committee meetings and would like to see this expand over the coming year. We have recently discussed the possibility of having virtual members present at our meeting via applications such as Skype or Facetime. We trialled using Facetime with one committee member who was unable to attend in person and this worked well. There are currently technical issues we are trying to overcome with expanding this to more members who would want to attend our meetings virtually.

At the start of the year we were approached by Otometrics about delivering a presentation on Auricle HIT, their new hearing aid fitting system. Sadly the meeting had to be cancelled at the last minute due to the presenter being unwell.

As a small committee we are limited in capacity and time required for organising a BATOD East training day in the next year. Due to limited attendance from BATOD members at committee meetings and previous training events we want to ensure that any future event would be well attended.

As a committee we have discussed the possibility of booking an Ear Foundation course for a day conference. Potential topics might include;

- Children with Cochlear Implants-Slow to progress
- Social Thinking for Deaf children and teenagers

The proposed date for a day conference is Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017, venue to be confirmed. Numbers will be limited to 20 so we will have to give each LA a number of delegate places initially. We will operate a waiting list if places become available. The cost of the conference is likely to be £30 approx. per person.

**Jo Sayers - BATOD Eastern Region Chair**

