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Vice President for Speech Pathology Annual Report
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ACTIVITIES

- Attended Board meetings and Convention
- Responded to phone and email requests regarding school caseload, school issues, progress monitoring, how to access speech support in schools
- Participated in on line discussion and voting
- Submitted article for fall and winter Keystater
- Met with Schools Committee and PASS at convention regarding the shortage of school therapists. Reviewed and approved report to be sent to PDE (Special Education Directors) outlining issues impacting the shortage including use of unqualified teachers (biology, history, etc) to provide speech/language support, outdated PA Praxis test instead of National Speech Pathology Praxis test #0330, shortage of PhD at the college level, demographics of currently employed school therapists (most between 45 and 55), emergency certification and outcomes caused by these issues
- Met with Early Intervention SLPs to attempt to form an early Intervention Committee

FUTURE PLANS

- Follow up with Committees and PDE activities
- Recruit for committees