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Vice President for Governmental Relations Annual Report
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Summary of Activities (June 2007-April 2008)

- Provided lobbyist David Tive with feedback from Executive Board meeting on the first circulated draft of the licensure rewrite
- Investigated the licensure language and laws on provisional/temporary licensure in all states surrounding PA including New York, Ohio, West Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey, and Delaware
- Suggested language to add to third revision of licensure rewrite draft re: provisional licensure
- Worked with David Tive to prepare and circulate draft #3 of the licensure rewrite to members of the PSHA Executive Board for feedback
- Supported David Tive's request to provide PAC funds to Representatives Sturla and Adolph, and Senator Boscola
- Wrote blurb for summer Keystater about PAC fund donations
- Reviewed HB1517, 1573, 1596, and SB919 and provided feedback to the lobbyist when requested
- Participated in conference calls with PSHA President, President Elect, Past President, lobbyist, and members of the Educational Resources for Children with Hearing Loss advisory subcommittee of the Bureau of Special Education re: maintaining inclusion of teachers of the hearing impaired in the licensure act
- Summarized changes to draft#4 of the licensure rewrite to be circulated to PSHA members
- Reviewed and responded to over 25 emails from various PSHA members about licensure rewrite changes
- Worked with PSHA President on response letter to Mr. John J. Tommasini, Director of the Bureau of Special Education which was subsequently mailed to Mr. Tommasini
- Provided feedback on letter drafted by the President Elect to Leader Services re: billing codes and services provided by teachers of the hearing impaired
- Participated in ASHA Advocacy Training Teleseminar
- Created presentation on licensure rewrite for Board of Examiners meeting
- Attended and presented at the Board of Examiners meeting the proposed changes to the licensure rewrite and fielded questions as they arose
- Assisted with writing a "workload" description for Section 3 Definitions of the licensure rewrite draft from information collected by President Craig Coleman
- Participated in conference call with David Tive, PSHA Lobbyist, Ted Mowatt, PAA Lobbyist, PSHA President Craig Coleman, PSHA President Elect David Stein, and members of PAA to finalize language for the licensure rewrite draft
- Approved changes to version 5.0 of the licensure write

- Reviewed list and provided feedback about possible prime sponsors for licensure bill in the House and Senate
- Reviewed and provided minor editorial changes to PAA/PSHA Talking Points to be used with possible prime sponsors
- Received news that David and Ted have found a prime sponsor for the House bill.
- Wrote article for Winter Keystater about the process of legislative advocacy
- Collaborated with President Craig Coleman, President-Elect David Stein, and lobbyist David Tive on additional workload language of the licensure rewrite draft
- Introduced implications of new Chapter 49 regs of Article 22 for SLI Instructional Certificate to Executive Board and the need to work with PDE on recategorizing our certificate from instructional to specialist
- Participated in Strategic Plan conference call with PSHA members
- Participated in conference call with Rend Al-Mondhiry, ASHA Liaison to Pennsylvania for State Legislative and Regulatory Advocacy
- Consulted with Craig and David Stein about email letter forwarded to my be Diane from a individual inquiring as to any grassroots activities in the state in support of presidential candidate Hillary Clinton and responded to this inquiry
- Participated in phone conference regarding PDE's suggestion to decrease the requirements for SLPs in the school setting
- Updated PSHA membership who attended Townhall meeting about SB 1342 and upcoming talking points and letter/email templates to be posted on PSHA website