



Self Advocates in Leadership

# SAIL UPDATE

October 2014

At the last meeting the SAIL legislative Agenda was reviewed. At this upcoming meeting the group will finalize the Agenda. Thanks to everyone who participated in all of our discussions!

**Don't forget to get out and VOTE on November 4, 2014. Your vote does matter!! The person voted in represents you in Olympia!!**

If you are able, this would be a very good meeting to attend. This is the first meeting that the next steps for SAIL will be discussed. Brian will be there! Also Betty Schwieterman of Disability Rights Washington is coming to the meeting to talk about a video idea that SAIL might want to partner in. Please put it on your calendar, every voice is needed!

## Emily is Changing Jobs and that Means Changes for SAIL

I have been involved with SAIL since the very beginning. We have come a long way!! It is with an amazing amount of gratitude and pride that I say goodbye. I am moving into a new time in my life and have accepted a position with the Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council. I feel like I am taking a new seat at a familiar table, which will bring new challenges. Please know that I am always going to be a huge supporter of SAIL, even if it's from the sidelines. I look forward to the great things that will come next for you my friends! Please feel free to contact me, I would like to stay in touch. Very Sincerely, Emily

## A Note from the Chair

October 2014

Hello! We finally succeeded with our Guidelines. Thanks to everyone who worked on them! We have had many successes with Emily. Thank you for your dedication and leadership. Changes are coming, be a part of the conversation!

Sincerely, Anthony Nash II, Chair of SAIL

# November 11

# December 9

The November and December meetings will be at the Red Lion Hotel-SeaTac. After that, please look here, to find out where the meetings are going to be located.

## SAIL GUIDELINES AS OF OCTOBER 2014

During the SAIL meeting these guidelines were voted on and approved.

### Voting:

- In order to be eligible to be elected, a person must attend meetings for 1 year in person or by Skype
- The group will elect a new Vice-Chair every 2 years. When the two year term of the Chair ends the Vice-Chair moves into the Chair position and a new Vice Chair is elected.
- If a person is elected to the Vice-Chair position and then serves as Chair their length of service will be 4 years.
- Past Chair is not an official position however individuals who have been Chair can let other people know that during their introduction, to be available as a resource

### To ensure accountability:

- Two people who cannot vote count the votes
- The results are given to the Chair who announces the winner
- Specific vote totals are not released
- The winner is publicized in the Newsletter and on Facebook
- Ballots will be kept for 7 years in a file in the SAIL office

### The Chris Purnell Award:

- The name of the award is to be The Self Advocates in Leadership Memorial Award.
- There will be a page added to the SAIL website in memory of those who have passed away.
- The award will be given out in memory of a SAIL member(s) who have recently passed away.
- The Award will be given to a community member or organization that is agreed upon by the group.

There was also a conversation and general agreement that each May we would revisit the Award if someone had passed on along with recapping and celebrating the end of the Session.