

*It's not what you look at that matters,
it's what you see...*

Henry David Thoreau

Dear NIDCAP Community,

Due to family responsibilities during this challenging time, Deborah Buehler will step back from her responsibilities as NFI Board member and NFI President for a period of time, hoping to return in September, being well assured that the NFI continues in the strong capable hands of the Board of Directors, Committee Chairs and its Members. I, as NFI Vice President, will step in as Acting President during this period of time. Please direct any questions, comments or concerns to me via email dvitt8@gmail.com. Our hearts, thoughts and prayers go out to Deborah and her family during this difficult time.

On behalf of Deborah, I send you the August updates...

NFI Updates & News



NIDCAP Updates



32nd Annual NIDCAP Trainers Meeting

October 20-22, 2021

A Virtual Video Conference

Registration will open soon.

nidcap.org/32nd-nidcap-trainers-meeting/



NFI Webinar Series

· The second webinar in the NFI Series was held on July 12, 2021 and presented by Jane Holmes Bernstein, PhD, a staff neuropsychologist at Boston Children's Hospital and an Associate Professor of Psychology at Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts. Dr. Bernstein's presentation received many compliments and comments on its relevance to understanding learning styles and challenges that prematurely born children may experience in formal educational environments. Watch for the posting of this webinar on the NFI website's Learning Center.

· A third webinar is being planned for September with a presentation by Mary E. Coughlin, MS, NNP, RNC-E and Kristy Fuller, OTR/L, CNT on the Trauma Informed Professional Certificate Program.



NEW Family Resource Videos

Three more short films were released recently on the [Learning Center](#):

- *Taking My Baby Home (Jennifer Degl)*
- *Preparing for Discharge from the NICU (gretchen Lawhon)*
- *What is Life Like after the NICU (Latoshia Rouse)*

This project was created with funding support from Dräger and under the direction of Jim Helm and Jennifer Degl.

NFI Membership and Board of Directors



NFI Membership Meeting, October 21, 2021

Board of Directors Elections Annual Call for Nominations

Members are invited to nominate candidates for the upcoming NFI Board of Directors election which will take place during the NFI Membership Meeting at the Trainers Meeting. There are two at-large seats and one family representative seat open for election.

The nominating period is open and extends until *August 27th, 2021 at 11.59 PM EDT*.

Call for Nomination email was sent to all members on the NFI Google list and is attached here.

Please contact Gloria McNulty, PhD, NFI Board Member and nominations representative, with questions and interest: nfigovernance@nidcap.org



NFI FY 2020-21 Board Members & Executive Council

Video Conference Call Minutes

When available, the full NFI Board of Director Minutes will be posted within our website's Membership Section. The following are **HIGHLIGHTS** from the July Board Meeting discussion.

July 14, 2021

- *The dates for the BOD's end of year (FY20-21) meeting and first meeting of the next fiscal year (FY21-22) meeting are being finalized.*
- *The second NFI webinar presented by Jane Holmes Bernstein was well received; a third webinar is being scheduled for September.*
- *The June BOD minutes were approved.*
- *Governance Committee Updates: The "call for nominations to the Board" will be sent soon. Two at large seats and one family representative seat are up for election. The website's voting functionality will be piloted soon. The BOD discussed the logistics of establishing a page on the website that lists NIDCAP Professionals in good standing. A revision of the NFI Membership Policy was approved. It was updated to include the new "Allied Member" category and clarifies the distinction between "Honorary" and "Emeritus" members.*
- *Advancement Committee Update: The concept of an NFI "Speaker's Bureau" was suggested. This service would be accessible for a small fee to organizers looking for speakers. Speakers, who would be vetted by the NFI, would be listed on the NFI website with the topics on which they speak/present. The availability of such a service could help spread information about NIDCAP and perhaps be revenue generating.*

With warm regards,
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