



Self Advocates in Leadership

# SAIL UPDATE

October 2012



## Election Day

**Don't forget to get your ballot in on November 6, 2012!**

## Working Out the Legislative Agenda for 2013

It was quite a lively discussion as people began to talk about the issues that are particularly important to them. There were several issues that everyone decided needed more research and information before any decisions were made. Over the next several months a number of members will take a second look at these ideas and bring additional information to the group.

### More Research and Information Needed

- Isolation in Adult Family Homes
- Changes to Respite Laws
- Provider Registry
- Training Cost/Training Issues
- Community Protection
- Self-Directed Services

For the 2013 Legislative Agenda Closing RHC's/Improving Community Supports was once again something everyone agreed should be on the agenda. The other top vote getters are listed below.

- Protect Self Advocacy Organizations (24)
- Transportation (22)
- Van Accessible Parking (Bill) (21)
- Tax Reform/Revenue Enhancements (20)
- Low/No Cuts to MPC (20)
- Low/No Cuts to Dental (20)

**The FINAL design and content of the Legislative Agenda will be agreed to at the next meeting!**

## A Note from the Chair



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Hello!

It was great to see so many people at the meeting! Thanks for making your voice heard! Remember to bring your reasons for nominating a person for the Chris Purnel Award. At the next meeting the group will vote on who should be the next recipient of the Chris Purnel Advocacy Award. Congratulations to Brian Dahl for receiving an award from The Arc of Washington State.

Sincerely, Corinna Fale, Chair of SAIL

Roger Freeman who is running for a Representative position in District 30 (Federal Way) was not able to make the meeting. He has rescheduled for next month.

### Nominations and Voting for the Chris Purnel Advocacy Award Will Happen Next Month

Several months ago it was decided that the Chris Purnel Award should be opened up to a larger group of deserving people. If you know someone who deserves to be recognized please be able to describe them to the group as well as why you believe they are deserving of this award. Voting will also happen at the next meeting! Who would you nominate?

### As We Approach the Election Several Hard Decisions Need To Be Made

The group had a discussion about several federal issues that would directly impact people with disabilities. Several things are very concerning and would mean major changes. Right now there is one lawsuit dealing with MPC, that people are contacting the Governor's Office and asking her to please let the 9th Circuit Court Ruling stand. Another action you can take is to call your Congress people and ask them to make a decision around the sequester (super committee budget cuts). It is always a good idea to stay informed. Your voice is important!

**VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!**

Remember this November is a critical election! It is very important that everyone comes out to make your voice heard by voting! Now is the time to make sure you are registered and will get you ballot in the mail! Ever wondered how some of the Candidates might respond to questions you might ask them? The Arc of Washington put together a survey that might give you an idea of their perspectives as they come and try to be elected to the legislature. Those surveys can be found by going to: [www.arcwa.org](http://www.arcwa.org) and at the bottom there is a heading Don't Cut Our Lifeline! You will find the surveys under that heading listed by district number. This is a great way to learn about what is important to the candidates! Their responses might help you make informed choices when you vote!