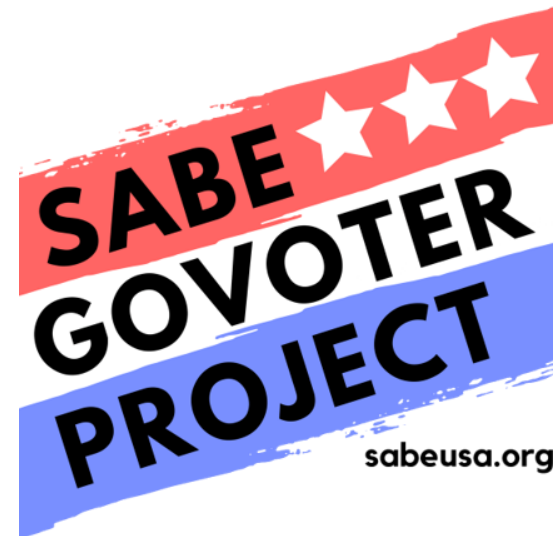
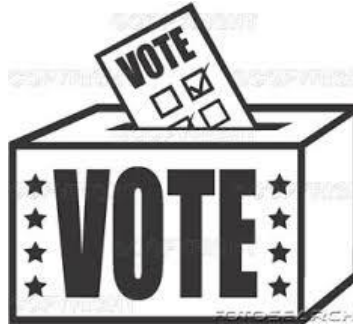


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Polls Question 1 Who is in the session?



Are you a P&A staff?

Are you a person with a disability?

Are you a family member?

Are you a personal assistant?

Roots of the self advocacy movement

- Doctors supported institution option
- System supported guardianship
- History of being used or abused
- History of being picked on

Self Advocacy Then to Now

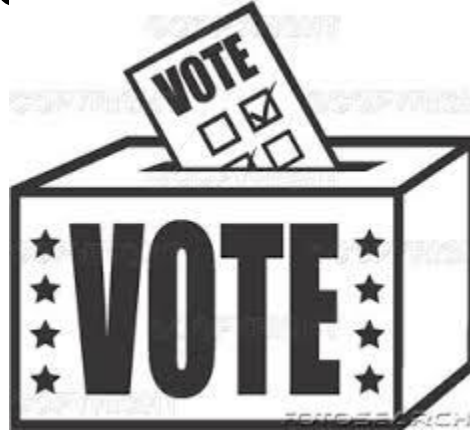
- Desire for their voice to be heard
- Desire for more control of their life
- Desire for real work and real pay
- Desire to be seen as equal and to be respected

Self advocacy as community building

- Groups started to form
- Gave each other support to tell their story
- People wanted to support the members of the group
- Ask how we can make it better for each other?
- Supporters needed to teach each other how to be an ally

Poll Question # 2

Are you working together?



P&As are you currently working with self advocates or a self advocacy organization?

Self advocates are you currently working with a P&A?

Yes, we have in the past. Our project was _____

Yes, Our project is _____

No

Self advocacy and the P&As

- Self advocates want everyone to be able to people up for their rights.
- We have many talents the P&A can use
- We help each other be better teachers

**Time and energy leads to a relationship
with a bigger pay off**

Hire Us

- Our stories have power
- New P&A Clients may be afraid
- Staff with disabilities can help clients build trust with the P&A
- We often are well connected to other organizations and people



More Self Advocacy Information

- Self Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE)

<https://sabeusa.org>



- SABE GoVoter Project

<https://sabeusa.org/govote>



- SARTAC (Self Advocacy Resource Technical Assistance Center)

<https://selfadvocacyinfo.org/>



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Final thoughts...

Thank you!