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CNYSGNA GENERAL MEETING October 2nd , 2004
Century House (518) 785-0931 997 New Loudon Road Latham, New York, 12110

Board Members Present:

Immediate Past President Mary Anne Malone, RN, CGRN
President Catherine Collins, BS, BSN, CGRN
President-Elect Barbara Schwant BSN, RN, CGRN
Secretary Gayle Millis, AAS, RN, CGRN
Budget and Finance Chair Janet Moran, RN
Bylaws Chair Mary George, RN, CGRN

Absent:

Treasurer Cathleen Bolton, RN, CGRN
Education Chair Coleen Feocco, BA, RN, CGRN
Membership Chair Carole Wood, RN, CGRN

Call to Order: 4:00 PM by President Cathy Collins.

Secretary's Report: Gayle read the notes from the General Meeting that was held at the Doubletree Inn in North Syracuse on March 20th 2004. There were no additions or corrections. Sue Gursky made the motion to accept the minutes as read and the motion was seconded by Barbara Schwant.

Treasurer's Report: Read by the President in Cathy Bolton's absence.

~~Balance as of 3/18/04 was \$27,085.73~~

~~Revenues were \$10,465.67~~

~~Disbursements were \$11,386.41~~

~~Balance as of 9/11/04 was \$26,164.99~~

See accompanying report sent by Cathy Bolton for details.

Sue Gursky made the motion to accept the report and it was seconded.

Budget and Finance: Janet Moran reported that there were 10 vendors here today and their contact for the Spring Meeting will be Mary Fran Cumiskey.

Bylaws: Mary George stated that a copy of the Bylaws with the proposed changes were sent to each member of our regional for review in order to save a lot of time at this meeting. There were 40+ changes, many of which would make them consistent with National's. The date on the first page will read "2004" and the word "amended" will be used on the last page for each year changes were made. Mary asked if there were any questions or comments and the issue was raised that we are having a hard enough time filling the ballots now without requiring certification as a prerequisite. Some felt that certification would show commitment. Others wondered how many of our members were certified. President Cathy Collins asked for a vote in favor of deleting this requirement for the time being. Many hands were raised. She then asked if anyone wanted to keep the change and no hands were raised. There being no other discussion, Gayle Millis made the motion to accept this change and it was seconded. Mary Ellen Barrett made the motion to accept the rest of the changes and Barbara Schwant seconded the motion.

Education: As a member of this committee, Eilenn Fox gave the report in Coleen Feocco's absence.

There were 56 attendees today.

One certification rebate of \$100 was given this year. Anyone who has belonged to CNYSGNA for at least a year and certifies or re-certifies this year can send a xeroxed copy of their certificate to Treasurer Cathleen Bolton to receive theirs. This program is set for a 5-year trial period.

Janet Moran received tuition reimbursement for this conference.

Everyone is encouraged to apply for these benefits. The applications for the National and Regional Conferences

will be in the mail soon along with the current Policy and Procedure.
Binghamton will host the 2005 Spring Teaching day on April 9th.
Cathy Collins has offered to host the Fall Meeting.
A round of applause was given to Mary Anne Malone for presenting today's conference.

Nominations and Elections: Mary Anne Malone reported that 97 ballots were mailed out and 30 were returned. The votes were counted by Doug Millis with the following results:
President-Elect will be Mary Anne Malone.
Treasurer will be Cathleen Bolton.
Membership Chair will be Madeline Gates.
The Bylaws Chair was inadvertently omitted on the Ballot. Since only four people came forward to serve and four positions were needed, the Board called Carolyn McKay last evening to ask her if she would be willing to serve on the Board as Chair of the Bylaws Committee. She accepted the offer with the understanding that the position would be open for nominations at this meeting. Mary Anne opened the floor for volunteers, but there were none. Mary George preferred not to stay on for another term, therefore Carolyn was unanimously voted in as Chair of the Bylaws Committee.
It was brought up that more nominations are needed for the ballots and prospective candidates need to be contacted personally instead of waiting for volunteers.
Mary Ellen Barrett made the motion to destroy the ballots and it was seconded.
Eileen Fox made the motion to accept the Nominations and Election's report and it was seconded

Nolf: Barbara Schwant reported that there would be a meeting in November if there was enough interest. Guidelines are available on LPNs and IV therapy in acute settings.
There will be a Legislative Workshop March 6th and 7th with contact hours. Call 1-800-724-NYRN for more information.
NYSNA offers a program to help nurses who have drug or alcohol problems. Let Barbara know if you want more info on this.
Deb Chrissley made the motion to accept the NOLF report and it was seconded.

Old Business: Gayle Millis will continue to contact SIGNEA to see if their program of foreign nurse sponsorship is still in effect.

New Business:

Eileen Fox told about meeting one of the two women who started a "Train the Trainer's" program in Tom's River, N.J. It graduates Endo Techs who are taught Anatomy and Physiology, Care of Scopes, and literally all aspects of working in an endoscopy setting. The program is one day a week for a full college semester and can be offered locally in conjunction with a local institution. Eileen will get more information on this and will get back to us at a later date.
CNYSGNA will be celebrating it's 25th Anniversary next year. Cathy Collins would like pictures or other memorabilia you might have to show at the Fall Meeting. She will look into having the conference at the ConMed facility located in Utica as their rep offered it to us free of charge. Cathy may also arrange to host the National Certification Exam.

Adjournment: The Meeting was called to a close at 4:25 P.M. Sue Gursky made the motion and it was seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
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