

CNYSGNA GENERAL SPRING MEETING APRIL 8, 2005
Treadway Inn (607) 687-4500 1100 RT 17C Owego, New York 13827

Board Members Present:

Immediate Past President Catherine Collins, BS, BSN,CGRN
President Barbara Schwant,BSN,RN,CGRN
President-Elect Mary Anne Malone,RN,CGRN
Secretary Gayle Millis,AAS,RN,CGRN
Treasurer Cathleen Bolton,RN,CGRN
Budget and Finance Chair Janet Moran,RN
Education Chair Coleen Feocco,BA,RN,CGRN
Membership Chair Madeline Gates, RN,CGRN
Bylaws Chair Carolyn McKay,BA,RN,CGRN

Absent: none **Total Present:** 17

Call to order: 3:37 P.M. by President Barbara Schwant. With a thankyou for those who stayed for the business meeting.

Secretary's Report: Gayle read the minutes from the Fall General Meeting that was held Oct.2nd 2004 at the Century House in Latham, NY. There were no corrections or additions . Mary Anne Malone made the motion to accept the minutes as read, and the motion was seconded by Eileen Fox.

Treasurer's Report:

Cathy Bolton read her reports on the CNYSGNA /Ellis Hospital ERCP conference held on Nov. 6 , 2004 and the CNYSGNA Treasurer's Report. One registration check from the Spring Meeting bounced. A bill will be sent to that person's new address. See the accompanying sheets for a full report.

Coleen Feocco made the motion to accept the report as given and it was seconded by Doug Millis.

Budget and Finance: Janet Moran reported that 14 vendors were present today and that the "CNYSGNA GUIDELINES FOR REIMBURSEMENT" was finished at the Board meeting last night. Cathy made the motion that the report be accepted and it was seconded by Eileen Fox.

Bylaws: The last newsletter mistakenly announced that Mary George was the Chair of this committee, when it was actually Carolyn McKay. All the changes that were approved at the Fall Meeting have been made , and they will be forwarded to Carolyn for distribution. The other members on this committee are Mary George and Gayle Millis. Mary Ellen Barrett made the motion that this report be accepted and it was seconded by Mary Fran Cummiskey.

Education:

Today's conference: 87 attendees and 14 vendors were present. Mary Fran stated that only 30 of all those attending are CNYSGNA members. Mary Ellen added that some are certified and still are not members of our local organization. One hospital's group wanted to have a discount if so many came, but it was felt that our fees are already a fraction of what others charge, so it will not be considered.

Fall conference: a 25th Gala affair to be held October 15th and 16th in the capitol area, with the

certification exam being offered on Sunday. Our past presidents will be invited and Cathy Bolton will be presenting new CNYSGNA pins to all our members. Cathy Collins will be collecting old pictures for 2 more weeks, then they can be sent to Barbara Schwant.

Spring conference 2006: Will be presented by St. Luke's in Utica.

Fall of 2006: We will be planning a multi-regional conference with Vermont.

Scholarships: Please apply!!!! Sue Gursky received \$1000 for National this year! One person applied for today's conference, but did not meet the requirements.

Certification Reimbursement: Send a copy of your certificate to Treasurer Cathy Bolton and get \$100 back for your accomplishment!

Dinner Meetings: There will be 2 in Syracuseone on virtual colonoscopy by Viatronics and one by Ethicon (J&J) on Esophageal capsule. Barbara Schwant and Terry Markiewicz are working on one on Conscious Sedation and Propofol in the Albany area, and Glens Falls may also have one. Some dinner meetings are self pay and some are sponsored by the Reps.

Cathy Bolton made the motion that the Educational report be accepted, and the motion was seconded by Maddi Gates.

Membership: There are 77 members of CNYSGNA as of today. The committee is working on a packet for new members including laminated info about our regional. We were all encouraged to contact nurses from local MD offices . Cathy brought materials for Maddi to put out on the registration table today and all were taken.

Nominations and Elections: Since Cathy Collins won't be here in the Fall, Mary Anne Malone will be taking over this responsibility. Positions are needed for President-Elect, Secretary, Education Chair, and Budget and Finance Chair . Mary Ellen Barrett made the motion to accept this report and it was seconded by Cathy Bolton.

NOLF: Barbara Schwant reported that the next NYSNA meeting was coming up soon, and she will publish the info in the next newsletter.

New Business:

Signea: Gayle reported that we are supporting 3 nurses though the organization has not given us their biographies as of yet. It was suggested that she call to see if we can get them. Cathy Bolton mentioned that they are having their National Meeting in Montreal this fall.

Cathy Collins: Will be leaving for North Carolina in a couple of weeks. We want to thank her for all she has done for CNYSGNA and wish her the best of luck.

National: Let Mary Anne Malone know if you are going to National so she can order shirts for Regional Night. Cathy Bolton is being honored and is going to have a table up front at the Certification Dinner this year. Cathy says there is going to be entertainment at the Gala Dinner this year. Everyone is to save "Land of Lakes" butter cartons for a display since this year's Regional Night theme is "Land of 1000 Lakes".

Certification Exam: Let Barbara Schwant know if you want to take the test during our Fall Gala Event. There is a minimal number requirement to host a site.

Scholarship Applications: Some of our members say they didn't know about them. They were printed in color to make them stand out more at the last mailing.

House of Delegate Resolutions were reviewed and voted on.

Recipies: Send your favorites to Mary Anne Malone for our Gala cookbook.

Old Business:

Honorariums: Were increased from the old \$100 amount to \$250 at the Fall Board Meeting. Some feel this is too much since National speakers receive that amount. Others felt that \$250 wasn't all that much for all the time and effort that goes into preparing a program, and there was plenty of money in our treasury to cover it. Janet sends out forms to the vendors to sponsor the more expensive speakers. There was a suggestion to compromise at a figure of \$150 til the Board could reassess it at the Fall Meeting. Coleen Feocco made the motion to table the discussion and Cathy Bolton seconded it.

Web Site: Mary Ellen Barrett's son or daughter will be asked to set one up for us. She needs to know what we want on it. Some of the suggestions included minutes of meetings, a message board, a discussion forum, application forms, and present Board members and their contact information.

Existing sites can be visited for ideas. E-mail your ideas to Mary Ellen at: Ryalni@twcny.rr.com .

Dinner Meetings: Mary Fran Cummiski is a resource for Binghamton, Terry Markiewicz for the capital district, Kathy Szymanski for Utica, and Coleen Feocco for Syracuse. Hopefully these and others will plan more of these educational get togethers.

Adjournment: Doug Millis made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Cathy Bolton seconded it.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gayle E. Millis, AAS,RN,CGRN