

CNYSGNA SPRING BUSINESS MEETING

APRIL 8, 2006

**Shenendoah Golf Club at the Turning Stone Casino and Resort
5218 Patrick Road Verona, New York 13478**

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Board Members Present:

Immediate Past President Barbara Schwant,BSN,RN,CGRN

President Mary Anne Malone, RN,CGRN

President-Elect Mary Ellen Barrett, RN,CGRN

Secretary Gayle Millis,AAS,RN,CGRN

Treasurer Cathleen Bolton,RN,CGRN

Budget and Finance Chair Janet Moran,RN

Education Chair Terry Markiewicz, MS,RN,CGRN

Membership Chair Madeline Gates, RN,CGRN

Bylaws Chair Carolyn McKay,BA,RN,CGRN

Absent: none **Total present:** 18

Call to order: 4:48 P.M. by President Mary Anne Malone. She announced that the aprons decorated with our CNYSGNA logo would be for sale at the end of the meeting along with the wine glasses from the 25th Gala.

Secretary's Report: Gayle read the minutes from the Fall General Meeting that was held Oct.15th 2005 at the Albany Marriott in Albany, NY. There were no corrections or additions and the report was accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report:

Cathy Bolton reviewed each item on her report which is attached to the Board Meeting Notes.

Budget and Finance: Janet Moran reported that 20 of the 50 vendors she had contacted were present today. Maddi Gates made the motion that the report be accepted and it was seconded by Mary Ellen.

Bylaws: Carolyn McKay noted that there have been no changes.

Education: Terry Markiewicz reported that there have been two well attended Dinner Meetings: One in January on Biliary Stricture Management and the other in March on Principles of Electrocautery. Both were sponsored by Boston Scientific. The Capitol District is hosting one May 16th with the topic to be announced, and Mary Fran Cummiskey is planning one for June on Esophageal Malignancies.

Membership: Maddi Gates sent her paper on 10 Reasons to Join CNYSGNA to some of the doctor's offices and had informational papers available today. She requested that we offer an incentive. After a general discussion, it was decided to reimburse the Regional fee for all those who have already signed up for 2006 and those who join from this point onward. We presently have 82 members.

Nominations and Elections: Barbara Schwant announced that she needs volunteers for President-Elect, Membership, Treasurer, and Bylaws. E-Mail her if you are interested in running.

NOLF:

Barbara reported that there was a teleconference that she missed because she was working, but one of the issues at hand is that the New York State Nurses Association would like all RNs to get their Bachelor's Degree within 10 years of obtaining their license. We discussed the fact that this topic has come up periodically for years.

The mandatory Infection Control program for license renewal is being offered on the NYSNA website for \$25.

If you want to be a nurse responder for disasters, there is also a link to the Dept. of Health on the NYSNA website.

We again discussed the issue of non- RNs doing snare polypectomies and what each person should do if this is happening in their institution. We agreed that it is a Quality Assurance issue and that you can contact the State Board of Nursing to get their comments for your institution.

New Business:

Barbara asked for articles for the next newsletter.

Maddi Gates has given back her Scholarship for the Annual Course since she received one from National. Her hospital is picking up her hotel and travel expenses. Gayle made the motion to divide the \$1000 between the remaining two winners (Bill Erickson and Carol Gilg) since airfare has skyrocketed this past year, and it was seconded by Cathy Bolton. The recipients are expected to write an article for the newsletter on their experiences at National.

All those who brought their SGNA membership cards put them in a drawing for a free scholarship to the Multi- Regional in the Fall. The winner was Bill Erickson.

National: All those who are going are to sign up before you leave today so Regional Night can be planned: Tex-Mex Theme. Activities of our own Regional will be highlighted on our display. Pictures welcome.

Katrina Nurse Victim Fund: \$175 was collected today. CNYSGNA will match it and will send it to the hurricane victims.

House of Delegate Resolutions were given out, questions answered, and each member present handed them in with notations for a yes or no vote for each item.

Old Business:

Web Site: Up and running.

Multi-Regional: October 13,14,15, with the certification exam being offered on Sunday.

Adjournment: Mary Fran Cummiskey made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:26 PM and Maddi Gates seconded it.

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