

CNYSGNA FALL BUSINESS MEETING OCTOBER 20, 2007
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Board Members Present:

Total present: 13

President Mary Ellen Barrett, RN,CGRN
President-Elect Suzanne Gursky, RN,CGRN
Secretary Gayle Millis, AAS,RN,CGRN
Treasurer Cathleen Bolton, RN,CGRN
Education Chair Terry Markiewicz, MS,RN,CGRN
Bylaws Chair Babette Clapper, RN,CGRN
Budget and Finance Chair Janet Moran, RN

Absent:

Membership Chair Madeline Gates, RN,CGRN
Immediate Past President Mary Anne Malone, RN,CGRN

Others:

Nolf Representative Barbara Schwant, BSN,RN,CGRN
Scholarships: Anne Schmidt, BSN,RN

Call to order: 5:21 P.M. by President Mary Ellen Barrett.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the Spring Business Meeting that was held at Drivers Village in Cicero on March 31, 2007 were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report:

Cathy reviewed each item on her report which is attached to the Board Meeting Notes. Janet Moran made the motion to accept the report and it was seconded by Sue Gursky.

Budget and Finance: Janet welcomed Kelly Whittredge to her committee and reported that 25 vendors were at the meeting today.

Bylaws: Babette reported that there are some voting issues to be addressed and she will prepare the changes and will present them to the membership next year.

Education: Terry reported that 136 attended today and 7 contact hours have been approved for the program.

There were dinner meetings in Syracuse (on ERCPs by Coleen Feocco) and the Capital District (on Biliary Stone Management) in the Spring and there will be others coming up later this year.....Watch the Newsletter for more information on a stenting program in the Capital District and another one being planned by Mary Fran Cummisky in Binghamton.

Also keep an eye on our CNYSGNA website for more educational opportunities which will be free of charge for CNYSGNA members and will be offered at a nominal fee for others. The first topic will be on Esophageal Cancer by Terry Markiewicz . Please contact her if you would like to develop a

program or to tell her what topics you would like covered in the future.

Membership: In Maddi's absence, Mary Ellen reported that we had 102 members as of July.

Nominations and Elections: In Mary Anne's absence, Babette announced that 108 ballots were mailed and 28 were returned..... Brenda Hayes will be our President – Elect, Gayle Millis will continue as Secretary, Terry Markiewicz will carry on as our Education Chair, and Janet Moran will remain as Finance Chair.

NOLF: Barbara told us that she attended a NYSNA meeting three weeks ago where the big topic again was BSN entry level into nursing with prior graduates being grand-fathered in. Debbie Elliott spoke about 47 professions that require Doctorate and Masters levels, other countries which require it, and that NYSNA would like our support.

Old Business: Mary Ellen spoke of the wonderful Regional Night held at the Annual Course in Baltimore and that the next National will be in Utah. The CNYSGNA cookbooks are finally here.... We raised \$160 selling them and our aprons earlier today. Babette Clapper will be heading the 2008 Spring Meeting at the Turning Stone (in the Golf Club building) and Suzanne Gursky will present the 2008 Fall Meeting in Elmira.

New Business: The motion was made to have Doug Millis destroy the ballots and it was seconded by Janet Moran. Mary Ellen mentioned the Board positions needed on next years' ballot: President-Elect, Treasurer, Bylaws, and Membership, and asked us to approach our colleagues about running for these positions. There will no longer be Regional Scholarships from CNYSGNA. Anne Schmidt will be sending out the modified guidelines for obtaining scholarships via the next Newsletter for those who would like to apply for SGNA's 2008 Annual Course. Again it was brought up that if a Board member e-mails the others and wants everyone to respond, she should title the transmission " Official Board Business", and be specific about what is wanted, whether a vote, an opinion, etc. Barbara noted that there are less contact hours for meetings now that a full 60 minutes is required instead of the former 50 minutes. We discussed having the Business Meeting earlier in the day, possibly having only one Business Meeting a year instead of our usual two, having lunch meetings, etc., trying to find the best way to get better attendance and optimize the time, but no specific course was agreed upon. We will have to revisit this topic at a later time. Check our web site for new pictures and information. The winners of the drawing for a free 2008 Spring or Fall Education Day were Janet Moran and Carol Lamach... Congratulations!!

Adjournment: The motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 5:45 PM and Sue Gursky seconded it.

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