

CNYSGNA SPRING BUSINESS MEETING
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MARCH 31, 2007

Board Members Present:

Total present: 18

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
Immediate Past President Mary Anne Malone, RN, CGRN

Absent:

Membership Chair Madeline Gates, RN, CGRN

Others:

Nolf Representative Barbara Schwant, BSN, RN, CGRN

Call to order: 5:05 P.M. by President Mary Ellen Barrett.

Secretary's Report: Gayle read the minutes from the Fall Business Meeting that was held at the Crown Plaza in Albany on October 14, 2006. After amending the phrase "CEUs" to "contact hours" Mary George made the motion accept the report and it was seconded by Mary Anne.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Budget and Finance: Janet Moran told us that she had contacted 50 vendors and 19 were here today.

Bylaws: Babette reported that there have been no changes yet, but she will have some for us at the next meeting.

Education: Terry Markiewicz reported that there were 120 attendees at today's program which offered 7.5 contact hours, with 7.0 being GI specific. Dinner meetings were held in the Capitol District in December and February and Coleen Feocco is planning one in April sponsored by Boston Scientific. Babs noted that dinner meetings don't have to be sponsored by company reps. She is willing to send out information on how to plan your own, and Terry offered to help with getting contact hours as it is so much easier than obtaining them for a full day's conference. Cathy Bolton is planning the Fall conference on October 20, 2007 at the Six Flags Great Escape Lodge near Glens Falls. She had made bookmarks that were passed out at registration telling about it. Babette Clapper has offered to hold the Spring 2008 Meeting, hopefully in mid April. A Chair for the Fall 2008 Meeting is still needed. CBGNA is presenting a teleconference April 24th on Barretts Esophagus. A sample price is \$64 for 3 people. Contact hours are available. Visit their web site at www.cbгна.org for details.

Membership: Maddi Gates was absent, but Mary Ellen told about the packets for prospective new members that were at the registration table this morning. She also mentioned that the \$15 rebate to cover our Regional charge for membership was being extended to new members again this year. Cathy sent out 19 regional reimbursement checks for members who joined in 2006, an incentive that was instituted at the Spring Meeting. Mary Ellen urged us to tell fellow staff members about it.

Nominations and Elections: Mary Anne announced that she needs nominations for President-Elect, Budget and Finance, Secretary, and Education by June. They should be certified members of CNYSGNA. Ballots will be sent out a month before the Fall meeting.

NOLF: Barbara told us that the push is back on to require all RN graduates to get their BSN since the Profession has become so highly technical. The 1-2-1 formula was mentioned, meaning there would be one year of college, 2 years of nursing, and one more year of college. All this would take effect in 2019.

Old Business: None

New Business: Scholarships: The Board apologized for the late notification of awards for National. The deadline for applications is normally Jan. 2nd, and in the future, notification of winners will be made within 30 days. The Board is also looking at separating Regional and National awards, as there is a tremendous difference in the value of each. There were 9 applicants this year, but 3 were disqualified for not meeting requirements. \$1000 awards will be given to: Mary Fran Cumiskey, Mary George, Gayle Millis, and Anne Schmidt. \$500 awards will be given to Renee Brooks and Sandra Winn.

Regional Night: Those who are going need to sign up for tee shirts. Have your colleagues e-mail their sizes to Cathy Bolton who is to purchase them. They will display the theme “Polyps of the Caribbean” if she can arrange that. We could wear black eye patches and have our guests snare gold-foiled chocolate coins from a treasure chest. Each Regional is judged on creativity, their newsletters, events, brochures, etc. We could use the “hands” quilt started at our 25th celebration for our pirate ship’s flag. We shall see what we come up with.

House of Delegates Resolutions: Each resolution was reviewed and discussed. Mary Ellen will represent our opinions at National.

Mary Anne Malone told today’s planning committee what a great job they did and all agreed! It was a wonderful program.

The 50-50 raffle and the basket raffle netted a total of \$127. A motion was made to bring that amount up to \$150 from our treasury and donate \$75 each to the American Cancer Society and the Crohns and Colitis Foundation of America. The motion was seconded by Mary Ellen.

Barbara Schwant reminded us that recipients of our Regional Scholarships need to write an article in the CNYSGNA newsletter about their experiences in Baltimore when they get back and that it would be nice if they would confer with each other so they don’t all write the same thing.

In keeping with our recent tradition, the names of all those present were put in a “hat” and one was drawn for free attendance at the next Regional conference. (We couldn’t use our SGNA membership cards this time as many of us could not download them from the web site.) The winner of this drawing was.....Janet Moran!!!!!!

Adjournment: The motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 5:25 PM and Doug Millis seconded it.

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