

**CNYSGNA SPRING BUSINESS MEETING  
SHENENDOAH GOLF CLUB  
5218 PATRICK ROAD**

**MARCH 29, 2008  
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**Board Members Present:**

**Total present: 27**

Immediate Past President Mary Ellen Barrett,RN,CGRN  
President 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  
President-Elect Brenda Hayes,RN,CGRN

**Absent:**

Membership Chair Madeline Gates,RN,CGRN

**Call to order:** 5:23 P.M. by President Suzanne Gursky.

**Secretary's Report:** Gayle read the minutes from the Fall Business Meeting that was held at the Crowne Plaza in Albany on October 14, 2007. Mary Anne Malone made the motion to accept the report as given, and it was seconded by Mary Ellen Barrett.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Cathy Bolton reviewed her report which is attached to the Board Meeting Notes.  
A motion was made to accept the report and it was seconded by Janet Moran.

**Budget and Finance:** Janet Moran reported that the CNYSGNA "Guidelines For Reimbursement" and the Travel Voucher are now on our website.

**Bylaws:** Babette reported that there was nothing really new. We will try voting on line this year. Cathy Bolton made the motion to accept the bylaws report and it was seconded by Mary Ellen Barrett.

**Education:** Terry thanked all the people who put on such an excellent program today. She told us of Mary Fran Cumiskey's upcoming retirement and that her replacement for the Binghamton area's education leader would be Joanne DeRoche. Dinner meetings are being planned in the Capital District, the Clifton Park area and Binghamton. The first will be "New Technologies in ERCP" in the Capital District headed by Terry Markiewicz. Mary Anne Malone is working on a June program regarding Ulcerative Colitis, which will be sponsored by Abbott, and Binghamton's is yet to be announced. The National Scholarship application deadline has been extended to January 31st. The Fall program will be at the Radisson Hotel in Corning. "Save the Date" post cards have been distributed.

As no one volunteered for the Spring Conference, Terry very graciously agreed to do it.

Terry then told us about the Esophageal Cancer program she has developed for our Website. It is going to SGNA this week for approval and will offer 1.8 to 2.0 contact hours free for CNYSGNA members. It involves reading an article on our website, linking over to DaveProject.com, to view a 55

minute video there, then returning to our website to print off a crossword puzzle about esophageal cancer to fill in and return to Terry along with your CNYSGNA member number to receive a certificate of completion. She will gladly help anyone who would like to develop a second program.

Carol Gilg made the motion to accept the Education report and it was seconded by Mary Anne Malone.

**Membership:** In Maddi Gates' absence, Barbara Schwant told us that she had put out some flyers about membership at registration this morning and that National will be in Salt Lake City next year. Sue reported that we now have around 101 CNYSGNA members, not knowing the exact number as National still doesn't have a correct, complete list for us.....an ongoing problem.

**Nominations and Elections:** Mary Ellen announced that she needs nominations for President-Elect, Treasurer, Membership, and Bylaws. We will try e-mail elections this year for those whose addresses we have. 108 ballots were mailed one year and only about 27 were returned. We hope e-mail will make voting easy and will improve our voting record. There will also be an article in the Newsletter, which will be electronic also, to remind everyone. There are lots of perks for being on the Board..... Please volunteer!!!! New ideas are welcome. Barbara Schwant made the motion to accept the report and Janeen Spencer seconded it.

**NOLF:** Barbara told us that the meeting had been cancelled. NYSNA wants us to become an associate member.... It costs \$250 which would entitle us to use their Latham facilities and get our logo posted on their website. No decision has been made on this yet nor on whether or not we want to give our approval to having a BSN entry level into nursing.

**Old Business:** Cookbooks and aprons will be brought to the Fall meeting for sale again. Cathy Bolton finished our CNYSGNA quilt. Ten names were drawn instead of our usual two for Regional scholarships from those here at the business meeting. The extra money came from the National Scholarship fund that was not used by any one this year. The winners were: 1) Terry Markiewicz 2) Carolyn Mc Kay 3) Thomas Hunter 4) Carol Gilg 5) Janet Shope 6) Julie Cota 7) Cathy Bolton 8) Margaret Ingram 9) Mary Ellen Barrett 10) Kathy Szymanski

**New Business:** The Board decided to forego giving \$100 for having a bulletin board at Regional Night and will get shirts with our logo on them for all who go to National instead. Please give your shirt sizes to Cathy so she can order them.

Sue reviewed all the Resolutions for the House of Delegates, headed a discussion of each and led the voting to accept or reject them. Annual Courses are now for sale "in a box".

**Adjournment:** Sue adjourned the meeting at 6:10 PM.

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