

**CNYSGNA FALL BUSINESS MEETING
RAMADA INN 141 NEW HARTFORD ST.**

**OCTOBER 24, 2009
NEW HARTFORD, N.Y. 13413**

Board Members Present:

Total present: 14

Immediate Past President Suzanne Gursky,RN,CGRN

President Mary Ellen Barrett,RN,CGRN

President-Elect Babette Clapper,RN,CGRN

Secretary Gayle Millis,AAS,RN,CGRN

Treasurer Cathleen Bolton,RN,CGRN

Education Chair Terry Markiewicz,MS,RN,CGRN

Bylaws Chair Janeen Spencer,AAS,RN

Membership Chair Coleen Feocco,BA,RN,CGRN

Absent: Budget and Finance Chair Janet Moran,RN None

Others: NOLF Representative Barbara Schwant,BSN,RN,CGRN

Call to order: 5:22 P.M. by President Mary Ellen Barrett

Secretary's Report: Gayle read the minutes from the Spring Business Meeting that was held at the Gideon Putnam Resort in Saratoga Springs on March 28, 2009. A motion was made to accept the report as read and it was seconded by Terry Markiewicz.

Treasurer's Report:

Cathy Bolton gave us the following financial report:

Balance as of March 26, 2009 was reported to the membership present.

Balance as of October 21,2009 was reported to the membership present.

Gayle Millis made the motion to accept the report and it was seconded by Sue Gursky.

Budget and Finance: In Janet Moran's absence, Mary Ellen stated that Janet had retired and has resigned her post as Chair of this committee. Mary Ellen did say that there were 15 vendors at the Conference today.

Bylaws: Janeen stated that she and her committee will be working on some changes for us to consider at next year's Fall Meeting.

Education: Terry told us that there are free contact hours on line at our website. 16 members have taken advantage of this offering on Esophageal Cancer which has a link to the Dave Project site as part of it. The Spring Conference will be held in Watkins Glenn at the Seneca Harbor Lodge by the Ithaca members on March 19 and 20, 2010. There were no "Save the Date" cards at the conference today. We now need a host for the Fall Conference. Terry commended the hosts for the good program today. Around 60 attended, including some walk-ins.

Membership: Coleen reported that we have 149 members and 17 more signed up today. We will miss Mary Ann Malone who moved out of state and Janet Moran who retired.

Nominations and Elections:

Sue stated that we voted entirely on line this year with 26 of

our members participating. President-Elect will be Terry Markiewicz, Secretary will be Gayle Millis, Education will be Janet Shope, and Budget & Finance will be Winifred Akangbou. Mary Ellen welcomed our new Board members. We are looking forward to working with them.

NOLF: Barbara reported that there was no meeting, but as a follow up on the AICD issue, our web site has information on AICDs and Ellis Hospital's draft of a protocol for their use.

Old Business: Mary Ellen reported on the Board's decision to continue sponsoring 3 nurses in other countries through SIGNEA (Society of International Gastroenterological Nurses and Endoscopy Associates) who could not belong to the organization otherwise. Agnes Gaber gave a program in St. Louis about these foreign nurses and told how grateful they are to have received old policy and procedure manuals and magazines. We will collect these materials from our membership at the spring meeting and will send them to SIGNEA. We will post a notice about this on the website and Gayle Millis will write an article for the newsletter. She will also contact SIGNEA to see if outdated equipment or unwanted equipment is wanted as well.

New Business: Each member should go to SGNA's website and update their information there. Check "Profile" then "Update". The deadline for Scholarship applications is January 31st.....our webmaster will send out reminders. For those taking the certification exam, go onto the ABCGN Web site for dates and sites. Glens Falls will be taking our handmade CNYSGNA quilt back to their unit for display until the next conference. (They had the largest representation at this one.)

Adjournment: Mary Ellen adjourned the meeting at 5:55 PM.

Four names were picked from the members present at this meeting for certificates for a free conference, to be used within two years. The winners of the drawing were Julie Cota, Carol Gilg, Sue Gursky, and Coleen Feocco.

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