



Education, and Budget & Finance this Fall and she will be making calls in the next couple of weeks to ask for volunteers and nominations. Mary Ellen said she sent out 126 ballots last year and would like all of our voting to be on line this year as well as the Newsletter. It was felt that everyone has access to a computer at work even if they don't have one at home. Voting holds a large piece of being chosen Regional of the Year, and these steps would bring us closer to that goal. She also urged members to come to our Business Meetings in order to get to know the BOD as well as the people who are running for office and to consider becoming more active themselves. Up to 9 credits toward re-certification are now being given for serving on the Board! After some discussion on this topic, Janeen Spencer made a motion to have 100% of this year's voting on line & Janet Moran seconded it.

**NOLF:** Barbara went to a meeting Feb.18 at which placement of a magnet over an AICD was discussed. Since then she received a letter from Barbara Zittell, RN,PhD, Executive Secretary, State Board of Nursing stating that an RN can place a magnet as long as the physician has written an order before the procedure begins and the device is evaluated by the facility's electrophysiology lab before the patient goes home. A discussion followed about how some of the local endo units handle this situation. (A copy of Barbara Zittell's letter is attached)..... Barb will e-mail Barbara Zittell with our concerns and suggestions and we are to let Barbara Schwant know what we would like her to put in it. Barb also sent a copy to SGNA's Practice Committee to which our own Mary Ann Malone belongs. Mary Ann said the committee is working on it, but it might take a year or so to resolve the issue. Each hospital will have to make it's own policy until a Position Statement comes out. Barb also mentioned that Clare Murray spoke earlier in the day about wanting support for the BSN entry level into nursing. Two web sites worth looking into are: [www.nysed.org/nurse.html](http://www.nysed.org/nurse.html) and [www.OP.NYSED.GOV/NURSE.HTM](http://www.OP.NYSED.GOV/NURSE.HTM) - to test your knowledge. The motion was made to accept Barb's report and it was seconded by Terry Markiewicz.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** The HOD Resolutions were reviewed and voted on. Those members who are going to the National Course in St. Lewis include Cathy Bolton, Anne Schmidt, Barbara Schwant, Mary Ellen Barrett, and Babette Clapper. Two scholarships of \$1,000 each were awarded to Cathy Bolton and Anne Schmidt. Information on the scholarships is available on our website. The deadline for applications is Jan.31. Points toward a scholarship can be earned by writing an article for the newsletter.....just a little promo from our editor. Two names were drawn from the list of those who stayed for this Business Meeting. Debbie Williams and Joann DeRoche will each receive a certificate for a free Regional Conference good for one year.

**Adjournment:** Mary Ellen adjourned the meeting at 6:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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