

**CNYSGNA FALL BUSINESS MEETING                      OCTOBER 16, 2010**  
**HOLIDAY INN RIVERVIEW    760 E. WATER STREET                      (607) 734-4211**  
**ELMIRA, NEW YORK    14901**

**Board Members Present:**

**Total present: 19**

President: Babette Clapper,RN,CGRN  
President-Elect: Terry Markiewicz,MS,RN,CGRN  
Secretary: Gayle Millis,AAS,RN,CGRN  
Treasurer: Cathleen Bolton,RN,CGRN  
Education Chair: Janet Shope,RN,CGRN  
Bylaws Chair: Janeen Spencer,AAS,RN  
Budget and Finance Chair: Winnifred Akangbou,RN,CGRN  
Immediate Past President: Mary Ellen Barrett,RN,CGRN  
Membership Chair: Coleen Feocco,BA,RN,CGRN

**Others:** Nolf Representative/ Editor/ Pres-Elect ABCGN Board: Barbara Schwant,BSN,RN,CGRN

**Call to order:** 3:43 P.M. by President Babette Clapper

**Secretary's Report:** Gayle read the minutes from the Spring Business Meeting that was held at the Harbor Hotel in Watkins Glen on March 20, 2010. The motion was made to accept the report as written, and it was seconded by Winnifred Akangbou.

**Nominations and Elections:** Mary Ellen reported that Gail Woodruff from the Adirondack Medical Center is our new President-Elect. All the other positions on the ballot were filled by incumbents. She told us that she had a very difficult time getting people to run for office in spite of talking to at least 50 and that the position for Membership Chair was the only true election. She cautioned people not to get discouraged if they don't win over an incumbent because they have a good chance of winning another time especially since so many of the more experienced officers will be retiring before too long. Janeen Spencer will continue on Bylaws, Coleen Feocco had 2 more votes than Anita Aikens- English for Membership Chair, and Cathleen Bolton remains as Treasurer. Every one had various reasons for not accepting a nomination, but a few said they would be willing to run another time, so Mary Ellen is giving that list to Babette since she will be the Chair of the Nominating Committee next year. Only 19 voted out of our 134 members!!! ( Coleen's list says 141 now.) Babette congratulated those who won and encouraged others to volunteer for a committee. It doesn't take a lot of time and the perks make it even more desirable. These were reviewed again. The motion was made to accept the Nominations and Elections report and it was seconded by Doug Millis.

**NOLF:** Barbara explained that NOLF means Nursing Organization Liaison Forum, a coalition of different nursing organizations united to create a strong voice for nurses. It meets twice a year. She attended the October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting during which the recent work of the Johnson Foundation was reviewed. Physicians feel that nursing is a life long process with nurse-doctor collaboration. She feels that this is a prologue to the long sought for BSN entry level into nursing which is projected to begin in 2019. Nurses will have 10 years to earn that Degree after graduation and continuing contact hours would most likely be a part of the requirement to maintain a nursing license. Look for more information in our Newsletter. NYSNA offers educational opportunities such as the mandatory

infection control module....check out their web site. As editor of our CNYSGNA newsletter, Barbara is asking for articles.....the next one is coming out Dec. 15.

**Treasurer's Report:** ( see the attached copy)

Balance as of March 19, 2010 was \$32,154.82

Receipts were \$7,477.43 making a total of \$39,632.25

Disbursements were \$13,118.81

Balance as of October 1, 2010 was \$26,513.44

Cathy explained that we receive \$15 for each person who sends in their membership money to National to cover our Regional fee. She also reminded those who certified or re-certified this year to send her proof of doing so, and she will send them a check for \$100 towards it. The \$16 for Misc. under receipts was one non-member's payment for the Esophageal Cancer module on our web site. The motion to accept the report was made and it was seconded by Suzanne Gursky.

**Budget and Finance:** Winnifred reported that 9 vendors were at the conference today. The Custom Ultrasonics Rep could not attend but he wanted us to keep his table fee. 55 registered and 50 came.

**Bylaws:** Janeen has some changes that need to be made which will be posted on our web site. Our members can then vote for or against them after 30 days have passed. If necessary, she will send out some of them by mail. She encouraged us to remind our co-workers to access the web site. Carolyn Mckay seconded the motion to accept the report.

**Education:** Janet told us that the Spring Meeting will be held on March 26 in the Capital District area. Winnifred Akangbou will be hosting it. Scholarships to go National are available. You can find the application forms on our CNYSGNA web site.

**Membership:** Coleen reported that we have 149 members listed on SGNA's web site. She would like every one to update their profile on that site and ours. Out of 17 new members, 15 were contacted by e-mail with a new member survey (see attached). One replied. None became certified or came to this meeting. It will be interesting to see if more respond.

**Old Business:** 1) Our CNYSGNA scholarships for the National meeting are available as well as those offered by SGNA on their web site. 2) We are revamping our web site. Please tell Babette or any Board member of any changes you would like to see. 3) Terry has set up CNYSGNA on Facebook . We now have 21 fans. Dr. Raymond is one of them and we will have access to her web site via a link! Future dinner meetings can be posted there as well as on our web site. 4) Terry and the President –Elect of one of the Ohio Regionals are working on comparable educational modules to share. Their members and ours will have free contact hours available and others will pay a small fee. If you would like to develop a module, you can get guidelines at the SGNA web site. Log in, click on "Education", then on "CE approver unit", then on "Review the submission guidelines for provider directed activities" (under FAQ).

**New Business:** 1) We need a Fall 2011 committee to host a program. There is a booklet available on how to put on a conference. 2) Be sure to vote for National in December! The Regional of the Year committee holds this highly. We can't apply for that honor until we improve dramatically in that area. 3) Two names of those present at this Business meeting were drawn for our Regional

“Scholarships”. The winners were Carol Gilg and Mary Jo Tartaglia.

**Adjournment:** Babette adjourned the meeting at 4:23 PM.

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