

CNYSGNA SPRING BUSINESS MEETING MARCH 20, 2010
HARBOR HOTEL
16 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET WATKINS GLEN, NEW YORK 14891

Board Members Present:

Total present: 17

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

Absent: 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: 5:38 P.M. by President Babette Clapper

Secretary's Report: Gayle read the minutes from the Fall Business Meeting that was held at the Ramada Inn in New Hartford on October 24, 2009. The motion was made to accept the report as written, and it was seconded by Terry Markiewicz.

Treasurer's Report:

Cathy reviewed each item on the report- see the attached copy.

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

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Doug Millis made the motion to accept the report and it was seconded by Suzanne Gursky.

Budget and Finance: Winnifred has met with Janet Moran, the previous Chair of this committee, and will have more to report at the next meeting.

Bylaws: Janeen reported that she will be sending out proposals for some revisions by e-mail or mail to the membership at least 30 days before the Fall Meeting so they can be reviewed and then voted on at the Meeting. The changes will coincide with those of National's. Sue Gursky seconded the motion to accept the report.

Education: Janet told us that the Fall Meeting will be held at the Hilltop in Elmira October 16. They already have a couple of speakers lined up, including Dr. Raymond, who has been a favorite at other Regional and National conferences and Dr. Ozden.

Membership: In Coleen's absence, Babette reported that we have 124 members though we are aware that the list from National is not completely accurate. The New York City area is forming their own Regional so we will lose some of those people. She encouraged all of us to promote the organization to our colleagues at work.

Nominations and Elections:

In Mary Ellen's absence, Babette announced that the positions open for this Fall's election are President-Elect, Treasurer, Membership Chair, and Bylaws Chair. Any one who would like to run can e-mail Mary Ellen Barrett or any of the Board members. Everyone was encouraged to volunteer, if not for a Board position, then for a committee. Points are awarded that go toward getting a National Scholarship, not to mention the networking opportunities, empowerment, recognition by your peers and managers, and self satisfaction. The perks of being on the Board were also reviewed.

NOLF: The meeting on May 12th focused on governance and how to increase membership, etc.

Old Business:

1) No one applied for a National Scholarship this year. This is not to be confused with the Scholarship offered by National that you might see on their web site . You must go to our CNYSGNA.org web site and click on Scholarships in the list on the left side of the home page. Ours is based on a point system and we traditionally give out 2, but some years we have given more.
2) Barbara Schwant brought some of the items available through National's Marketplace to our last conference and it was a big hit. We could see the items and order (tax free) what we wanted without having to pay shipping and handling. What a great deal!!! She offered to do it again on a regular basis. Thank you, Barb!
3) Every one liked the idea of giving our slightly used procedure manuals, nursing magazines and books, and reusable forceps to nurses from other countries who would love to have them. (The written materials should be no older than 5 years.) Gayle collected a box of them this conference and she agreed to continue the practice. Janeen Spencer said she was moving and would have quite a few items to donate so she agreed to ship them to Agnes Gaber in Chicago and will send the shipping bill to Cathy for reimbursement.
4) Terry announced that the Esophageal Cancer Module that is available on our web site for free contact hours will expire this May.

New Business:

1) The House Of Delegate Resolutions were reviewed and voted on. Babette will take our views to National. Check the SGNA Newsletters for the final results.
2) Babette asked those present if they would like CNYSGNA to be on Facebook. It is secure, questions can be posted, announcements can be made such as reminders to vote, upcoming dinner meetings, etc., and it can be formatted so that it comes to your e-mail. The idea was received enthusiastically and Terry volunteered to set it up.
3) Sue Gursky is going to try to schedule our Business Meeting at lunch time during our Fall conference rather than at the end of the day. She hopes that this will increase the number who attend.
4) Two names were drawn for a free conference certificate from those attending this Business Meeting. They are to be used over the next four meetings. Suzanne Gursky's name was picked, but she declined it as she still had one from a previous drawing. Doug Millis and Babette Clapper's names were then drawn.

Adjournment: Babette adjourned the meeting at 6:33 PM.

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