

CNYSGNA FALL BUSINESS MEETING NOVEMBER 12, 2011
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SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. 12866

Board Members Present:

Total present: 15

President: Terry Markiewicz,MS,RN,CGRN
President-Elect: Gail Woodruff,RN,CGRN
Immediate Past President: Babette Clapper,RN,CGRN
Secretary: Gayle Millis,AAS,RN,CGRN
Treasurer: Cathleen Bolton,RN,CGRN
Budget and Finance Chair: Winnifred Akangbou,RN,CGRN
Membership Chair: Coleen Feocco,BA,RN,CGRN

Board Members Absent:

Education Chair: Janet Shope,RN,CGRN
Bylaws Chair: Janeen Spencer,AAS,RN

Others:

NOLF Representative/Editor/President ABCGN: Barbara Schwant,BSN, RN,CGRN

Call to order: The Fall Business Meeting was begun at 4:01 P.M. by President Terry Markiewicz.

Secretary's Report: Gayle read the minutes from the Spring Business Meeting that was held at the Century House in Latham on March 26, 2011. The motion was made to accept the report as given, and it was seconded by Coleen Feocco.

Nominations and Elections: Babette reviewed the results of the election: Jacqueline Sciola is our new President-Elect, Juanita Aikens-English will be our new Secretary, Winnie Akangbou will head the Budget and Finance committee, and Janet Shope will continue as Chair of Education. Janeen Spencer resigned her position as Bylaws Chair yesterday so the remainder of her term needs to be filled. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Babette as soon as possible and she will then notify the board.

NOLF: Barbara reported that many districts are having difficulty getting volunteers to work and that the main focus of this last meeting was on "The Future of Nursing". The Institute of Medicine is working on four of ten proposed initiatives including 1)Removing Scope of Practice barriers, 2)Doubling the number of Doctorate degree nurses by 2020, 3) Increasing the proportion of BSN nurses to 80% by 2020, and 4) Building an infrastructure for the collection and analysis of an inter-professional Healthcare Workforce Database. NYSNA is selling "Future of Nursing" pins \$15 each to increase awareness of the changes that are being considered. The Institute of Medicine is determining just where nursing is headed and whether or not Medical Techs or CNAs with extra training will be taking over some of the traditional services that licensed nurses now do such as giving medications. If

you see anything that you feel should be done only by an RN, please tell your legislators.... Barb will write more on this issue in the next newsletter and will look to see if there is a standard letter of concern that the membership can sign and send out.

Treasurer's Report: (See attached copy for details)

The balance as of March 23, 2011 was reported by the treasurer.

Cathy reported that \$635 was donated to the Mary Anne Malone Scholarship Fund.

Budget and Finance: Winnifred reported that 103 or 104 attended the program today. 21 vendors were present with three still owing payment. Terry brought up the fact that speaker fees are very high and it is the vendors that keep the finances reasonable. She said vendor fees will be reassessed in the Spring.

Bylaws: No report was available. Babette called for volunteers to finish up Janeen's term. Any one interested is to e-mail Babette soon.

Education: See below under new business.

Membership: Coleen reported that we have 116 members.

Old Business: There was none.

New Business:

1) Annual Course Scholarships 2012 (Regional and National): The board voted to allow \$3000 for the SGNA Annual Course to be held in Phoenix. You must apply by going to the CNYSGNA website to apply for our scholarship. The amount each person receives will depend on how many apply. We will continue to award 2 certificates for a Regional program **or** \$50 to go toward the hotel bill that weekend. Names are drawn from a list of those attending the business meeting and the certificates must be used on one of the next 4 programs. The winners of the free education certificates for this meeting are Cathy Dorsey and Barbara Schwant.

2) Spring 2012 Program: Coleen Feocco volunteered to head the Spring conference in the Syracuse area.

3) Involvement in CNYSGNA: There was much discussion about how we need to continue our Spring and Fall conferences in order to provide the ten contact hours needed to maintain our charter. We know it is a lot of hard work, but it gives you the choice of location, the menu, the topics, and our members benefit in many ways as some need credits towards climbing a clinical ladder, some earn larger salaries as a result of being certified in a specialty, not to mention the networking, the learning of the latest in GI, and making new contacts and friends.

4) Fall 2012 Program: Now that the Spring is being taken of, we need to be looking for a host for the

Fall meeting.

5) A Thank you: Cathy thanked Terry and her group for the superb job in getting this conference put together. We are all in their debt.

6) Support System for New Board Members: Gayle offered to write a congratulatory letter to each new Board member with suggestions to visit our website to read our By-laws, Policies, and the Meeting Notes from the last few years to get a good idea of who and what we are as an organization. A list of the duties and responsibilities of each position is in the works and these will be given out also as they are finished. Each out-going board member will be a mentor for the new.

7) Mary Anne Malone Scholarship Fund: Cathy told us that Mary Anne died Oct. 10th and Mike called her a few days ago wanting to establish a scholarship fund in his wife's honor. He had requested donations in lieu of flowers in her obituary as a starting point. The Board is going to look into how all this can happen and you can send thoughts and suggestions to Cathy Bolton via e-mail. Coleen offered to put it on our website.

8) Pay Pal: The Board discussed using Pay Pal and is in the process of checking it out and setting it up if it suits our purpose. Cathy Bolton will report back to us at the Spring meeting.

9) Another Thank you: Terry thanked Gayle Millis for all her years as Secretary and for the great and thorough job she did.

10) Centerpieces: The planning committee was given their choices of the centerpieces on each table and then the rest were given out as the names of those present at the business meeting were drawn. The winners were: Gayle Millis, Cathy Dorsey, Marsha Hardick, Carolyn MacKay, Doug Millis, Babette Clapper, Coleen Feocco, Juanita Aikens-English, Gail Woodruff, and Jackie Sciola.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 PM by President Terry Markiewicz.

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