

The Practitioner

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

This summer just flew by! We're welcoming back our college students to campus, and soon younger students will be heading back to school. I always loved school because each fall was a new beginning with new challenges to face. You had a clean slate on which you could leave your mark. I invite you all to use this fall to make a mark on your clean slate at the NPA. I'd like to see our Syracuse chapter become one of the most active in the state. But we need your involvement!

Starting with our September dinner meeting, I'd like to remind you that we would like each member who regularly attends our dinner meetings to bring a new member or a paid member who has not been active in our monthly meetings or NPA events. We need new faces and new blood to keep our chapter vital. We're always looking for committee members and we'll be looking for new officers in January.

Make plans to attend the 23rd Annual Convention of the NPANYS at the Turning Stone October 3-7. It's a close enough location to Syracuse that even if you can only go for 1-2 days, it would be a convenient and fun way to get your continuing education credits, a wonderful place to network with fellow NPs, and an opportunity find out all that our state organization is doing to protect and expand our practice.

Hope to see many of you there! Let's have the Syracuse Chapter have the highest numbers of members attending the conference

Thank you

*Respectfully submitted,
JoAnn Romanzi Herne
Chapter President*

**The Nurse Practitioner Association of
New York State – Syracuse Chapter**

**Welcomes
Members and Non-Members
To the
September 11, 2007
Meeting**

**Sign in @ 5:30 pm
(Members \$5, non-members \$10, students n/c)
Speaker & dinner @ 6:00 pm
Meeting @ 7:00 pm**

**"Pediatric Endocrinology – What Is
the First Step"**

Presenter

**Stanley Mackowiak, M.D.
Pediatric Endocrinologist**

Sponsor

NPA – NYS – Syracuse Chapter

Location

**The Wellington House
7262 E. Genesee Street
Syracuse, New York
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Newsletter: JoAnn Romanzi Herne	315-469-4569
Dorothy Morse	315-492-9290
Nominating/Membership: Catherine Tomaiuolo	315-415-2780
Education: Need a chairperson	
Historian: Need a new Historian	

- b. **Leadership Retreat**—JoAnn and Chris Atkins attended 6/9/07. Meeting re: strategic planning, including new vision statement (Chris read to group), logo, and 5 initiatives
 - i. Leadership in Public Policy—including Mandatory Collaboration.
 - ii. Knowledge Source—NP's will be known as knowledgeable and having expertise.
 - iii. Membership >3700 members—multidisciplinary, affiliate (no money to our chapter)
 - iv. Public Awareness re: role of NP's and the value to consumers
 - v. Organization—congruence of each message we give out, state and chapter as unified body.

III. **Treasurer's Report—Lisa Cico**—as of now

- a. Checking Account Balance—\$22,624.32
- b. Savings Account Balance—approx \$9000

IV. **Committee Reports**

- a. Conference—Kathy Taylor—approx. \$600 profit, may go to University Sheraton next year. Evaluations felt conference was very good, but some issues arose at The Renaissance (particularly attitude). Excellent talk on Mandatory Collaboration.
- b. Membership—Catherine Tomaiuolo—remaining between 195-202, please bring a non-member to the September meeting, or a current member who does not usually attend.
- c. Nominating—Catherine Tomaiuolo—looking for President-Elect and Secretary. There are 2 meetings a month to attend. Please email Cat if you are interested. She is available to answer any questions. Cathy and Jolene have already booked dinner programs through June 2008.
- d. Special Events—Debbie Body
 - i. Golf Tournament—6/16/07, have 14 teams, 8 holes sponsored, several teams from Fort Drum, still looking for door prizes—proceeds will go to 309th from Fort Drum.
 - ii. State Fair—unsure where sign-up will be. In meantime, can email Deb and she can get you tickets ahead of time. Deb would like members to be accountable for a whole day, and be responsible for staffing. We need pamphlets from specialties, practices, NP schools. Please do not drink any alcoholic beverages while staffing the booth. Deb is unsure if we will be getting t-shirts. May do pillboxes again. Still have medication cards left

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES June 12, 2007

- I. **Review and approval of 4/10/07 minutes.**
- II. **President's Report—JoAnn Herne**
 - a. NPA Convention Silent Auction—last year's sold for \$60. We will make up another basket for \$50. Will do Dinosaur BBQ sauces, cookbook, and gift certificate.

from last year. Will have job box and spreadsheet about differences between NP and PA practice.

- e. By-laws—no report. Cat brought copies for those who would like one. Cathy B. will work with Marge on revisions.
- f. Historian—Helen O’Neil— no report.
- g. Legislative—Cathy B. spoke with Sheri Loucks who will continue on this committee for this year, but we will need new chair for next year.
- h. Job Box—Kathy Taylor—please see newsletter. VA needs Employee Health and Surgery NP.

V. Old Business

- a. IRS/Tax Situation—Executive Committee met with Dan Gallagher (attorney) and Jim Barry (current accountant). We still owe Jim a year’s worth of services. It seems that the fault for our current IRS situation is shared between our chapter and Jim. Prior to now, we made < \$25,000, but this year, we exceeded this. We were supposed to be notifying the IRS all along, but were not. We have federal tax ID number, and will pay any penalty we owe. This issue will be resolved. For now, our fiscal year will remain 9/1-8/31.
- b. 50/50 Raffle—collected \$62, so Cathy B. won \$31.
- c. Safe Deposit Box—still using while transitioning to Dorothy’s address.
- d. Lapel Microphone—for dinner meetings—Kathy T. found lapel mike with transmitter \$475, Executive Committee agreed to purchase. We are looking into selling our old unit. Members can borrow lapel mike if speaking at conference. We also have laptop and LCD available for members to borrow.

- VI. **New Business**—Storage Rental—Deb found storage rental unit in Lafayette for \$40/month. All our resources will be located there. Will have combination lock, and all Executive Committee Members will have combination.

JOB BOX

- Mohawk Valley Surgical Group (Drs. Joyce/Kelly/El-Amir) are looking for an NP full time to assist with inpatient responsibilities for their Cardiothoracic practice with St. Elizabeth and St. Luke’s. Contact information is to Terri Hobson at 315-733-7848.

NOMINATIONS REMINDER

The following positions are open for nomination for 2008.

President Elect

(1 yr as P.E and following year as President)

Secretary

Contact

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OR

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JoAnn Herne adjourned the meeting at 6:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Meryl Lefkowicz, NP

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