

The Practitioner

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I want to keep this message short, as I have been preoccupied over the last month with a dying (now deceased) family member. I want to thank all of you who have offered help or expressed condolences. I want to publicly thank Jolene Cook and Cathy Bazan, our President-Elects, for running the last business meeting on such a short notice.

It is at these times that you realize how much people depend on those of us who have a medical background when loved ones are dying. Sometimes we can give them the answers, and sometimes we can only tell them "I don't know" and be there for them as supporters, not NPs. This is true for all our patients as well as when illness strikes those we love.

I hope to see many of you attending the 23rd Annual Convention of the NPANYS at the Turning Stone, October 3-7. As I wrote in the last newsletter, 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 to find out all that our state organization is doing to protect and expand our practice. I'll be there, and I hope to see our Syracuse Chapter well represented!

*Respectfully submitted,
JoAnn Romanzi Herne
Chapter President*

The Nurse Practitioner Association of New York State – Syracuse Chapter

Welcomes Members and Non-Members To the October 9, 2007 Meeting

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

"Guidelines for the Management of Community Acquired Pneumonia: Support for the New Treatment Paradigm"

Presenter
Richard Baron, M.D.

Sponsor
Pri-Care

Location

Saratoga Steaks & Seafood On The Green
200 Waring Road
Syracuse, New York
315-445-1976

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Education: Need a chairperson	
Historian: Helen O'Neill	315-458-7975

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES September 11, 2007

- I. Review and approval of 6/12/07 minutes.
- II. **President's Report**—JoAnn Herne
 - a. Moment of Silence for 9/11 victims and health care workers still affected in its aftermath.

- b. NPA Convention Silent Auction—Chris Atkins—Dinosaur BBQ and SU memorabilia.

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

- a. Checking Account Balance—\$22,000
- b. Savings Account Balance—\$9686

IV. **Committee Reports**

- a. Conference—Nancy Mitchell—2008 conference will be at the University Sheraton (with reduced or free parking). First planning committee meeting will be the third Tuesday in October, 5pm, 5th floor at UHCC. Please join committee.
- b. Membership—Catherine Tomaioli—currently 185 members, new members over summer—Mark St. John, Desta Anthony, Sharon Yaworski, Michelle Casler. Why is attendance at dinners 30-40 when our membership is 185, and, why is our chapter not more representative of the numbers of local NP's? Student members introduced. Tuesday meetings are difficult for NP students, who often have class that night. Students are having difficulty finding preceptors. Cat is coordinating this—NP's who wish to precept will contact her, and she will disseminate the info to schools.
- c. **Nominating**—Catherine Tomaioli—looking for President-Elect and Secretary—Executive Committee officer, part of NYS dues will be paid by chapter, will also subsidize Special Events chair. Email or call Cat. Dinners planned through September 2008 and are still going! Remember that Dorothy Morse does a lot of mailings and other work, so officer's duties are eased. There are 2 meetings a month to attend.
- d. **Special Events**—Deb will be stepping down within 1-2 years.
 - i. Golf Tournament—NP attendance was not outstanding. Proceeds will go to 309th from Fort Drum. Deb will manage this for 2 more years.
 - ii. State Fair—Deb will be stepping down in 1 year. Perhaps the NPANYS can take this over.
- e. **By-laws**—Cathy will work with Margie to update. Please forward comments to Cathy. Available on our new website.
- f. **Website**—www.syrnp.org is our new website—no password. Cathy will update. She will also send mass email about website. Will have contact info for Executive Committee.
- g. **Historian**—Helen O'Neill—will be starting to organize as soon as she receives our collections. If you have any historical information, please turn over to Helen.

- h. **Legislative**—no report. Sherri Loucks will step down in 1 year. Pat Donnelly suggested we devise strategic plan to use our monies to support our chapter. How can our chapter help the state abolish mandatory collaboration and assure reimbursement?
- i. **Chapter Representative**—Chris Atkins—first meeting in October, and they will be discussing the above issues.
- j. **Job Box**—no report—St. Joe's openings forwarded to Kathy Taylor. There were postings at the Fair. There will be a section on the website for this, already in newsletter.
- k. **Program**—Cathy/Jolene—next meeting will be October at Saratoga Steaks.

V. Old Business

- a. IRS/Tax Situation—we are seeking help from NPANYS to resolve this issue. Chris will take to state level. Lisa is contacting Dan Gallagher to determine how we are filed (exempt, not-for-profit, etc). She will meet with him in October to prepare taxes/account reports.
- b. January Elections—please see above.
- c. 50/50 Raffle—Cat needs someone to take this over. Winner gets ½ of money, PAC fund gets ½.

VI. New Business—

- a. Membership Payment for Elected Officers—should we subsidize state dues of the Executive Committee chairs—to encourage more active participation on our board?
- b. Christmas Giving—will collect at December meeting. Need suggestions for receivers of donations.
- c. October 7th—12th Annual Walk to Remember at Onondaga Lake Park (1-3pm) for neonatal loss. Please contact Helen O'Neill if interested.
- d. State Brochure---Cat has for review.

UPCOMING ANNOUNCEMENTS

A long discussion was generated at the *September Executive Board* meeting regarding membership and active members in regards to the Executive Board and Committees. We are looking for nominations for Executive Board positions and discussed incentives. It was unanimously decided that assistance with the yearly dues would be offered to the member who holds the Presidential position, President Elect position, Secretarial position and Treasurer. It was also decided that the Special events chair would be given the same monetary assistance since this is a position that requires a lot of personal time and planning. In the event that there are 2 people holding one position in a Co-Chair role, the monetary offering would be split between them.

At the **September Dinner Meeting**, we will bring further discussion to the general membership as to extending this completely or partially to the other committee chair positions.

Please join us.

*Catherine Tomaioli, NP
Membership/Nominating*

JoAnn Herne adjourned the meeting at 7:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Meryl Lefkowitz, NP

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.

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