

# The Practitioner

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The weather's turning cooler and the brilliant autumn colors are surrounding us. We know that snow can't be far behind! Get out and enjoy the many fall activities while there's still time. We all need to de-stress, and going out for a walk in the woods on a crisp, sunny, autumn day could be just the medicine you need!

The NPA Convention at the Turning Stone was very well attended and I saw many of our Syracuse members there. Thanks to Kathy Taylor who went out and purchased many of the items for the Syracuse basket, which we donated for the NPA Silent Auction. Many thanks go to Chris Atkins for getting our basket put together. It was the most beautiful basket there and it went for over \$100 at the auction.

Our thanks to Dr. Richard Baron for an interesting discussion on community acquired pneumonia at our October meeting held at Saratoga Steaks and Seafood. I'd like to, once again, see more members at our dinner meetings. You should be receiving a call from a member of our Executive Committee to find out what we can do to get more of you involved. We will be collecting money and goods on the "wish list" for Vincent House and perhaps another local charity for Christmas at our November and December meetings. Get involved-it feels good when you deliver a box of needed goods or a check to one of the many organizations we have contributed to over the years.

Have you checked out our new web site at [www.syrnp.com](http://www.syrnp.com)? Cathy Bazan has been our chapter member who is working with the web designer, and she wants your feedback and suggestions for further development of the site.

Members should be getting ballots soon for our election of President-elect and Secretary. Thanks to the members who were willing to run for office. Let's give them our full support

*Respectfully submitted,  
JoAnn Romanzi Herne  
Chapter President*

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

### Welcomes Members and Non-Members To the November 13, 2007 Meeting

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

### “New Directions in Allergic Respiratory Diseases”

#### Presenter

**Dr James Fagin**  
Attending Physician, Division of  
Allergy/Immunology Co-Director, Center for Childhood  
Asthma Schneider  
Children's Hospital

#### Sponsor

Quest Diagnostics

#### Location

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

*RSVP by Thursday, November 8, 2007*

*Dorothy Morse*

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## BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEES

### Board Members

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Dorothy Morse	315-492-9290
Nominating/Membership: Catherine Tomaiuoli	315-415-2780
Education: <b>Need a chairperson</b>	
Historian: Helen O'Neill	315-458-7975

## MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES October 9, 2007

JoAnn Herne called the meeting to order at 7pm.

**I. Review and approval of 9/11/07 minutes.**

**II. President's Report—JoAnn Herne**

- a. NPA Convention—keynote was nursing humorist was wonderful; Chris Atkins had our chapter basket done, and it was

beautiful. Bid was at least \$100, cost of basket \$125.

- III. **Treasurer's Report—Lisa Cico**—as of now
  - a. Checking Account Balance—\$19,855.69
  - b. Savings Account Balance—\$9896.17

**IV. Committee Reports**

- a. **Conference**—Nancy Mitchell or Kathy Taylor—May 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 in Breast Care Conference Room. Please join us.
- b. **Membership**—Catherine Tomaiuoli—currently 184 members, new members.
- c. **Nominating**—Catherine Tomaiuoli—see below.
- d. **Special Events**—Deb will be stepping down within 1-2 years. Jan \_\_\_\_\_ interested in working on Special Events. Deb will contact her.
- e. **By-laws**—Margie Wade—let her know any suggested changes.
- f. **Website**—www.syrnpa.org—positive feedback. Please check it out. Please forward suggestions to Cathy Bazan.
- g. **Historian**—Helen O'Neill—no report.
- h. **Legislative**— Sherri Loucks—next legislative dinner in 2008. Big issues need to raise more money for the PAC fund to help remove mandatory collaboration. Governor willing to discuss this issue.
- i. **Job Box**—Dr. Moro looking for NP to cover area nursing homes. You will be paid per patient you see. On-call included—split between 6 or 7 providers. Dr. Trust in Fulton looking for NP 2 days/wk in pediatric office. VA has compensation and pension position available.
- j. **Programs**—Jolene/Cathy—November meeting will be sponsored by Quest Diagnostics on allergy testing with Immunocap. Location TBA. December meeting at the Genesee Grand on heart failure, sponsored by Medtronic.

**V. Old Business**

- a. January Elections—need members willing to run for office. Dinner programs will be completed through December 2007. Both are 2-year positions. Officer's NPANYS dues will be reimbursed 50%. Ballots will be out shortly.
- b. Compensation for board members—other than 4 officers and Special Events chair. Should this be expanded to other committee chairs? Discussion ensued. Present membership voted on reimbursing 25% or \$50 for committee chairs—motion carried unanimously.

**VI. New Business—**

- a. Christmas Giving—will collect cash (and items on wish list) at December meeting for Vincent House. Can pick a second charity as well. We could match whatever dinner meeting collected at December meeting—we will discuss this at our next meeting.

JoAnn Herne adjourned the meeting at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Meryl Lefkowitz, NP*

## **JOB BOX**

NP for Transplant services at Upstate Medical University  
UPIN required. Address inquiry to [motts@upstate.edu](mailto:motts@upstate.edu) or at [www.upstate.edu](http://www.upstate.edu) online job postings. The exciting opportunity is for an NP or a PA to work as a part of the Transplant team. UH has recently welcomed a new Chief of Transplant, Dr. Amy Friedman. We currently have 2 Transplant Surgeons, Nephrology physicians, 2 FTE NPs and 2 RNs, financial coordinator, MOA, and team leader who this candidate would work with.

## **UPCOMING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**“THE NORTHEAST REGIONAL COPD CONFERENCE”**

MAY 9<sup>TH</sup> AND 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2008

Sponsored by the New York State Society for Respiratory Care, Inc. (NYSSRC) in conjunction with the New Jersey, and Connecticut State Societies for Respiratory Care.

For more information check the [www.nyssrc.com](http://www.nyssrc.com) website regularly for updates. The program will offer approximately 10 hours of continuing education credit (CME's or CRCE's)

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**October 2007 Monthly Newsletter**

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