

The Practitioner

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

This winter has been cold and snowy but our January meeting was warm and welcoming. It was great to see so many familiar faces. Our organization has been busy planning events for the year. The conference committee is finalizing details for our Annual Teaching Day. Anita, our membership chair, has ideas to promote student involvement and improve member retention. Lynn and Robyn have volunteered to be our student representatives. As always, we welcome participation of our current members on our many committees.

A most interesting editorial was published in *The Journal of Family Practice* December 2010 by their Editor-in-Chief. It is reassuring to see a physician on board with the mission of nurse practitioners. Dr Jeff Susman stated it is time to abandon divisive struggles with APNs. He urges his fellow physicians to embrace a full partnership with APNs. The arguments family physicians make against APNs are the same as specialists have used against family physicians-claiming an inferior level of expertise. Rather than repeat the cycle of oppression he suggests celebrating the differences in practice and exploring opportunities for collaboration. He is convinced, "Joining forces with APNs to develop innovative models of team care will lead to the best health outcomes." The entire editorial is available on the NPA NYS website.

Our strength is in our members. Consider inviting a non-member NP to join the NPA or accompany you to a dinner meeting. Stay warm and safe and I look forward to seeing you at the February meeting.

Margie Wade
President – NPA-NYS-Syracuse Chapter

The Nurse Practitioner Association of New York State – Syracuse Chapter

Welcomes Members and Non-Members To the Tuesday, February 8th, 2011 Meeting

Sign in @ 5:30 pm
(Members \$5, non-members \$15, Nurse Practitioner Students -n/c)
Speaker & dinner @ 6:00 pm
Meeting @ 7:00 pm

TOPIC

Obtaining LDL Goal With
Combination Therapy

PRESENTER

National Speaker - TBA

Sponsor

Merck

Location

Justin's Grill
6400 Yorktown Circle
East Syracuse, NY 13057-1245
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RSVP by Sunday February 6, 2011

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BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEES

Board Members

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| Historian: | Helen O'Neill | 315-458-7975 |

MONTHLY DINNER MEETING MINUTES – January 11, 2011

Minutes: Accepted, motion by Cheryl Luttinger, second by Jane Monnell, all approved

Treasurers Report by Dorothy Champney:

Checking \$ 1,102.61, Savings \$11,779.18. New Issue to be brought to the group is of the IRS statement received stating we owe a penalty with accrued interest of approximately \$2,200.00. This is resulted from 2005 taxes being filed late, per the IRS. At this point every effort is being made by the executive committee to rectify the situation and determine if this is a legitimate claim. Findings will be reported to the group when more information has become available. A suggestion was made by a member to contact the Tax Advocacy Support Service a subdivision of the IRS.

Bonding- this issue continues to be pursued through another source, should we not find an adequate bonding solution the executive board has devised a checks and balances; we will keep the chapter up to date as we proceed. Sue Hubbard at the state office had been contacted and we do not fall under an umbrella, each individual chapter is responsible. Chris Atkins will raise this issue at the state meeting to be held this weekend.

2010 Taxes: Will be signed tonight and filed. President's report by Margie Wade: Margie thanked Catherine and Meryl for the great work they have done for our chapter as co-presidents, and presented them with gifts from the chapter along with certificates of appreciation. Margie also thanked the committee for the continued hard work and dedication to our chapter.

President Elects report by Ann Roman and Cheryl Luttinger:

Next month's dinner meeting will be sponsored by Merck, on the topic of Lipids, at Justin's, national speaker TBA.

Conference Committee by Nancy Mitchell: The annual teaching day is confirmed for June 3, at the Sheraton University, all speakers are confirmed. We need the membership to help us obtain vendors, as they greatly support our chapter. Please send all potential vendor information to Dorothy Morse at rmorse3@twcny.rr.com

Membership Committee by Anita Joy: As a reminder please go to www.npa.org to keep your membership information updated and connect with other members. Our current membership is 186. The committee has been brainstorming ideas to

increase membership for our chapter all ideas are welcomed, i.e. bring NPs to meetings. We will again do Happy Ours in May at Twin Trees II, as it was a huge success last year. We warmly welcomed new members Tammy, Janet and Yvonne.

Bylaws: No update

Nominating: No Update

Website: No update

Historian by Helen O'Neill: Helen was taking pictures of this evening's event.

Special Events by Deb Pflugh: Annual tournament will be 6/11 at the Links at Sunset; we need teams, door prizes and sponsors.

Job Box by Nancy Parsons: The web site is up to date, please check often for changes. There is currently a full time position at Loretto, and Internal Medicine of CNY at Widewaters

Precepting by Cheryl Luttinger: We continue to need OB/GYN, Peds and FNP preceptors.

Legislative: No update

Old Business:

News Articles: Jan Lottermoser will be collecting information from anyone interested is giving a highlight on their practice, in October we will try to have a series of articles published to increase awareness of NPs and what services we provide to educate the public during NP month, we will also try avenues such as having a speaker on Bridge Street, please send your information to janlott@yahoo.com

Holiday Charity: We already received a thank you note from the Interreligious Food Consortium thanking us for our \$500.00 contribution and an additional \$175 from the membership will be sent, if you will still like to contribute you can do so tonight.

Student Reps: We have two new students Reps Robin and Lynn.

Honorariums to the executive committee: The executive committee agreed that there will no

longer be honorariums to the committees, and only to the executive board. Many board members and committee members returned their honorariums this year in an effort to further support our chapter.

Spot light on Practice: The chapter feels they would like to continue this, sign up for February, March and April was sent around today. Spot Light on Practice is where a member of our chapter describes what they do in their practice to increase awareness and additional resources for referrals. This month Ann Roman will present.

New Business:

Monthly Dinner Meeting Dues for non-members:

The executive committee agreed that the monthly dinner meeting cost for non members will now be \$15.00, and remain at \$5.00 for members beginning February 2011.

There is a two day Legal Nurse Consultant Certification Course being offered in March, April and June. Please go to the web site for all details: www.jurexurse.com

Motion to close by Cheryl Luttinger and Catherine Tomaiuolo.

Respectfully submitted Ann Roman

Upcoming Conference

University of Buffalo Neurosurgery Comprehensive Movement Disorders Center is partnering with the University of Toledo's Center for Continuing Medical Education to co-sponsor a two day Comprehensive Education Consortium for Parkinson's Disease and Related Disorders – June 24th and June 25th, 2011. For more information contact: Evalynn Katz, LCSW @ ekatz@ubns.com or 716-859-3342.

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