

The Practitioner

The Nurse Practitioner Association of
New York State – Syracuse Chapter

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following excerpt is from a recent article in the New England Journal of Medicine. Nurse Practitioners are in the news and in the journals.

Broadening the Scope of Nursing Practice

We believe that if we are to bridge the gap in primary care and establish new approaches to care delivery, all health care providers must be permitted to practice to the fullest extent of their knowledge and competence. This will require establishing a standardized and broadened scope of practice for advanced-practice registered nurses — in particular, nurse practitioners — for all states.

Evidence from many studies indicates that primary care services, such as wellness and prevention services, diagnosis and management of many common uncomplicated acute illnesses, and management of chronic diseases such as diabetes can be provided by nurse practitioners at least as safely and effectively as by physicians. After reviewing the issue, an Institute of Medicine (IOM) panel recently reiterated this conclusion and called for expansion of nurses' scope of practice in primary care

States vary in terms of what they allow nurse practitioners to do, and this variance appears not to be correlated with performance on any measure of quality or safety. There are no data to suggest that nurse practitioners in states that impose greater restrictions on their practice provide safer and better care than those in less restrictive states or that the role of physicians in less restrictive states has changed or deteriorated.

This is a critical time to support an expanded, standardized scope of practice for nurses. Economic forces, demographics, the gap between supply and demand, and the promised expansion of care necessitate changes in primary care delivery. A growing shortage of primary care providers seems to ensure that nurses will ultimately be required to practice to their fullest capacity. Fighting the expansion of nurse practitioners' scope of practice is no longer a defensible strategy. The challenge will be for all health care professionals to embrace these changes and come together to improve U.S. health care.

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President – NPA-NYS-Syracuse Chapter

Welcomes
Members and Non-Members
To the
Tuesday, March 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
Osteoarthritis, Arthroplasty,
Computer Assisted Surgery and the Latest in Bearing
Surface Technology

PRESENTER
Robert Sherman, M.D.
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MONTHLY DINNER MEETING MINUTES – February 8, 2011

Minutes: Approved, meeting called to order by Catherine Tomaiuoli and Meryl Lefkowitz.

Treasurers Report by Dorothy Champney: Checking \$1,108.96, Savings \$ 11,279.18. In regards to the IRS issue, we did receive a letter from them dated January 19, 2011, stating they will

have a reply to us within 45 days. We did get a quote for bonding in the amount of \$686.00. The Executive Committee feels we will no longer pursue the bonding issue and put into place the checks and balances. This issue had been discussed with the state and they feel bonding is not necessary, and the issue can be adequately handled through a system of checks and balances. WE will perform our first check at the end of March, and quarterly thereafter.

Presidents report by Margie Wade: No new updates.

President Elects report by Ann Roman and Cheryl Luttinger: March meeting will be held at Inn of the Seasons, sponsored by Stryker, on an orthopedic topic, presented by Dr. Robert Sherman.

Conference Committee by Nancy Mitchell: We are awaiting confirmation by one speaker. Next meeting is at UHCC at 5 pm in the Breast Care Center. We still need vendors. If you have vendor contact please email Dorothy Morse at rmorse3@twcny.rr.com.

Membership Committee by Anita Joy: Our current membership is at 186, we welcomed a new student, Linda Bartlet. The deposit has been placed at Twin Tree II for our second annual "Happy Ours". We encourage seasoned and new NPs to join; last year was a great success. WE welcome ideas for encouraging new members to join. Consider Saturday am meetings for those who have obligations that prevent the Tuesday meeting attendance. Additionally Ann, read the new/renewals, Patricia Kirschner, as it is important to recognize our peers and their commitment to our profession, at this time we need as many participants as we can possibly encourage, during this time of active health care reform and to carry on the One Voice One Mission.

Bylaws: No update

Nominating: No update

Website by Catherine Tomaiuoli: No update, any problems or concerns contact Catherine.

Historian by Helen O'Neill: No update

Special Events Deb Pflugh: WE are on target for June 11, 2011, at our next meeting we will have team and hole sponsor forms to distribute. We need door prizes and hole sponsors. Deb Body has graciously offered to participate and is getting door prizes and hole sponsors, Thank you Deb.

Job Box by Nancy Parsons: There are several positions that will be updated on the web to include: SOS will be posting next month for a spine position, Rome Medical will have a pulmonary position, Upstate will have a pediatric Hem/Onc survivorship position, Spine and Wellness Center, VA at Binghamton primary care, and the Designated AIDS Care center at Upstate.

Precepting by Cheryl Luttinger: WE need OB/GYN positions please email Cheryl if you can precept at cherlut@verizon.net.

Legislative Jane Monnell: No update

Old Business: We received a lovely thank you note from Interreligious Food Consortium, thanking us for the additional donation.

Spot Light on Practice: We need a volunteer for April, please contact Margie Wade to sign up and share your practice with the group, it is a great opportunity for networking at wwade@twcnv.com.

New Business: We are again forming a scholarship committee, if you are interested in joining to determine criteria please contact Cathy O'Hara at mohara1042@verizon.net.

News update from the state a brief highlight includes: NPA bucks and temporary dues reduction will be made permanent. The lobbying firm of GT, has been hired, we are very excited as they were instrumental in working the nurse midwives to eliminate statutory collaboration. Legislative agenda is streamlined and consolidated. Membership at an all time high of 2,866 with a goal of 3,000. The JNPA will be replacing the communiqué.

Motion to close the meeting by Catherine Tomaiuoli and Meryl Lefkowicz.

Respectfully submitted Ann Roman

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