

# The Practitioner

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Nurse Practitioner Association New York State has issued a *Call to Action*. They are asking members to initiate a grassroots campaign to promote our legislative agenda.

Any member willing to participate is encouraged to contact a member of our board. The state website has suggestions for members who are making legislative visits.

The NPA supports all legislation that promotes access to quality, affordable healthcare for patients in New York State. Specific legislation that the NPA will sponsor and support in 2011 includes the following:

- ◆ NP Modernization Act - to remove Statutory Collaboration.
- ◆ End of Life Legislation
  - Death Certificate Bill - authorizing NPs to sign death certificates.
  - Family Health Care Decision Act Amendments – authorizing NPs to participate in end of life decisions under existing act including DNR.
- ◆ Global Signature Bill - to amend the education all in relation to authorizing NPs to perform functions in conjunction with diagnosing an illness consistent with a NPs scope of practice.
- ◆ Mental Health Bill - authorizing NPs to admit a patient to an inpatient mental health unit on a voluntary or involuntary basis.

Thank you to all the members who are working to promote our legislative agenda. Syracuse has historically been in the forefront of legislative change for our profession.

Dr. Margaret Wade DNP FNP  
President – NPA-NYS-Syracuse Chapter

The Nurse Practitioner Association of  
New York State – Syracuse Chapter

Welcomes  
Members and Non-Members  
To the  
**Tuesday, May 10, 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

**“HAPPY OURS”**  
“A Networking Opportunity to Meet Fellow  
NP’s/students”

(Remember to bring your Business card to share)

**Sponsor**

**Warner- Chilcott**

**Location**

**Twin Trees Too  
1029 Milton Ave.  
Syracuse, NY  
(315) 488-6066**

***RSVP by Sunday May 8, 2011***

***Dorothy Morse  
315-492-9290***

***Email: [rmorse3@tweny.rr.com](mailto:rmorse3@tweny.rr.com)***

## BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEES

### Board Members

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Precepting:	Cheryl Luttinger	315-447-5668
Historian:	Helen O'Neill	315-458-7975

## MONTHLY DINNER MEETING MINUTES – April 12, 2011

### **NPA Syracuse Chapter General Meeting April 12, 2011**

**Minutes:** Approved with a motion by Cat Tomaiuoli and Anne Grosso.

#### **Treasurers Report by Dorothy Champney:**

Checking \$808.44, Savings \$11,293.26. IRS sent another letter stating more time was needed on their end. There was no timeframe given.

**Presidents' report by Margie Wade:** There has been a call to action by the state regarding legislation for the following three bills:

- A 5308 (Gottfried)/S.3289 (Young) - NP Modernization Act-diagnosis and performance without the collaboration of a licensed physician.
- A.2157 (Gottfried)/S.3881 (Hannon) -Valid Signature Bill- includes issues such as DNR and Death Certificates.
- A.1603 (Ortiz)/S.4525 - Mental Health Bill- Authorizes nurse practitioners to admit patients to Inpatient Mental Health Units on voluntary or involuntary basis.

There needs to be Grassroots effort to move this legislation forward. Grassroots lobbying involves a group effort. Chapter members to ask for support at all levels: their patients, physicians, NPs to meet with local legislators. Go to [thenpa.org](http://thenpa.org) if need to find out who your representative is. Discussed inviting representatives to our meetings, has not worked well in the past. A Grassroots approach was instrumental in midwives becoming independent providers. Midwives patients were very active in supporting their independent practice. Signup sheet was passed around to coordinate visit to legislators.

We received an Email from local midwife offering advice; Michael Bligh from the Institute of Medicine. Nurses should be training at the highest level possible. Remove barriers. Shouldn't have collaboration holding us back.

This year's state leadership meeting is June 11<sup>th</sup>, the president and president elects are invited to attend. Exciting news Dr. Loretta Ford will be inducted in to the Woman's Hall of Fame on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Dr. Loretta Ford is the founder of nurse practitioners. Margie will look into the availability of tickets if anyone is interested in going as a group. Email from a member locally who has an associate that has been diagnosed with vulvar cancer. If there is any expert on this diagnosis please discuss with Margie so she can email this member with the information.

**President Elects report by Ann Roman and Cheryl Luttinger:** Next meeting May 10<sup>th</sup> - will be at Twin Trees Too- 1029 Milton Ave. Syracuse, NY. This meeting is focused around students getting to meet and talk with practicing NP's?. Please encourage students to attend. Sponsored by Warner- Chilcott. A five-minute presentation on Osteoporosis will be given.

**Conference Committee by Nancy Mitchell:** This year's Syracuse NPA Chapter Conference is all set for June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the University Sheraton. Please note there will not be a printed syllabus, this year's conference material will be available on the NPA Syracuse Chapter website to be downloaded. If you did not receive your first choice, you will be notified so you can download the appropriate material. If your material is not available on the website it is due to the speakers request and will be supplied the day of the conference. Last year's conference we lost money due to the decreased participation of vendors. Last year we were down 10 vendors. If you know of any vendors that are interested please contact Dorothy Morse- at [rmorse3@twcny.rr.com](mailto:rmorse3@twcny.rr.com). Cost varies to type of vendor.

**Membership Committee by Anita Joy:** Margie-Seth Gordon states the March membership number is at an all time high. There are now over 2900 total members.

**Bylaws:** No update.

**Nominating by Lisa Cico:** Now is the time to be thinking if you would be interested in running for a position on the Syracuse NPA Chapter Board. Position that will be open will be President –Elect, Secretary, and Precepting.

**Website by Margie Wade:** No update.

**Historian by Helen O'Neill:** No update.

**Special Events:** The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual NPA Syracuse Chapter Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011. 4 person Captain and Crew format. Proceeds to benefit the Family Readiness Group 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion 309<sup>th</sup> Regiment. This is a support organization for families of soldiers deployed for war. The proceeds help support holiday parties, summer picnics for the children of these soldiers. Alicia is asking for support by people working the event, finding sponsors, donation of door prizes, signing up to participate in the event. She and Debbie Pflugh have organized this event on their own in the past and it is very hard, time consuming.

They are not sure if they can continue to do this next year without support.

**Job Box by Nancy Parsons:** Manor at Seneca Hill Oswego still open.

**Precepting by Cheryl Luttinger:** No changes. Need Family and OB/GYN. If you know of any nurse practitioners will to precept please have them email Cheryl at [Cherlut@verizon.net](mailto:Cherlut@verizon.net). Students must be active members in the NPA.

**Legislative:** No update.

**Student Reps:** Lynn- No update.

**Regional:** No update. Will be an open position Fall 2012?

**Old Business:** Guidelines for scholarship is outlined in the Syracuse NPA Chapter Newsletter, application is attached to newsletter. The availability of the scholarship has been announced in the classes at Upstate and will be posted at the college.

**New Business:** Congratulations to Joann Romanzi Herne APRN, BC on starting her own nurse practitioner practice on May 1<sup>st</sup>, "GAPS" Gastric-Band Adjustments and Personal Support. GAPS was established to increase patient access to care after gastric band procedures. Located at 181 Intrepid Land Syracuse, NY 13205, 315-469-4569. Press # 3. (Office of Dr. Ann Barash) Evening and Weekend Office Hours. Brochures will be going out to surgeons who perform the surgery. Post-op counseling and adjustments. Will also do pre-op open sessions.

Motion to adjourn by Dorothy Champney and Anne Grosso.

*Respectfully submitted,* Cheryl A Luttinger for Ann Roman

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