

NCUS Board of Directors Meeting  
Friday, March 13th 2015  
Wilmington Hilton

**Board Member Present:** Rhonda Thomas, Dr. John Cotton, Brian Kilpatrick, Marta Thorup, Chris Mann, Mike Foster, Mark Schubring, Hudson O’Keefe, Jennifer Epperly, Amy Safrit, Tonya Howell, Devon Allred, Amber McCraw, Brittany Davis, Jeff Jewell, Susan Fail, Michelle Dail, Alice Bradley, Dara Garces, Bridget Niemeyer, Phoebe Blankenship, Carrmen Gurganious, Cristy Webster, Dena Smith, Diana Strickland, Laura Currie.

**Board Members Absent:** Rachel White, Diane Reed and Teresa Jones

**Approval of minutes:** Amy and Chris seconded.

**Introduction of New and Old Board members**

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Everyone should have gotten a copy of the Budget. Nothing must new to report. We will have an updated report at the June meeting. The end of Budget year is June 30.

**Committee:**

**Finance:** Nothing different than the Treasurer’s report.

**Nominating:** Chris reported that we have some new members. Nominations will be taken on the fall and spring meeting evaluations and through our new online nominations option.

**Membership:** 186 Active members, 8 Affiliate, 99 student members

**Education:** Alice reported that SPCC has a new Cardiovascular program. SPCC is working on the Musculoskeletal program. New program has been approved for the state of NC. Esaote has been a large contributor. Alice and Cathy Godwin will be researching this. Lots of great things going on in Ultrasound.

Addendum: Update regarding the MSK program at SPCC this fall. Below are some important dates to remember:

- Priority deadline to apply to the program is June 30th, 2015. Please go to the SPCC website for more details ([www.spcc.edu](http://www.spcc.edu)). Remember you must have graduated from an accredited program or hold one credential.
- Classes will begin August 17<sup>th</sup> and will be all online except for 4 days in which you will come to campus for hands on lab.
  - o Tentatively the dates are: Upper Extremity (Oct 2 and Oct 3, 2015)  
Lower Extremity (Nov. 6 and Nov. 7, 2015)
- **Note:** Both are Friday and Saturday so mark your schedules now. Dr. Moore will be with you both all four days.
- Classes are in 16 week (clinical), 8 week (MSK I, II, and III), and 4 week (MSK registry review) format using Moodle as the course management system.

- Seats are limited so apply now for competitive admission. Note: if we have more than we have seats for admission will be based on your TEAS score.

**Communications:** Jenny reported that the next newsletter will come out after the next board meeting. Always looking for new articles. Teresa will be stepping down as Chairmen.

**By-Law/Policies & Procedures:** Recent revision is in place. Nothing new to report. Dr. Cotton.

**Student Competitions:** Chris reported that the Quiz bowl is ready to go tonight. 3 rounds for each modality. Alice, Christy, Michelle, Amber, Susan and Marta offered to help. Quiz Bowl will be held in Salon A and it starts at 7:00. Judges needed, Cathy will help and train. Michelle, Bridgett and Mark will judge. There is a charge for electricity so that might need to be taken into consideration for the students submitting scientific exhibits.

**Web Page:** We have been hacked 3 times and Cori has looked into it and has given us a proposal. Joomla will give us better security. Mark asked for new quotes. Most work on Word Press and it is free, and then you buy your UMRL at \$15.00 a year, then you have to find a host like GoDaddy at \$20.00 a year. Not a lot of cost to build. Dr. Cotton said that we just update about 3 year ago. Laura asked about plug-ins and the cost. Mark said that he would work on getting us a few quotes. Mike has someone in Durham he can ask. Main pressing issue is security. The price of the upgrade is \$1500.00. New reports will be ready and in by the end of April. Diana suggested that we need to be diligent for the upgrade for security. Dr. Cotton recommended that we just pay the \$1500.00. The Board voted to proceed with the security upgrade for \$1500.00.

**Sonographer Excellence:** We can now nominate and vote from the web page. Alice reported that we had 32 nominations. There were 7 nominees this year. Rhonda gave out some handouts to explain the scoring and questionnaire (this was clarified by Cathy Godwin)

**Legislative Watch:** Diana reported that there is a new law that if a bill sits in committee too long it will automatically go to the floor for a vote. Go to [NCSRT.com](http://NCSRT.com) and see the links to the bill and what is going on.

**Symposium Committee:** Brian noted that we have lots of blank spaces on the moderator list. Please stay in the room as long as your speaker is speaking, keep an eye on the lights, room temperature, etc.

**New Business:** 50/50 drawing will be held Friday at 3:30 and Saturday at the evening social. -The Reception will start at 4:50, massage sessions will start and they are 10 minute slots. Cash bar and food served. MediPhor and CCI are sponsoring this

-Diana will get a proposal for Greenville being a Fall venue and that will be sent out to you and we will report on this in June.

-NCUS Youtube video will be created by Phoebe Blankinship. Please log onto Google drive to become familiar with documents, etc.

-NCUS foundation Marta will continue to work on this after her year as President. Donations for the Foundation are Tax deductible. There will be an application process for annual meeting registration.

-NCUS and the vascular societies still want to join us. Dr. Cotton said that they think our costs are too high.

-Marta read a farewell letter from Alice.

-The meeting was turned over to our new President, Chris Mann.

-New Officers were elected and Committees members were selected.

**Meeting adjourned by Chris at 3:57pm.**