

NCUS Board of Directors Meeting

April 11, 2014, Durham, NC

Board members present

Dr. John Cotton, Rhonda Thomas, Chris Mann, Marta Thorup, Diana Strickland, Devon Allred, Alice Bradley, Brian Kilpatrick, Amy Safrit, Amber McCraw, Teresa Jones, Susan Fail, Michele Dail, Jenny Epperly, Diane Reed.

Mentees present

Randy Gay, Irina Makovskaya, Hudson O'Keefe

The meeting was called to order by Dr. John Cotton.

Diana Strickland welcomed new Board members. There are three new Board members and one returning new Board member. Low voter participation for Board member elections was discussed as well as the "Region" versus "At-large" positions. Further discussion of this subject will be turned over to the Nominating committee. A motion was approved to change the Membership period from Spring meeting to Spring Meeting. The change will hopefully facilitate more participation in the Spring elections. She provided information on each of our committees, their structure and each committee members' duties.

The minutes of the last board meeting were approved.

The Treasurer's report was given. There was discussion of how to use our reserves.

Membership committee- There are 274 Total members, 172 Active members, 93 Student members, 3 Affiliate members and 6 Honorary members. Membership is down. Possible factors for this are: cost, many choices for on-line CMEs and too many meetings in the central North Carolina area. Dr. Cotton said that our CME/\$ cost is competitive. There was discussion on how to attract new members.

Education committee- Sonography students who have passed the SPI exam can now take other specialty exams 60 days prior to graduation . It was estimated that 120-125 students begin Sonography programs in North Carolina each Fall. South Piedmont Community College has started a Cardiovascular ultrasound degree program. The current mentees were recognized for an outstanding job this year. Three students have applied for mentees for the upcoming year. All were accepted. They will be at the June BOD meeting.

Communication committee- The newsletter will be out in the new few weeks. Dr. McKey submitted an article to be included in the newsletter. New Board members were encouraged to submit an article.

By-Laws and Policies and Procedures committee- Nothing to report. The committee will update the cost of Spring and Fall symposium.

Quiz Bowl committee- The committee has been re-named “Student Contest Committee”. Revised quiz bowl rules were distributed. Format for tonight was discussed.

Web Page committee- Nothing new to report. Spam e-mails were discussed.

Sonographer Excellence committee- 21 nominations were received for this year’s award. The application has been updated. Key revision: If you nominate someone, valid information for your nominee should be included or the nomination will not be considered.

Legislative committee- Topics discussed were ‘point of care’ ultrasounds, EMR and the delay of the ICD-10 implementation.

Symposium committee- 2014 Fall Symposium will be held at Great Wolf Lodge in Concord, North Carolina. Board members were encouraged to give a lecture in the fall.

OLD BUSINESS

“Mascot” entries will still be accepted.

Status of the cake for the Quiz Bowl tonight was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Fall Symposium 2015, central specific site to be determined.

Next BOD meeting is Cape Fear Community College June 7, 2014.