

## **NCUS BOD MEETING 1/16/2010**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 10:00

**ATTENDEES:** Alice Bradley, Jill Millard, Brian Kilpatrick, Glenda Sandman, Monica Meredith, Teresa Jones, Janet Ellis, Steven Penny, Rhonda Thomas, Tonya Howell, Wendy Barnhart, Allison Grant, Susan Collins, Christina Britt.

**SECRETARIE'S REPORT:** Report was reviewed by all and approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT/FINANCE :** We made a \$4700 profit at the last Fall meeting. Dr. Cotton suggested discussing honorariums. Rhonda suggested one honorarium no matter how many lectures given. Steve stated if we used a third room, it would cut out some of the profit. We need to announce third room to bigger clinics, especially for echo techs. Wendy suggested we could offer 2 CME's per speaker for each hour presentation (for sonographers, not MD). Alice and Jill will work on obtaining speakers. A motion was made and passed to reduce honoraria to \$75 vs. \$100 which was passed unanimously. A further motion was made and unanimously passed to only pay one honorarium per speaker. Susan pointed out that our net asset is down due to an accounting error. Allison stated we need to do our meetings cheaper and increase our membership. Profit from meetings does not cover administrative costs.

Allison stated SDMS had raffle. If your name was pulled, you got registration fees free. Susan said the respiratory society also did a 50/50. Money went to student scholarship and they raised \$4000. Rhonda suggested we could do this and not take donation to schools from our budget. Making people need to be present to win can make the attendees stay. This could be done each day. Alice motioned we start raffle at spring and this was passed. Theresa had idea to sell raffle tickets between lectures. \$1/ticket or 6/\$5.

**NOMINATING:** We have 11 nominees (1 for eastern, 6 western, 1 out of state, Dr. Cotton). We have seven members coming off the board. Some people have been nominated but are not members of society. We are going to put biographies on the web. SurveyMonkey will be used to vote. The first one hundred free, then Susan can change to get another hundred free. We need to give more specific nominating criteria, Nominees must be a member of NCUS in order to be placed on the ballot.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Same as at end of Fall meeting. 425 active, 121 students, 6 honorary, 3 affiliates. On the new web page, students have to be sure to deselect "active" and choose student to receive student rate.

**EDUCATION:** We will be having an educators meeting at the spring meeting. Cathy will be in charge. Job market for new grads has not been great. Jill is leaving program to be Dean of Learning Technologies and Accountability at SPCC. Alice is Dept Chair of Allied Health Programs. Two positions at SPCC are now open. Durham Community College's status is unknown. Nothing has been heard from Cleveland Community College either. There are now nine programs in NC and two in SC.

**BYLAWS:** No changes proposed.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Newsletter went out. Spring newsletter will be going out after spring meeting. Jill sent Susan at case study from student. Raffle info can be placed.

**SONOGRAPHER EXCELLENCE:** We had 27 nominations, 15 eligible. Committee will talk about changing criteria for eligibility. Some felt that the nominees need to be “well known” in the community. Allison suggesting having this ready by spring meeting so we can post for all to see and answer any questions. Susan asked Theresa to write something up for her to put on the form.

**LEGISLATIVE:** The government now recognizes sonography as an independent profession. Our profession is separate and distinct from radiography.

**WEB PAGE:** Per Susan, the webmaster is in process of putting up registration. There were questions about logging in. Members need to click “remember password” and it will email password. March 1<sup>st</sup> is deadline for membership before falling off. Constant contact will be used to remind members to register.

**SYMPOSIUM:** Two speakers not from the area. We have not heard from sponsorship requests to help pay for speaker. All other speakers are from the area. We have some new speakers that have not been used before. Brian spoke with Charlotte Radiology about possibly sponsoring snack break. Need a formal request and Dr. Hindel can forward to appropriate person. We have budgeted \$3000 for brochures. Susan is going to print 50 and the rest will be sent via email. Wendy mentioned that scientific exhibits cannot be commercialized. We need to clarify what is acceptable. We are not going to have a Case of the Day at this symposium.

**QUIZ BOWL:** Susan asked committee needs to go over rules, what references to use, and question structure before next year.

**FALL MEETING:** Several clinical speakers from Charlotte agreed to come. They need help with Raleigh area speakers. Allison has a formal invitation to send to potential speakers. Susan has a database of all past speakers.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Theresa met with Dr. Kremkau. He agreed to the new honorarium and doesn't want to be a burden to us. He was appreciative of how this was handled by the society.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Meeting location for 2012 is Concord at Embassy Suites. 3/15 through 3/18/2012. \$139 room rate sgl/dbl. Rooms are \$110 for Sheraton this year. \$125 at Embassy in Winston. Susan is still working on contracts and other optional sites – with and without lunch.  
Meeting adjourned at 11:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Kilpatrick, RDMS  
Secretary