

**NCUS BOD Meeting**  
Women's Education Center – Greensboro, NC  
Saturday, Jan 21, 2011

**Present:** Alice Bradley, Amy Safrit, Teresa Jones, Laura Currie, Marta Thorup, Karen Fowle, Janet Ellis, Rachel White, Dena Smith, Rhonda Thomas, Diana Strickland, Jill Millard, Tonya Howell, John Cotton and Susan Collins.

Call to order: 10:03am.

**Comment:** Alice welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting today. She asked all board members to introduce themselves as there are new members with us today.

**Secretary's Report:** Alice asked if there were any changes to be made to the minutes of the last board meeting. Rhonda made a motion to accept the minutes. Amy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee:** Dr. Cotton asked everyone to review the report. The fall meeting made about \$4000 in income.

**Committee Reports:**

**Nominating Committee:** Allison Grant reported that a ballot correction took place. There are 7 nominees for the 3 open positions. The deadline to vote is the end of February. There was some concern that everyone did not receive the 2<sup>nd</sup> (corrected) survey. Susan states that the newsletter will be released this week and she will add a reminder that members are still able to vote. Allison will notify the elected members once voting ends in February. So far there have are 37 votes cast in the 1<sup>st</sup> round and 52 votes cast in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round. Susan states the numbers are in line with typical voting responses.

**Membership Committee:** Janet Ellis reported that there are 62 total members with 11 affiliates and 42 active members. These numbers are expected to increase as registration for the Spring meeting begin arriving.

**Education Committee:** Laura Currie reported. The Quiz Bowl Rules and Applications and Scientific Exhibit Rules and Applications have been updated and sent to the BOD for review. Laura asked that everyone look these over and see if any changes or additions need to be made. Laura and Cathy plan to work on the Quiz Bowl question bank and ask all BOD members to submit questions for this year's Quiz Bowl. Susan reports that she can supply the buzzers again this year but not after that. The Respiratory group does not remember where they got their buzzers from and are not interested in selling these at this time. Alice reported that someone she works with has a similar system and she will check into it.

Laura reported to the BOD that Alice had mentioned having students speak as part of the Mentor/Mentee Program. Laura has set up guidelines for selecting a student lecturer when there several applicants to select from. Laura states that the

guidelines leave room for the BOD to decide if any student lectures will happen at any given meeting. Laura asked whether students who are not mentees could present a lecture. Diana recommends that we start off with this program first and get feedback and then we can make decisions from there. The student must be a NCUS member in order to participate. Diana suggests that a BOD member introduce the student lectures and explain the Mentor/Mentee Program. Alice states that Laura or Cathy plan to do introduce this year. Laura makes a motion to proceed with student lectures on a trial basis as long as all the criteria are met. Also, student speakers will not pay for registration, will receive no honorarium, no room provided, and mentees will pay no registration either. Diana 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Everyone voted in favor of the motion.

Laura asked everyone to review the guidelines for the Mentoring Program. Jill proposed that the mentee should be a senior student. The following changes were proposed: 1) Change to read as the June BOD meeting instead of the Fall symposium. 2) Change the GPA requirement to a minimum of 3.0. 3) Take out the actual date from the document. Laura says that the junior students will receive the application form from their instructors in the spring of their junior year. The mentees will be selected at the June BOD meeting. All items in the document will be changed to stipulate the senior year. Alice states there will be 9 of these 2<sup>nd</sup> year mentees and that all BOD members need to decide if they would like to be a Mentor. Teresa asked if there were any 1 year ultrasound programs. Laura says all schools that will participate must be CHEPT accredited and therefore must be 18 month programs. Marta asked if all the schools were aware of the Mentor/Mentee program. Alice and Laura responded that schools couldn't be informed until this program approved by the BOD. Laura made a motion to approve the Mentor/Mentee program with the changes discussed today. Jill and Teresa 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Everyone was in favor of the motion. This program will kick off at the spring symposium. It will be introduced this year and will truly start next year. An email will be sent to the educators at the schools to introduce the program.

**Bylaws Committee:** Nothing to report at this time.

**Communication Committee:** Laura Currie reported that the newsletter comes out next week. It contains 1 student article. Diana says she can get a Medicaid article for the next newsletter. Laura would like to get an article with a male sonographer's point of view. In other communication news, Susan says that we do have a Facebook page; however, there has not been much action on the page. Susan states that the meeting information will be displayed on the Facebook page. Laura recommends the BOD members attempt to regularly post something on Facebook. Susan Collins is the administrator on Facebook; Amy Safrit and Susan Collins are the Editors. Anyone can post on the site. Marta would like to help with the Facebook page.

**Legislative Watch:** Diana reported that she is on the Legislative Committee of the ARDMS and their 1<sup>st</sup> meeting is the beginning of March in Puerto Rico. She will be

able to pass along information from that meeting. The Care Bill is still in committee. Some states have individual state licensure and others have this legislation in the works. Alice reminded everyone that Sergio Khomyak is the contact person for any NC issues.

**Sonographic Excellence:** Tonya reports that the committee will notify the central office in February with results.

**Web Page:** Amy and Brian have report at this time. Rhonda and Allison plan to lead this committee after the March meeting. The quiz bowl and scientific exhibit forms are on the web page under the Documents tab.

**Symposium:** Alice discussed the lecture schedule for the Spring meeting. Alice reports we will be able to get 2 CME credits for the Quiz Bowl. It was decided that any member coming to the Quiz Bowl could get these credits and the Quiz Bowl will remain on Friday night. Several changes were made to the symposium schedule and the updated schedule will be put online on Monday with some TBA's listed.

**Fall Symposium 2011:** Rhonda reports we will be going to the Carolina Beach Marriott on 10/22/11 instead of the Friday Center in Chapel Hill this year. Laura recommended Wilmington as a future site and felt that it should be able to accommodate the society.

**Old Business:** Rhonda reported that the future meetings will be:

- 2011 Winston Salem, NC
- 2012 Cary, NC
- 2013 Grove Park Inn in Asheville, NC
- 2014 ? Sheraton in Cary, NC
- 2015 ? Wilmington, NC

**Reorganization** – New documents were given out at the Fall meeting which outlined the new duties of the BOD. These changes take effect on Feb 1, 2011. Susan will send out an email to everyone which will contain these documents again.

Alice presented a request on behalf of Steven Penny. He would like a link for his book to be on the NCUS website. It was agreed that this would be acceptable. The web committee will check about the possibility of including an Amazon link on the NCUS page.

Alice adjourned the meeting @ 11:37am. The next BOD meeting will be Friday 3/25/11 @ 1:30pm.