

NCUS Board of Directors Meeting on March 11, 2005 in Charlotte, North Carolina

In attendance: Sergio Khomyak, Amy Safrit, Zim Townsend, John Cassell, Tina Cole, Diana Strickland, Rhonda Thomas, Adelia Bullins, Gail Allred, Sandy Gillis, Kim Watts, Sabrina Black, Teresa Jones, Dr. Christy Isler, Dr. John Cotton, Sharon Wertz, Carolyn Isley, Ruggie MacKenzie.

New BOD members recognized: Chris Mann, Pat Washko, Steven Penny.

Secretary's Report: President Sergio Khomyak called the meeting to order and asked the secretary Ruggie MacKenzie to read the minutes of the last meeting. A motion was made by Amy Safrit and seconded by Zim Townsend to accept the minutes as presented. The motion passed.

Treasurers's Report: John Cassell explained the society's profit and loss statement for January 1 to March 7, 2005. Amy Safrit made a motion to accept the report and Zim Townsend seconded the motion and it passed.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Diana Strickland reported that there were 473 members of the society, an increase from last year.

Education: Cathy Godwin reiterated to all BOD members the new clinical verification form required for all applicants to the ARDMS. An educator's meeting for all instructors and interested persons was on Saturday.

By Laws and Procedures: Amy Safrit made a recommendation to keep the bylaws as stated in Article III, Section 5,6,7 and allow the board to decide on individual need. Zim moved and Tina seconded the motion. It was decided that the President elect may attend one national meeting per year.

Communications: Tina Cole would like to feature student project winners in the Newsletter. Dr. Isley suggested an article to be placed on our web page as well.

Legislative Watch: Adelia Bullins reported that the ARDMS is now considering a Physician Vascular Interpretation Examination for vascular surgeons. Dr. Isley and Dr. Cotton gave opinions from the physician's point of view. Diana Strickland explained that national reimbursement for Medicare is being put before the US Congress. Included are training guidelines for sonographers and interpreters.

Web Page: Diana Strickland explained that the past problems with the web page have been addressed and changed. It was suggested to have an educator's site on the web page that would link with sonography programs.

Symposium: Sharon Wertz said the fall symposium will be at the Friday Center October 29, 2005. Rhonda Thomas expressed the need for judges of the Scientific projects. There were 52 exhibits this year.

Quiz Bowl: All agreed that the first annual quiz bowl went very well with few problems. Caldwell Community College placed first for \$150.00 and Pitt Community College was second with a \$50.00 prize.

Old Business: Sergio discussed the merits of changing our financial reports from the calendar year to a fiscal year of July 1 to June 30. The extension to 2 year terms for President and Vice-President were discussed. Sharon Wertz made a motion to increase the Treasurer's term to two years with a second from Zim Townsend. The motion was passed. Outgoing president Sergio Khomyak thanked all of the Board of Directors for their commitment and especially Zim, Carolyn, and Sharon who are leaving the board. New NCUS president Amy Safrit "assumed the gavel" and welcomed the new BOD members.

Nominations were presented and the following officers were elected:

President-Elect – Rhonda Thomas
Vice-President-Sandy Gillis
Secretary-Kim Watts
Treasurer-Dr. John Cotton
Newsletter Editor-Tina Cole

Board of Directors Committees:

Nominating: - Rhonda Thomas, Sergio Khomyak, Amy Safrit, Cathy Godwin
Finance: - Dr. Cotton, John Cassell, Sergio Khomyak, Pat Washko
Membership:-Gail Allred, Teresa Jones, Diana Strickland, Ruggie MacKenzie
Communications: - Tina Cole, Pat Washko, Steven Penny, Chris Mann
By Laws:- Sergio Khomyak, Rhonda Thomas, Cathy Godwin, Amy Safrit, Dr. Cotton
Quiz Bowl: - Chris Mann, Sergio Khomyak, Adelia Bullins
Education: Steven Penny, Sandy Gillis, Cathy Godwin, Sabrina Black

New Business: There are two new sonography programs at Cape Fear Community College and Carterett Community College that bring the statewide total to eight sonography programs. The motion was made by Cathy Godwin and seconded by Sandy Gillis for the BOD to donate funds to accredited sonography programs only.

The 2006 Annual Symposium will be in Myrtle Beach March 29-April 2 and will be the 25th anniversary of the NCUS. An anniversary committee was established to commemorate the past 25 years. Members are: Cathy Godwin, Teresa Jones, Sharon Wertz, Carolyn Isley.

Multiple suggestions were made from BOD members concerning changes in future lecture schedules at the annual symposium. The next BOD meeting is on June 11, 2005 in Charleston, SC. The meeting was adjourned.