

**North Carolina Ultrasound Society**  
**Board of Director's Meeting, Saturday October 23, 2004**  
**Fall Symposium at The Friday Center, Chapel Hill, NC**

IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Wells, Gail Allred, Sharon Wertz, Carolyn Isley, Kim Watts, Dr. Cotton, Sandra Hagan-Ansert, Cathy Godwin, Amy Safrit, Rhonda Thomas, Diana Strickland, John Cassell, Sergio Khomyak, Sandy Gillis, Sabrina Black, and Central Office representative Susan Collins.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** per Sandra Hagan-Ansert a correction needs to be made in the last minutes in regards to Joan Baker. Ms. Baker founded the ARDMS and was one of the founders of the SDMS. She did not start the 1<sup>st</sup> school.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** John reviewed the budget. See the attached forms. Sharon made a motion to pay the fall speakers an honorarium of \$100. Amy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sharon also commended everyone for doing a great job on the fall symposium.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance Committee:** The possibility was raised of extending the credit limit on the Society's credit card. The card limit is \$1500 at this time. Sharon made a motion to increase the card limit to \$5000 and have a reconciliation each month with the treasurer. Any charges greater than \$1000 need approval by the treasurer via email. Motion seconded by Rhonda and Gail. Motion carried.

**Nominating Committee:** Amy reported there were 20 people nominated for 1 slot. The names will be divided among the committee members. The nominees will be contacted to see if they are interested and to get profile information.

**Membership Committee:** Diana reported 361 Active members, 11 Affiliate members, 101 Student members. Total membership at this time is 473.

**Education Committee:** Cathy Godwin had nothing new to report on the accrediting bureau. Cathy reminded everyone that new eligibility requirements for sitting for the boards take effect at the start of the year. Cathy wanted to let us know she had attended the ARRT exam review board to discuss their test for sonography. She helped with the effort to re-write their exam. The ARRT also plans to have tests for Vascular, Breast and General sonography in the future. Also, Cathy made everyone aware that Alice Bradley was working on an online class to help people review for the boards.

Education Committee cont: Sergio and Sharon discussed the new ARDMS requirements for clinical verification forms. There is some confusion concerning this form and Sergio asked Cathy if she would speak with someone on the ARDMS executive committee to clear up this matter. He would like for the information to be provided to the members through the newsletter.

**Bylaws and Procedures Committee:** Sharon and Amy plan to add the Fall Symposium to the Policies.

**Communication Committee:** Rhonda had nothing new to report at this time. She and Tina plan to include information about the ARDMS clinical verification and the Fall Meeting in an upcoming newsletter.

**Sonographer Excellence Committee:** There are 27+ nominations as of this date. The committee will get a final count after the fall symposium evaluations are reviewed.

**Legislative Committee:** Dr. Cotton had nothing new to report at this time. Sergio informed that the SDMS is trying to get Medicare to cover screening exams for Abdominal Aorta and Carotid exams. This change in policy would help to move these exams back into diagnostic labs with registered sonographers.

**Web Page Committee:** Diana informed that the web page had been down recently for updates.

**Symposium Committee:** Rhonda reminded BOD members what assignments they had volunteered for previously.

**Fall Symposium:** Sharon suggested holding this meeting again next year. The added bonus of a hotel on site at the Friday Center was mentioned. Dr. Cotton will plan to reserve the Friday Center. The plan is to email members about this meeting and send out brochures earlier next year. There was some discussion whether to have 2 or 3 sessions at the fall meeting. The general consensus was to stay at 2 sessions for now. Sandra Hagan-Ansert suggested having 30 minute lectures which would count for ½ credit.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Quiz Bowl:** Sharon and Sergio went and observed the NCSRC Sputum Bowl. Some of the groundwork for the NCUS Quiz Bowl has been proposed: GE will plan to sponsor the event (snacks, beer); 3 member teams with each team submitting 25 questions; questions submitted by the BOD members; Tommy Williams from NCSRC will moderate; Sergio plans to ask to borrow the NCSRC equipment.

The plan is to get the schools involved as much as possible. We may also need to have some BOD teams to start the ball rolling. There could even be a vendor team if they show interest. The plan is to have the Quiz Bowl on Friday night for now. If there is lots of interest, the Bowl will continue on Saturday night. There will be a prize for 1<sup>st</sup> place only. Susan Collins will be the scorekeeper. The judges will be Sandra Hagan-Ansert, Sergio, and Dr. Kremkau.

Other old business discussed involved improving communication. Sergio would like to see some of the information from the minutes included in the newsletter. Sandra Hagan-Ansert commended the society's communication methods (newsletter and website).

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Dr. Cotton suggested shifting the fiscal year from Jan-Dec to July-July. He suggested this would make the budget easier to interpret. John Cassell agrees this shift would be a good idea. Susan will plan to check to see if the accountant agrees with this idea. The change may require a change in the Bylaws also.

The prospect of having CD-ROM's of the speaker's handouts from the meeting was raised. Another possibility suggested was to have the handouts on the website after the meeting. A login code or number would guarantee that only paying registrants had access to this information. Susan agrees that this year we can generate member numbers in case this is something the BOD would like to pursue. The question was raised whether we should ask the members for input on this matter. Sergio suggested waiting to see how well the speakers do on submitting their handouts this year. The plan is to revisit this idea later.

Sharon and Carolyn plan to work on a scrub top with the NCUS logo.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05pm. The next BOD meeting is scheduled for January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005 in Greensboro.