

**NCUS Board of Directors Meeting
Marriott Grande Dunes
Myrtle Beach, S.C.
March 27, 2009**

Present: Wendy Barnhardt, Alice Bradley, Christina Britt, Pam Burgess, Dr. John Cotton, Laura Currie, Janet Ellis, Cathy Godwin, Allison Grant, Debbie Green, Bobbie Creech, Teresa Jones, Brian Kilpatrick, Monica Meredith, Jill Millard, Steven Penny, Glenda Sandman, Rhonda Thomas, Chris Mann, Tina Cole, Susan Collins.

Steven Penny, NCUS President, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. After greeting everyone he asked for the secretary's report.

Secretary's report- Glenda Sandman, NCUS Secretary, asked if there were corrections needed to the minutes of the January meeting. A correction of the cost of using Biz1Tools as our webmaster was needed. The cost will be \$100 not \$50 as reported. The minutes with the necessary correction were approved.

Treasurer's report- Dr. John Cotton, NCUS Treasurer, reported we had done well with expenses for the meeting and was on tract.

Committee Reports

Finance- Dr. Cotton said this meeting would be close. We had 21 vendors and there were usually around 30. Imaging Assoc. had donated the bags for the meeting. We still need to cut expenses where we can. If we raise the registration fees too high members may not be able to come to the meetings.

Nominating- Allison Grant, Tina Cole- New board members were welcomed. Tony Robinson has resigned. Debbie Green will fill his spot.

Membership- Allison Grant, Cathy Godwin- There are currently 388 members. 267 active members, 3 affiliate members, 112 student members and 3 honorary members. Susan said she would e-mail members who have not paid dues and did not come to this meeting.

Education- Tina Cole, Allison Grant- There is to be a SPI Webinar. Those who would be interested are encouraged to go online and sign up for it.

Communication- Tina Cole, Christina Britt- The newsletter will go out soon. Waiting for a calendar of events and the president's message. Teresa Jones' husband will be taking pictures at the Quiz Bowl and the vendor's hall to be included in the newsletter as well.

Sonographer Excellence- Rhonda Thomas, Teresa Jones- They were ready to announce the winner during the general membership meeting. A suggestion was made to add information on making nominations on the webpage.

Legislative Watch- Diana Strickland, Pam Burgess- There was nothing to report at this time.

Web Page- Wendy Barnhardt, Chris Mann- Biz1Tools will be the new webmaster as of May. It will look better and will give the ability to send receipts via e-mail. Wendy

asked for suggestions for improvement. Allison said we need to upgrade and make the space our own. Changes will be easier with the new webmaster.

Symposium- Wendy Barnhardt- Volunteers were recruited to introduce speakers and to judge the exhibits. Bobbie Creech and Jill Millard agreed to judge the general/vascular category. Dr. Cotton would judge the echo and Teresa Jones the OB category. Prizes for the first, second, and third place winners in the past had been \$100, \$75, and \$50 for two categories. Dr. Cotton made a motion that this year the prizes be \$75, \$50, and \$25. Steven seconded the motion and it carried.

Quiz Bowl- Chris Mann, Laura Currie- Steve and Chris agreed to be moderators. Cathy Godwin would be the scorekeeper and Laura would be the timekeeper. The Quiz Bowl would start at 8:00pm.

Fall Meeting- Wendy Barnhardt, Christina Britt- The Fall Meeting will be held at the Friday Center in Chapel Hill on September 26. It will not conflict with other meetings. Christina reported the speakers were already lined up for the meeting.

2009-2010 Elections

Steven Penny thanked the board members for their support then introduced Allison Grant as the incoming president. New board members, some of whom were returning to the board, were introduced. Alice Bradley, Pam Burgess, Janet Ellis, Debbie Green, Bobbie Creech, Brian Kilpatrick, Monica Meredith, and Jill Millard will serve through 2012.

Allison thanked the board members for the opportunity to serve as the board president and welcomed the new board members. She encouraged them to volunteer to be on one of the committees. The different committee responsibilities were explained. Allison presented her goals for the next year and briefly went over each one.

New Business

The education scholarships were discussed. The board talked about how much should go to each school. Because this was not a budgeted expense it was decided to take a "wait and see" stance until we know what profit if any the symposium had generated.

Dr. Cotton reminded us we still need to reduce costs. Speaker travel is a big expense. We might look to using community college campuses for mini-meetings. We might tap into them for Webinars too.

Locations for the spring 2011 and 2012 were discussed. 2011 will be the NCUS 30th anniversary. Allison said it should really be special. We agreed to not go for the Grove Park Inn. We could expect more people to come if the cost was less. Susan reported Twin City Quarter in Winston Salem was huge with plenty to do close by. Grandover in Greensboro was the other suggestion. A motion was made to go after Twin City. A vote was taken and the motion passed. Locations for 2012 were then discussed. Sheraton-Imperial, Hilton-Embassy in Myrtle Beach, and Twin City Quarter in Winston Salem had quotes although they were not yet negotiated. Embassy in Cary had not responded. Dr. Cotton suggested looking at Concord, N.C. again too. When we have more information a decision can be made.

Refunds- Susan reported two requests for refunds. The board agreed this should be handled on a case by case basis. A motion to this effect was made and carried. It was

then decided each of these cases should receive refunds after a \$30 charge and a \$50 administrative fee.

Central office evaluation- Allison, Steven and Rhonda will form an adhoc committee to develop a list of responsibilities and expectations. The current contract does not explain expectations.

With no further business Allison adjourned the meeting at 3:35pm.

Next BOD meeting- June 2009 at Rex Healthcare

Respectfully submitted, Glenda Sandman