

NCUS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Grove Park Inn and Spa

Asheville, N.C.

April 18, 2008

Present: Wendy Barnhardt, Alice Bradley, Christina Britt, Crystal Bryant, Pam Burgess, Dr. John Cotton, Laurie Currie, Dr. Erick Deigan, Cathy Godwin, Alison Grant, Tonya Howell, Teresa Jones, Christopher Mann, Steven Penny, Tony Robinson, Glenda Sandman, Diana Strickland, Rhonda Thomas, Pat Washko, Susan Collins.

Call to order: Rhonda Thomas, presiding in Tina Cole's absence, called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm. After welcoming everyone she asked for the secretary's report.

Secretary's report: Glenda Sandman asked if there were any corrections needed to the minutes of the February 2008 BOD meeting. Wendy Barnhardt reported her name was missing from those present. Glenda said she would make the correction. No other corrections were needed. A motion was made for the minutes, with the necessary revision, to be approved and the motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Dr. John Cotton reported the reserve was down again. The registration for the spring symposium was up however. He would have the totals the following week.

Committee Reports:

Finance-Dr. John Cotton

Dr. Cotton had the profit and loss spread sheet as well as the balance sheet of assets and liabilities. Susan Collins reported we have done better financially with this meeting. The syllabus on CD had saved \$1000-\$1500. Dr. Cotton reported he knew of a vendor that may be even cheaper and would get more information. He said any saving would help the budget. The reserve is still trending down.

Nominating- Steven Penny, Rhonda Thomas

Rhonda reported there had been 17 nominated for the sonographer's excellence award. Of those 5 were eligible and they were being evaluated.

Membership- Teresa Jones, Rhonda Thomas

Teresa said there is now a total of 474 members. There are 327 active members, 133 student members, 11 affiliates, and 4 honorary members.

Education- Alice Bradley, Wendy Barnhardt

Standards and Guidelines from "The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs" were distributed. There was discussion of the proposed "re-certification" program. ARDMS had recently sent an e-mail updating registrants about this continuing competency assessment. Pat Washko reported no start year had been set and the cost was unsure. ARDMS states all of this is still in the planning stages and it would probably take several years to implement.

Bylaws, Policies and procedures- Rhonda Thomas, Steven Penny

There was no news to report.

Communication- Steven Penny, Christina Britt

The newsletter will be going digital with the next edition at the end of May.

Sonographer excellence- Sandy Gillis, Pam Burgess

The recipient of the sonographer excellence award would be announced at the luncheon meeting.

Legislative watch- Diana Strickland, Teresa Jones

There was no news on the CARE bill to report.

Web Page- Wendy Barnhardt, Chris Mann

Steven asked if vendors would be interested in advertising on our website for a charge. Susan said this was offered to the vendors but no information had ever been received from them. There is a \$75 charge for job listings. Susan reported the web blast was ready to go.

Symposium- Pat Washko

There were 322 total registrants for the spring meeting. There were 27 for Friday only, 23 Saturday only, 1 for Sunday only. There were also 131 for Saturday/Sunday and 140 for all three days. Pat asked for volunteers to introduce the speakers. He had hand-outs for each one as well as general instructions. Pat noted the totals registered for the symposium were very good considering cuts many places were making. Wendy Barnhardt thought the spring would be a good time for registry review. Pam Burgess said the hands-on sessions we had talked about before would be well attended. Dr. Cotton felt that the later date was good too.

Quiz Bowl- Chris Mann, Alice Bradley

Chris said he needed more people to be involved. Alice said the quiz bowl would be shorter this year. Everyone was encouraged to come.

Fall Meeting- Alison Grant, Diana Strickland

The fall meeting will be at the Friday Center on October 25, 2008.

2008-2009 Elections

**2008-2009 NCUS Officers & Committees
Election & Committee Assignment Sheet**

President: Steven Penny
Past President: (Ex-Officio) Tina Cole
President – Elect: Alison Grant
Vice – President: Wendy Barnhardt
Secretary: Glenda Sandman
Treasurer: John Cotton, MD
Newsletter Editor: Tina Cole

**2008-2009 NCUS Committees
President & President-Elect serve on all committees**

Finance

Treasurer Co-Chair: John Cotton, MD
Treasurer Co-Chair: Steven Penny
Rhonda Thomas

Nominating

President-Elect Co-Chair: Alison Grant
President-Past Co-Chair: Tina Cole

Membership

Co-Chair: Alison Grant
Co-Chair: Cathy Godwin
Tonya Howell
Crystal Bryant

Education

Education Co-Chair: Cathy Godwin
Education Co-Chair: Alice Bradley
Crystal Bryant
Teresa Jones
Laura Currie

Communication

Co-Chair: Tina Cole
Co-Chair: Christy Britt
Alice Bradley

By-Laws

Past President Co-Chair: Tina Cole
President Elect Co-Chair: Alison Grant
Diana Strickland
John Cotton, MD

Quiz Bowl

Co-Chair: Chris Mann
Co-Chair: Laura Currie
Christy Britt
Cathy Godwin

Sonographer Excellence

Co-Chair: Rhonda Thomas
Co-Chair: Teresa Jones

Legislative Watch

Co-Chair: Pam Burgess
Co-Chair: Diana Strickland
Laura Currie

Web Page Committee

Co-Chair: Chris Mann
Co-Chair: Wendy Barnhardt

28th Annual Ultrasound Symposium
Vice President Chair: Wendy Barnhardt

Brochure: Central Office, Executive Board

Vendors: Central Office, Tina Cole

Scientific Exhibits:

General Case of the Day: Steven Penny

Vascular Case of the Day: Pat Washko

Echo Case of the Day: Chris Mann

Speakers: Steven Penny

Fall Symposium
October 25, 2008
Friday Center, Chapel Hill, NC

Co-Chair: Rhonda Thomas

Co-Chair: Alice Bradley

Co-Chair: Teresa Jones

Brochure: Central Office and Executive Board

Vendors: Steven Penny, Central Office

Speakers: (Volunteers from the board to speak)

Chris Mann

Jill Millard

New Business-

Steven Penny presented the goals for 2008-2009 and briefly went over each one. Methods to increase membership were discussed. Dr. Cotton said to look to where the members were coming from and where they are not. Laura Currie asked if there was a list of hospitals that our meeting brochures could be mailed to. Teresa Jones said she could send Susan a list. Susan said we had purchased the SDMS mailing list in the past. Rhonda suggested we push for more South Carolina members especially since the next spring symposium is to be held in Myrtle Beach.

Steven wanted us to think of sources of a steady income for NCUS other than the two meetings a year.

The website was discussed again. Diana Strickland questioned the cost of CME's online. Susan said it would be too expensive with our current webmaster.

A student scholarship, possibly in honor of Dr. Kremkau, will be evaluated by the nominating committee. Guidelines will be developed and presented at the next meeting.

2010 location for the spring symposium- Dr. Cotton referred to the spread sheet comparing the choices. The Sheraton-Imperial in Raleigh-Durham was the best cost wise and offered the best room rates. The last time NCUS had their meeting there was 2003. A

suggestion was made to move the meeting back by three weeks. A motion was made by Dr. Cotton to accept the Sheraton-Imperial and the motion carried.

Steven asked if there was any other business. Susan said she had two requests for refunds for the current meeting. She said our guidelines were to deduct our costs and to refund the balance and would that be acceptable. The group agreed. Susan also reminded everyone that she does not take phone registration for the meetings.

Steven brought up the possibility, we had discussed before, of decreasing the speakers honorarium. Currently it is set at \$350 for the first talk and \$250 for any others. Pat suggested decreasing that to \$200 and \$100. Diana said Michigan and Florida's societies were nearest in size to ours. Steven will try to gather information for comparison.

With no other business to discuss, Steven adjourned the meeting at 3:05pm.

Next Board of Directors meeting will be June 14, 2008 at Rex Healthcare.

Respectfully submitted: Glenda Sandman