

North Carolina Ultrasound Society
Board of Directors Meeting
Rex Healthcare, Raleigh, N.C. June 14, 2008

Present: Steven Penny, Rhonda Thomas, Tonya Howell, Tony Robinson, Glenda Sandman, Cathy Godwin, Dianna Strickland, Alison Grant, Christina Britt, Laura Currie, Susan Collins.

Call to order: Steven Penny called the meeting to order at 10:05am. After thanking the board members for coming he asked for the secretary's report.

Secretary's report: Glenda Sandman reported the corrections to the previous minutes had been made. She then asked if there were any corrections needed for the minutes from the spring meeting. No corrections were necessary. A motion was made to accept the minutes as written. The motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Dr. John Cotton was unable to attend the board meeting but sent the current profit/loss statement. He pointed out there were still vendors who had not paid from the spring meeting. He projected we would end the year with a loss of approximately \$4,000. In his letter, Dr. Cotton suggested we continue to look for ways to save money and increase income. He also thought we should increase our registration prices for the fall meeting.

Committee Reports

Finance- Dr. John Cotton, Steven Penny
Dr. Cotton had sent a proposed budget for 2008-2009. There was some information that Dr. Cotton had not been able to include. Steven suggested getting updated information to Dr. Cotton then having the revised budget sent to the members via e-mail for a vote. An alternative would be to present the budget at the fall meeting in October.

Nominating- Alison Grant, Tina Cole
There was nothing to add at this time.

Membership- Alison Grant, Cathy Godwin
Teresa Jones had e-mailed Susan Collins to report that there were six honorary members. It had previously been reported to be only four. There are 494 total members with 337 active members. Ways to increase membership was discussed. Cathy and Alison suggested getting an online listing for South Carolina hospitals and their addresses in order to send information about the spring symposium. Susan will get the SDMS address list for North and South Carolina. ARDMS only gives the name and location so would not be of any benefit. Alison suggested sending brochures with the students to their clinical sites as well.

Education- Alice Bradley, Cathy Godwin
Cathy reported that Cleveland Community College was planning an ultrasound program. The impact on other programs was being studied. Alice and the SPPC students were planning a health screening at the NC General Assembly to highlight the value of funding

health education. It was also mentioned the need for basic sonography on each tract at our meetings.

Bylaws/Policies&Procedures- Tina Cole, Alison Grant

There was no news. The committee, however, is working on changing the bylaws/policies to reflect deleting AMA credits and the doctor's fees. The board was reminded that board members needed to be present for at least two meetings per year.

Communication- Tina Cole, Christina Britt

Steven and Christina reported the newsletter will be sent to the webmaster. A link to "Constant Contact" still needs to be made. That will hopefully be by the end of the week. Christina said she had student articles ready. Steven and others agreed we still needed to be able to offer value to our members.

Symposium- Wendy Barnhardt

Steven had talked to Dr. Kremkau about splitting the Friday course at the spring symposium into two sessions of three hour each. Dr. Kremkau was in agreement. Susan said she would first have to check with the hotel about room availability. Laura Currie suggested asking the students if they would like the split sessions. Steven had informally asked a number of attendees at the last meeting what they thought about doing this and had gotten favorable responses. In other business, the board members discussed the scientific exhibit categories. Judging the exhibits had been awkward with the way the categories had been split. It was agreed that grouping general ultrasound with OB and vascular with echo would be easier. There would be only two categories to judge. A motion was made to accept this change and the motion carried. A further motion was made to adjust the prizes for each category to \$150, \$100, and \$50 for first, second and third places. That motion carried as well.

Quiz Bowl- Chris Mann, Laura Currie

The quiz bowl had gone very well at the spring symposium. Attendance was just as good this year even without having a vendor provide beer. The winning team for Echo was from Pitt Community College. In the General category the team from Cape Fear Community College was the winner. The format was good and it had gone very fast. The quiz bowl needs suggestions for new questions.

Fall Meeting- Rhonda Thomas, Alice Bradley, Teresa Jones

Rhonda reported that speakers had already been lined up for the fall meeting. Steven brought up Dr. Cotton's suggestion of increasing the registration fee for the fall meeting as we had done in the spring. Rhonda made a motion we go from \$125 to \$150 for members and \$40 to \$50 for students. The motion carried.

Old Business

Education Scholarship

A scholarship of \$275 is given to each ultrasound program in North Carolina. At one time, this was only awarded if we had made a profit for the year. New ways to build a fund for the scholarship need to be identified. Activities such as raffle tickets sold by the students with prizes from corporate sponsors were discussed. Susan Collins will gather information on how the Respiratory group does theirs. An adhoc committee with Dianna

Strickland, Rhonda Thomas, and Alison Grant was formed to explore the possibilities and report back to the board at the fall meeting.

Speaker Honorarium

Steven suggested leaving the fees as they are now until the impact of using a speaker bureau is known.

New Business

Each committee is looking for cost savings. Cathy Godwin suggested we could utilize more telecommunication. Committees can get a conference call number from Susan.

Next Board of Directors meeting will be held October 25, 2008 at the Friday Center, Chapel Hill, NC.

With no other business to discuss Steven adjourned the meeting at 12:00pm.

Respectfully submitted, Glenda Sandman