

American Society for Pain Management Nurses

Business Meeting for March 4, 2009

Attendees: See Sign-In Sheet for Education Meeting

Call to Order: President Regina Stiles opened the business meeting at 815pm.

Minutes: Approved with minor corrections noted.

Treasurer's Report:

Committee Reports:

Bylaws: Allison Nisbit requested a copy of national bylaws to make sure the chapter ones match, especially in the mission/goals.

Membership: Florence Mooney-Cotter reported 13 members in 2008 and 5 new members joined as of **getting** out membership information to all potential members in D.C., Virginia and Maryland. Discussion was held on whether to change the payment of the chapter dues to match the timing of the national dues. Pros and cons highlighted. Voting will be tabled until the May meeting after some research can be done on timing issues.

Meeting Advocacy P -- Past President Gerry Higgins relayed that she and Regina met with **Wade** Delk and shared information about lobbying for causes. A Pain Care Forum **is** up coming and **Wade** will provide special dates and times for interested members to attend. Regina demonstrated the importance of having a handbook including political members' phone numbers and locations on Capital Hill. **Dr.** Van Osten will take ASPMN members **on(eliminate on)** to Capital Hill to meet with a Representative or Senator. This will be great exposure to learn about medical issues and share ASPMN concerns. Potential days are June 29 or July 1, 2009. Interested members are encouraged to contact Regina.

Nominating: No nominations at this time. Gerry pointed out that in future elections a president-elect is the only office where candidates are needed. The president elect automatically becomes president the following year.

Newsletter: Gerry reported that she and Dee had been working on possible formats. A four page document seemed appropriate and it would be published perhaps quarterly in March, June, September and December. Some other ideas for content might be a president's corner, board members contact information, calendar reminders (meetings, speakers), links to articles and new information, features about new members and their jobs. Gerry also introduced a new book- Principles of Analgesic Use in the Treatment of Acute and Chronic Pain by APS that she can order as needed.

Future Meeting Dates: ASPMN National Conference in Jacksonville, Florida- Sept. 12-15, 2009 Discussion revolved around gift items for the basket and a Virginia theme. Allison has volunteered to drive it to the conference. Holly will contribute handmade jewelry for the basket. (a fund-raising event shared by the chapter and the conference. (fragmented sentence)

Business Meeting in Reston at Holly's office- May 5, 2009. Group will work on the national reports-the National Financial and Chapter reports due by June 30 and July 31st, 2009 respectively. (Here's proof of a May meeting!)

Education/Business Meeting: June 11th, 2009 with Christine Rupprecht speaking on Pain management for the Wounded Warriors. This will be held at the Engh Conference Rooms C and D at Inova Mt. Vernon Hospital. Medtronic will cover the food bill. Gerry will check with environmental services there (drop there) about any restrictions for food being brought in.

Community Projects: General discussion involved what types of opportunities to perform community service by ASPMN members. Christine suggested gift assistance for the spouses of wounded soldiers. Currently 700 outpatients and their families live near Walter Reed Army base in D.C. Dates to (will) be set.

Education/Business Meeting at Inova Fair Oaks Hospital- September 24, 2009. Speakers will present a review of the national conference topics. Also music therapy, art and acupuncture may be (possible education topics)(drop discussed).

Education/Business Meeting at Reston Hospital- Gerry Higgins will address opiate addiction- November 4, 2009.

All members are encouraged to watch email listings for reminders of upcoming meeting topics/speakers.

Meeting adjourned at 2123.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary, NOVA Chapter ASPMN 2009