

Nurse Practitioners of Oregon
 General Membership Meeting Minutes
 18765 SW Boones Ferry Road, Suite 200
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Meeting Date: 25 January 2014

Meeting Location: ONA Headquarters, Tualatin, Oregon

Attending: JC Provost, Stacey Agee, Kari Komlofske, Corlyn Caspers, Karla McGee, James Sims, Pam DeVisser, Larlene Dunsmuir, Shelda Holmes, Anne Barry-Lever, Susan King, Tara Gregory, Kara O'Connell, Tracy Klein, LuAnn Cook, Lori Braughton, Elena Herrera, Sarah Baessler, Karen Riesinger, Sally Kraynik, Adair Moore

Attending By Conference Call: Roger Fogg, Meg Portwood, Ginny Elder, Linda Burgel

1. Meeting Called to Order by JC Provost at 1000

2. Announcements & Introductions:

Topic discussed	Follow-up Action(s)	Person(s) Responsible	Date Responsible
2014 Officers: Chair, JC Provost Immediate Past Chair, LuAnn Cook Chair Elect, Stacey Agee Secretary, Corlyn Caspers Treasurer, Kari Komlofske			
2014 Meeting & Education Dates: January 25, 2014 Mtg March 29, 2014 Pharmacology Conference May 17, 2014 Mtg Aug 09, 2014 Mtg October 16-18, 2014 NPO Educational Conference & Mtg			
JC Provost was honored as one of "The Top Dr.'s and Nurses" in the Portland Monthly.			
Jane Harrison-Hohner is retiring. She has been active in NPO and has been a mentor for many NPs through the years.	Plan an article on NPO website, and/or some sort of recognition for years of service.	NPO Executive Committee	

3. Treasurer's Report: KARI KOMLOFSKE

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance \$ 234,838.84 as of November 2013			
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4. Secretary Minutes and Approval: CORLYN CASPERS

Topic and Discussion	Follow-up Action(s)	Person(s) Responsible	Date Responsible
Motion, second, and approval of Executive and General Meeting minutes from August 10, 2013 and October 4, 2013	Post to website	ONA Staff	

5. Committee Reports:

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<p>5.1 Legislative Committee Kathy Moon/Sarah Baessler</p> <p>5.1.1 Dispensing HB 2902</p> <p>5.1.2 "Omnibus"</p> <p>Sarah gave legislative summary for upcoming short state legislative session this year. Goal is quick fixes, budget adjustments but no massive policy changes due to short session. ONA – NPO legislative staff and committee working on controlling regulation of State Board of Pharmacy desire to regulate any NP dispensing medications as a retail outlet. This is an unrealistic expectation by the Pharmacy Board and action is not based on identification of problems or complaints. Effort is combined Vet, NP, MD, CNS, Dentists to support a temporary fix to this problem.</p> <p>Legislative concept 8 is effort by the Cabinet of Health Policy to update language to add NP to various areas.</p> <p>Also working with Telehealth Alliance of Oregon to improve reimbursement services for insurance payment via tele-health the same as if visit is in person.</p> <p>NP Payment Parity Bill passage included requirement for task force working on issue. Mary Grant, ANP is co-chair with physician Rick Kenkeade. Next scheduled task force meeting is the end of February. Representatives from NPO, OMA, and insurers groups working together.</p> <p>Reported that some NPs have had difficulty ordering DME with some companies erroneously believing CMS implemented intent to limit NP ordering ability.</p>	<p>Updates to be posted on NPO Facebook site, ONA website, and email blasts during sessions.</p> <p>Encouraged discussion around identifying how insurances set their reimbursement rates.</p> <p>NPs may order DME.</p>		
<p>5.2 Education Committee Larlene Dunsmuir</p> <p>5.2.1 Annual Conference</p>			

<p>5.2.2 "Center for Excellence"</p> <p>NPO Annual Conference 2013 in Eugene was successful, earning \$15,000 profit. 2014 NPO Annual Education Conference will be held at the Governor Hotel in Portland October 16-18, 2014.</p> <p>Pharmacology Conference is scheduled 3/29/14 in Tualatin. Dr. Alan Agins will present. 6 hours continuing education and lunch are provided.</p> <p>Center for Excellence has no new information to present. Discussion that Boise VA has started a graduate residency program. This was advertised in ONA weekly email.</p>	<p>Speaker suggestions to Larlene.</p> <p>ONA Staff & Larlene to look into recording possibility for future listening or replay webcast.</p> <p>Tara and Larlene to continue working on this.</p>		
<p>5.3 Professional Standards James Sims</p> <p>5.3.1 NP Program discussions</p> <p>5.3.2 AHEC</p> <p>5.3.3 CMS Admitting Requirements Susan King</p> <p>January meeting was postponed tentatively scheduled 2/15/14. Issues hoping to address: Need for preceptors and review of Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) on reimbursement/provision of stipend or housing assistance when residency is outside of region permanent address. This may be regional issue as Eugene reports limited availability for nurses and coast reports easier access.</p> <p>Confusion exists around CMS Statement released from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services – statement not issuance of new ruling, ANA followed through w/ CMS who confirmed no policy change. Oregon continues to have admitting authority for NPs.</p>	<p>James and Committee members to review AHEC guidelines w/ Lisa Dodsen.</p>		
<p>5.4 Nominating Committee Karla McGee</p> <p>Current positions are open for elections this year: Nominating Chair – 1 year commitment Secretary – 2 year commitment Chair-elect – 3-4 year commitment</p>	<p>Ballots to be released according to Bylaw guidelines.</p>		

<p>New regional representative is Rebecca Bolling for Region C Suggestion made to have experienced regional reps mentor new reps.</p>	<p>Karen Riesinger agreed to be a mentor.</p>		
<p>5.5 Membership and Marketing</p> <p>Several new NPO members signed up at NPO Education Conference. Worked well to offer discounted rate for NPs who signed up at conference.</p> <p>Occasionally prior NPO scholarship recipients have not kept agreement to be active member of NPO.</p> <p>Consider greater weight of past involvement w/ ONA/NPO or other state organization promoting nursing practice. Also consider change in essay questions.</p>	<p>Draft letter to inactive recipients reminding of agreement.</p> <p>Executive Committee to discuss scholarship.</p>		

<p>5.5.1 OHSU and conference</p> <p>Current agreement active w/ OHSU. Currently 247 clinical (non-faculty) NPs at OHSU. Have been holding discussion over past 6 months regarding enrollment as a benefit to practice. Will host a joint ONA and OHSU event that will allow NPs the opportunity to sign up and have questions answered. NPO staff will be attending the next APN meeting.</p>			
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<p>5.6 Independent Practice & Business Owners Shelda Holmes</p> <p>Requesting a venue during NPO Education Conference for a lunchtime meeting. Larlene shared potential for business related workshop may be available as well.</p>			
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6. Regional and Organizational Representatives Reports:

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<p>6. Regional and Organizational Reps Linda Burgel, Bend Karen Riesinger, Portland Ginny Elder, Cove Kat Chinn, Eugene Meg Portwood, Lincoln City Rebecca Bolling, Southern Oregon</p>			

<p>6.1 Regional Representatives</p> <p>Meg is precepting a NP student from OHSU. Shared that some loan repayment opportunities are available – Oregon Rural Health Association – check website.</p> <p>Rule changes start soon on who can do CDL physicals – must have completed special training. https://nationalregistry.fmcsa</p> <p>Ginny reported some new NPs have come into area. Requesting NPO and OSBN registry update to contact new NPs. Shared knowledge of NurseCorp national loan repayment opportunity.</p> <p>Linda reported planned full retirement in one year. Hoping to start recruiting for new regional rep.</p>	<p>Susan and Larlene to look into AANP w/ possible addition to NPO conference or individual webinar for state NPs.</p> <p>ONA staff to send each regional rep new updated list of NPs.</p>		
<p>6.2 Rural Health Coordinating Council Pam DeVisser</p> <p>Medicaid plans on spending 4 million dollars over the next 4 years, requiring 3 years of service as part of loan repayment program. Contact may be Hillary Gossler.</p> <p>Rural Health tax credit available again this year. Check ORHA website to determine if qualify.</p> <p>New program starting that utilizes EMS/EMTs for follow-up examinations in home following 911 calls and patients released from ER/Hospital. Concerning regarding training provided for this activity.</p>			
<p>6.3 AANP Roger Fogg</p> <p>JC Provost was named Oregon AANP State Award for Excellence. Region X AANP meeting in Boise March 8, 2014 by invitation only.</p> <p>6.3.1 AANP National Conference</p> <p>June 17-22, 2014</p> <p>NPO receives two free registrations to the conference as professional members.</p>			

7. New Business:

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7.1 Bylaws Application Motion, second, and approval vote to accept bylaw changes as reviewed.			
7.1.1 Language for Independent Practice & Business Owners Committee Motion, second and approval vote to add IPBO as permanent committee.			
7.2 Project Access Now Grant Motion, second, and approval to become major stakeholder of Project Access Now with financial support promised at \$10,000 dollar donation each year for 3 consecutive years. Main fundraising dinner and auction to be held April 29, 2014 at Washington Zoo.			

8. New business:

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Encourage email blast to Senator Wyden as he has not signed onto the home health support for NPs. Encourage to do so. Tracy Klein is running for Region X AANP representative. She will be running against the incumbent.			

9. Adjournment: By JC Provost 1300

Next Meeting Date: May 17, 2014

Submitted by Corlyn Caspers, ANP-BC, Secretary