

NPO General Membership Meeting
Saturday October 18, 2008
Hood River Best Western, Hood River, OR
0730-0845

Call to Order by Bunny Lewis, Chair

Announcements and Introductions

Introductions:

Kat Chinn, Past Chair

Pam DeVisser, Chair Elect 2008-9

Frances Guthridge, Secretary

Kelly Goudreau, OCCNS

Guest

ONA staff:

Sue Davidson, Assistant Executive Director Nursing Practice, Education, and Research

Susan King, Executive Director ONA

Jack Dempsey Director of Government Relations and Health Policy

NPO Committee Chairs

Conference Chair: Larlene Dunsmuir

Membership and Marketing Co-chairs: Mary Grant and Patti Brandon

Legislative Committee Chair: Terri Gerlt

Professional standards Chair: Anne Barry Lever

President's Report

Bunny reported being very busy with emails, meetings, and planning for the future needs of the organization. She invited all members to the meetings in person or on conference call. This is where solutions are developed with the help of all present at the meeting. She invites each member to come and see what activities are being addressed and what each member might do to participate. These meetings review ideas for legislative changes and give birth to new ideas.

An important issue now is a group looking at the scope of practice process for health care providers. Members of the ONA staff attend the meetings of this group.

There is a need to comment on the Consensus document: Consensus Model for APRN Regulation: Licensure, Accreditation, Certification and Education. We will ask for a vote on this today from the members.

Strategic planning meeting to look at the future of the organization was held in August. This will be followed by a meeting in November to continue to develop the recommendations of the planning session. Some of the needs are technology to connect NPs. We identified a need to focus on mentoring new grads, new NPs to the state. It is

possible to receive information from Board of Nursing regarding new NPs to the state, but is limited to mail. The role of the regional representatives will be important in this goal.

We have previously made decisions to invest NPO funds in humanitarian efforts. Some of the money of the organization will be designated to grants submitted by members. Marilee Dea was awarded \$4000.00 to assist in a Guatemalan project. She was also nominated by NPO for the ONA Nursing Excellence Award and received that honor.

Pam DeVisser was awarded the Dan LaPoma Award for NP Excellence.

Bunny noted that NPO is conducting a salary survey that is taken online. The results are expected in early December.

A scholarship is being established by NPO.

Bunny offered her thanks to the ONA staff.

Treasurer's Report

Pam DeVisser has been acting treasurer.

Income:

Annual Conference	\$120,275.00
Retail sales	200.00
Interest on Accounts	6,819.18
Gain (Loss) on Investments	(13,517.90)
Total Revenues, gains	\$119,776.28

Expenses:

General	\$25,402.22
Conference	103,784.47
Marketing	37.88
Total Expenses	\$129,224.57

Profit (Loss) for 2007 (\$9,448.29)

Value of Investments and Assets: \$173,838.40

Committee reports.

Legislative

A scope of practice group is meeting monthly with a variety of professions. Jack Dempsey discussed the priorities of the Oregon Health Fund Board. There is an effort to expand access, reform toward a prevention based model. However, the next legislative session is expected to present a significant budget crisis. .

Oregon Center for nursing is working on a loan forgiveness program if the candidate then become nursing faculty in Oregon. ONA supports Jeff Merkley, candidate for senator. His wife is a nurse who belongs to ONA. Ballot measure 64 takes away payroll contributions and is not supported by ONA.

Teri Gerlt will serve as liaison to the cabinet on health policy.

Conference

Written report is available.

Larlene, Chair, acknowledged the members who have been instrumental in making this conference happen. Margaret Haupt, co-chair, Pam Devisser, grant procurement, Lois Eaton, accreditation, Corlyn Caspers, scheduling, Marilee Dea, Kay Peterson, LuAnn Cook, Meg Portwood, Nancy Werneke, Karen Reisinger, Kathleen Johnson. These people met in January to go over evaluations and help develop the topics for this conference. Please volunteer to assist members to plan for the conference October 22—24th, 2009, in Eugene.

Kat Chinn offered special thanks to Larlene, Chair of this conference.

Membership and Marketing

Patti Brandon keeps up the website. Mary Grant, and Patti Brandon are co-chairing membership and marketing committee. They are working to develop a new brochure.

We are in need of regional representative for the Portland area. We also need a Regional representative for northeast Oregon area.

Professional Standards

NPO/OCCNS position statement on the “Consensus Model for APRN Regulation: Licensure, Accreditation, Certification and Education” was proposed by Anne Barry-Lever. An advisory vote was requested, consensus indicated approval.

Introduction of Regional and Organizational Reps

NPO Regional Reps

Nancy Malone, Region C
Suzy Webber, Region D1
Meg Portwood, Region D2
Linda Hatch, Region A

American Academy of Nurse Practitioners

Roger Fogg AANP regional representative.

Rural Health Coordinating Council

Meg Portwood has been the longstanding regional representative, and would like someone else to take over this important position.

Old Business

NPO/ONA technology update, reported by Susan King. ONA is updating technology. They are looking at all the options, possibly a blog for special interest groups. There is continued discussion for new formats for communication. The ONA Board is in the process of evaluating new membership data bases which will be needed in order to launch new communication technology.

New Business

Strategic Planning process is focusing on increase in membership goals. Pam reported on the process. The follow-up strategic planning meeting will be November 15, 2008 at the ONA office.

Nominating Committee:

Luann Cook, reported that the election results were:

Luann Cook, Secretary
Frances Guthridge, Treasurer
Anne Barry-Lever, Chair Elect
Mariah Taylor, Nominating Chair

Introduction of Chair: Pam DeVisser, FNP, Chair NPO

Oregon Better Health Initiative.

Pam DeVisser reported on the meeting that she and Frances Guthridge attended. This is an effort to identify a different way to offer health care. Pam will continue to be the representative to the committee on behalf of NPO.

Chair: Pam DeVisser assumed responsibility and announced the next meeting.

Nov 15, 2008, 10-2 PM. Next strategic planning meeting.

Next Quarterly Meeting: January 24, 2009 ONA office 10 AM-1 PM.

Quarterly dates will be set for April and July

October 22-24, 2009 Annual meeting and conference, Eugene OR.

Adjournment by Pam DeVisser, Chair

Frances Guthridge,
Secretary