

NPO General Membership Meeting Minutes

Saturday October 24, 2009
Valley River Inn, Eugene, Oregon

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pam Devisser.

Pam welcomed all to the 32rd annual conference.

Treasures report was provided by Frances Guthridge.

Frances reviewed the revenue and expenditures for the past year, including the gains and losses of our investments.

Overall:

Assets

Cash & Cash Equivalents	56,221.79
Schwab Money Market	264.89
Marketable Securities	103,199.89
<u>Prepaid Expenses</u>	<u>3,993.85</u>
Total Current Assets	163,680.42

Liabilities

Conference "Next Year" Income	3,000.00
Accounts Payable	<u>88.13</u>
Total Current Liabilities	3,088.13

Total Liabilities

Fund Balance from 6.30.07, 2008	164,293.40
Profit/Loss	<u>(3,701.11)</u>
	160,592.29

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance **163,680.42**

For further detail please review the attached document.

Minutes:

Minutes are available on website and copies from the last meeting were distributed at the meeting. The minutes were approved as written.

Committee Reports

Legislative:

Jack Dempsey and Susan King provided an overview. At the federal level there are 5 bills that relate to health care reform. At this time they are out of committees and heading toward the floor for debate. The main bills are as follows: ONA/ANA are in support of the public health insurance option. NP's are included in the discussion of reimbursement for the advance care planning discussion and in the Independence at Home model. Mariah Taylor, NPO member has shared her story on the ANA webpage, please take a moment and read her story. All are encouraged to share their personal story as well.

At the state level; Oregon passed SB605 which gave NP's the ability to delegate direct dispensing of drugs. NP's must prepare the medication, but can delegate from that point on.

There are two measures coming in January 2010 to help make up for the 700 million dollars in budget cuts; the first will raise taxes on the top 10% wealthiest Oregonians and the other will raise corporate taxes. ONA is urging all to vote yes on these measures.

There were many questions of Jack from the floor involving medical home and the disparity for NP's when it comes to completing physicals and evaluations for patients needing psych evaluations for Social Security. Susan and Jack will look into this issue and provide the membership with the detail at our next business meeting.

Susan King will represent NPO on the Primary Care Home Advisory Panel. She would like to have an NP in family practice join her and be present as the rules and regulations are being put forth. This will provide the NP community with a voice at the advisory level and allow the NP's to assist in developing the Primary Care Home Model. If you are interested, please contact Susan King at ONA.

Home health orders remain a challenge at the federal level. Currently Medicare law has NP's described differently in two sections, in one NP's are seen as primary care givers and in the other section NP's are not listed as primary care providers. The latter section needs to be amended and until this is done, NP's will not be able to write for home health. It remains currently in discussion.

Liz Von Wellsheim, asked if the rules in Long term care settings were going to be changed to allow NP's to act as PCP for residents. At this time this issue remains at the federal level and interested people are encouraged to reach out to Senator Ron Wyden.

Membership and Marketing:

Mary Grant presented the report and thanked Patti Brandon and the regional representatives for their hard work this past year. There are 2,000 NP's in Oregon and our membership needs to grow. The group worked on a new membership brochure this past year and has an information booth in the exhibit area this year. The 6 regional representatives are as follows: Ginny Elder (Region B NE/Eastern), Monica Dostal (Region D-1 S Willamette Valley/Mid Coast), Nancy Malone (Region C Southern / South Coast), Linda Hatch (Region A Central/ southeast), Meg Portwood (Region D-2 Central coast) and Karen Riesinger (Region E Portland/Columbia Valley).

Mary reminded all that we have the opportunity to connect via the web at **Groupsite**. Our survey results are also available free of charge to NPO members and for purchase at \$25.00 for others, you may pick up a copy at the exhibit booth or you may contact the ONA office. All members were also asked to update their contact information as well.

Professional Standards: (Anne Barry-Lever)

Anne shared with us the NPO Webinar date of Saturday November 21, 2009; 8:30-10:45. Members will receive a postcard. This is free to members and non members will be charged \$40.00. This is a panel discussion around OSBN investigations and the process. It will touch on how to keep your practice safe as well.

Anne also shared that the OSBN will no longer be providing paper/ mailing notifications for information. They will be headed toward a list serve via internet. Each individual will need to sign up for the list serve in order to receive the information.

There have been many questions around prescribing and ordering compounded medications. This topic is currently under review. Another webinar will be planned to share the information in 2010.

This past year Anne has traveled along with other NPO officers to the different regions to hear their concerns. The regions visited, Eugene, Salem and Klamath Falls.

Conference Committee: Larlene Dunsmuir

Please see attached report.

Rural Health Coordinating Council

Kathy Moon represents NPO/ONA and gave her report. Her email contact is ladyfisher3@msn.com. The current issue at hand is the lack of access to mental health services in rural areas. They are looking at telemedicine/telpsych services to meet this need. Bob Nichols wants more information from the membership about their experiences and ideas of how to meet this need. Please forward your thoughts to Kathy at the email address listed above.

The Rural Health Conference will be held in Salishan on 11.6-7.2009. NPO has donated an item to be auctioned off at the silent auction.

Old Business

POLST Task Force Report, given by LuAnn Cook. LuAnn provided the membership with a quick overview of the new Registry the anticipated go live date is 12.1.2009. The actual effective date is dependent upon the outcome of the public hearings that are underway. Once the law goes into affect, those of us who are signers of the POLST form, will need to complete the opt in or opt out portion after reviewing with the family. Opting in will send the POLST form to the registry to be available to EMS via phone. The signers will either need to fax the form to the fax number or delegate the process. The goal is to improve access of the information during times of crisis.

The other item up for discussion is eliminating the Antibiotic choices, #3 on the POLST. Research has shown that it is not providing the guidance that was intended. 50% of people who chose to have antibiotics did not receive them and 50% of those who did not want antibiotics received them. The Hospice Association of Oregon is in support of removing this section. LuAnn is interested in hearing from the membership as well so that she can represent their voice during the discussions. LuAnn maybe reached at luann_cook@uhc.com.

Scholarship Award

The Carol Lavalley estate has donated \$1000.00 to add to our \$5000.00 annual scholarship to make the total \$6000.00 each year.

Update on NP license investigations.

Pam reminded the membership that the role of OSBN is to protect the public and not the individual NP or RN. There will be a Webinar 11.21.2009 to review the process. You will receive a postcard in the mail to register. Jim McDonald, President of OSBN, Holly Mercer and Tracey Klein will be speaking.

NPO website:

The NPO website will be changing to another host site be on the look for some new changes. Groupsite remains an active arena for conversation on current topics and a forum to share information. All NP's are encouraged to join.

New Business:

OSBN Division 50 Proposed Rule Changes

OSBN will in approving NP educational and require national specialty certification after 2011; this will not apply to those with current license. The challenge that NPO has with this is the varying CEU and educational requirements from state to state.

There was group discussion around national certification, it was pointed out that in order to bill Medicare, and the NP needs to be nationally certified. Other comments- some NP's prefer a choice. It was shared by Carol that the national certification organizations did not have licensure in mind when they developed their certifications exams. Here in Oregon, Tracey Klein reviews each individual application, reviewing the schools, the CEU etc, the certification bodies are not as through.

It was then given to the floor for a vote. It was a majority yes to support OSBN in engaging in approving educational programs. A majority yes vote also to support national certification along with maintaining the 100 annual CEU's for licensure. It was also majority yes to support NPO's stance on not changing to APRN's.

Introduction 2010 officers

Chair: Anne Barry-Lever
Chair -elect: Mary Grant
Treasures: Frances Guthridge
Secretary: Corlyn Casper
Nominating Committee: Tawnya Tompkins

Work Healthy Oregon

Chris O'Neill is looking for interested RN's who would like to assist in developing a website by providing feedback. This website is a health promotion site for nursing "Get Fit RN". He is looking for 4 volunteers, please contact him at ... if you are interested.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

LuAnn Cook, secretary 2009