

NPO General Meeting Minutes  
Saturday, April 24, 2010 1000-1300  
ONA Headquarters Office

1. Call to Order

Anne Barry-Lever

Present: Anne Barry-Lever, Corlyn Caspers, Susan King, Lois Eaton, Larlene Dunsmuir, Patti Brandon, Mary Grant, Karla McGee, Monica Dostal, Karen Riesinger, Pisith Kong  
By Telephone: Pam DeVisser, Denise Duren, Meg Portwood, Ginny Elder

2. Treasurer's report

Submitted via email by Francis Guthridge with the summary as follows:

February 2010

Total assets \$ 169,682.77

Total liabilities and fund balance \$ 169,682.77

Total income \$ 1826.16

Total expenses \$ 6093.94

Loss this period (\$ 4267.78)

March 2010

Total assets \$ 174,971.55

Total liabilities \$ 579.45

Total liabilities and fund balance \$ 174,971.55

Total income \$ 5464.76

Total expenses \$ 755.47

Profit this period \$ 4709.29

Webinar Classes November 2009 and March 2010

Total Income Sales \$ 440.00

Expenses \$ 4044.77

Total income (expense) (\$ 3604.77)

3. Announcement and Introductions

PK Kong started with ONA Feb 2008. She is now assisting NPO. She has helped with the webinar and AV.

Casey Campbell works on ONA communication, will be taking photos and working on NPO and ONA website.

4. Secretary minutes and approval

Misunderstanding by president to submit minutes previously received from secretary, will defer approval to next meeting. January meeting minutes will be sent to executive committee via email by Corlyn Caspers for review and revision prior to next meeting.

## 5. Committee Reports

### 5.1 Legislative

Susan King

Psych mental health reimbursement issues are unchanged and will result in reduction of reimbursement for non-physician providers. ONA plans to pursue equal pay for equal work force with 2011 legislature.

Reimbursement issues are being taken up with Legislator Blumenhauer. Susan King will send out query for NPO representative to be part of discussion.

Rural Tax Credit currently has 395 NP's participating.

Rural malpractice program has 50 NP's participation.

Rural Loan Repayment has no funding future. There are usually 20-25 providers taking advantage, of those 8-10 are NP's.

Oregon Budget 2 billion dollar shortfall projected for upcoming fiscal year.

On June 11, 2010 will be the Rural Health Care Summit at Lebanon Hospital. Requesting representative providers to attend. Denise Duren may be interested in attending.

Federal Home Health Issue and NP authorization is not yet resolved. Encourage letters and phone calls to pass legislature allowing NP's to order. Contacts are:

Neils Tilstrum (Wu)

Valerie Henry (Walden)

ANA has released their version of how the breakdown of new health care reform will take place. Legislative funding questions exist.

Five hospitals in the country will obtain funding for extensive training for NP/CNS's. Some are guaranteed funding and some are appropriated. AARP, ANA are trying to gain funding for more than 5 hospitals. Needs to be SON, organization, and hospital facility combined. Susan is trying to meet w/ Deans of OHSU to try to push for site for GNE (Graduate Nurse Education).

### 5.2 Membership and Marketing

Patti Brandon

House of Delegates Convention was attended by Patti, Mary, and Denise.

Need creative ideas for ongoing marketing.

National Nurse Licensure support did not pass.

Food was well done by LCC culinary school, suggested consideration for catering when in Eugene area.

Regional reps trying to get together before the next quarterly meeting.

ONA special rules of order discussed.

Monitoring progress, regional contacts, and info that can be shared on websites. Discuss costs for dues. Meg shared that many nonmembers are joining national specialty

memberships or association and then not joining state nursing organization. Webinars were great. No data on numbers of nonmembers attended. Discussed streaming idea vs. phone calls for quarterly meetings to increase participation.

Activities being pursued and participating in include:

Polling professionals in requested topics for further education, visiting schools of nursing. OHSU visits went great. Dolores Foglio represented NPO well. Discount of a quarter of membership dues offered if they attend quarterly meetings.

Scholarship applications are due May 2010.

Pam DeVisser gained 3 new members from Providence by educating the providers that Providence pays membership dues for employees.

PLAN: Find out what facilities pay ONA/NPO dues. This could represent an untapped market.

Dues can be paid as part of educational funds at various corporations. For example Kaiser will do so if requested. Kaiser negotiates on National Level rather than locally.

OHSU has large number of NP's. If NP's would consider working under contract, most would notice a salary increase, or could pursue paid dues if not part of bargaining membership. Consider ONA/NPO dues payment as part of up-front negotiations with employer.

Webinar consideration includes negotiation/contract template.

Casey: Streaming is a type of videoconference that is not interactive, just broadcast. Need teleconference capability, but expensive because special equipment is needed. "1Source" for two webinars were \$1600. Very few nonmembers have participated in webinars.

Currently there are 8400 nurses paying membership dues, including NP's. For bargaining purposes, 12,000 nurses are represented.

#### 5.2.1 Website

3-4 weeks behind, current go-live date is about memorial weekend. Prior to this date will be test run to select group of professionals. Content is being prepared. The current plan includes annual updates.

#### 5.3 Professional Standards

Lois Eaton

See written report submitted regarding prescriptive privileges, ONA/NPO meeting with Board of Pharmacy, compounding, "unapproved" drugs list, AANP Position Statement on Nurse Practitioner Prescriptive Privilege.

Allergan has rescinded decision to limit sales of Juvederm and Botox to NP's. Latisse will still not be available due to non-prescriptive.

Primary Care Home standards are lengthy, see attached document from the Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research. There is nothing new to report.

Compounding rules change language draft to be added to Division 56 rules. Bio-identical drugs are not approved for use under the rules. Other drugs often utilized but are questionable per rules include those used in hospice care. For example compounding often done because the patient is unable to take a medication in the usual method prescribed. OSBN is asking for assistance in clarification of rules with a committee from NPO. In Alaska and Washington this is not an issue. Other key issues include LEGEND drugs definition: "Written prescription required for medication in question.

Recommendations listed include: add definitions, such as a note regarding compounding approval to change route of medications for medications that are FDA approved. Consider either changing the language in the rule OR writing a policy around this issue. Also consider use of off-label use of medications. Recommendation is to work with BON. Suggestion moved and seconded to have a webinar on prescribing issues soon and webinar available for CE at NPO conference.

Concerns and assistance requests have been expressed by providers in private practice. The greatest demand so far is about the business end of owning and operating a business. There will be presentations at the NPO Conference on private practice issues. Consider need for survey or consultant on NPO for private practice. Round table discussion at the conference time set aside for private practice can further identify needs.

Consider posting information on website about support for NP members in private practice.

#### 5.4 No Nominating Committee report

#### 5.5 Conference Committee

Larlene Dunsmuir

Susan Thornton provided a written report. See attached document.

#### 6. Regional and organizational Reps Reports

6.1 Regional reps, no new report.

6.2 Rural Health has written report submitted by Kathy Moon. See attached document. Concerns have been raised regarding access to mental health care. Please send stories about barriers to access to Kathy Moon.

6.3 AANP, Roger Fogg not available today and no written report submitted.

#### 7. Old Business

7.1 POLST Written report from Luann Cook submitted. See attached.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS:

8.1 Achievements: Pam DeVisser was awarded National AANP Award for Excellence.

8.2 ONA Updates addressed throughout meeting. The Oregonian's AP article on advanced practice is being reviewed by Anne Barry-Lever and Tracy Klein from OSBN.

8.3 NPO Scholarship has one complete submitted application and has had inquiries from a few other persons. The executive committee will review applications and make decision regarding award of scholarship to qualified applicant. The committee members will receive a checklist to complete on the application packet. Letters of recommendation are to be USPS mailed; email letters will not be accepted. NP student does not need to be attending an Oregon school, but does need to be involved in ONA/NPO and willing to be in Oregon for one year following graduation. Scholarship notice will be available on the ONA and NPO websites.

### 8.4 Other:

PROJECT ACCESS NOW fundraiser displayed the NPO logo and banner, there was also recognition that the organization was a major sponsor for the event. The event raised \$25,000 profit. Three members of NPO attended. Members attending expressed pride in viewing our logo at an event with other professional organizations.

There has been a request to have the NPO website list opportunities for professional volunteer opportunities.

Lois shared information from AANP that the AMA recently released a document about the scope of practice for other types of providers. AANP wrote rebuttal to the document. On an individual and local level AMA members surveyed were not interested in the document put out by their national organization headquarters.

Teri Gerlt's husband died. Donation of \$100 dollars sent to ALS Foundation, as well as cards and flowers to Teri.

Submitted,  
Corlyn Caspers, ANP-BC  
NPO Secretary