

NURSE PRACTITIONER ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Membership meeting

September 24, 2015

Membership campaign

Membership recruiting past cards went out to over 900 NPs in Allegheny County encouraging joining the organization. Incentive to encourage new memberships if not previously a member in the past 3 years. There are 1,094 NPs in Allegheny Co and we have 240 members. We need to work to increase the numbers in this organization.

NP Independent Practice Bill

Senate Bill 717 (in committee) and house Bill 775 (will be going up for vote) – Nothing changes in the Scope of Practice, to allay concerns. Hearing on October 22, 2015 – each side (NP and MD) will get 45 minutes to present case, for a total time of 1.5 hours. Mona Counts speaking on behalf of the NPs. NPs could save Medicare \$6.4 billion dollars over 10 years in healthcare costs in PA. AARP is supporting this change.

Senator Pat Vance introducing resolution in Senate to honor NP week. Check the AANP website for updates and additional information.

Addendum January 20, 2016 meeting:

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Facebook Page

New page for information updates

State Conference

Nov 5-7, 2016 in Lancaster PA.

Hope to have a good showing from this side of the state.

Introduction of Board members: Pres – Melody Ives; V-P – Joan Gregory; Education Chair – Trish Meyer; Secretary – Gerri Maurer; Treasurer – Andrea Fischl; Past Pres – MJ; PCNP liaison Sheila Gealey; Membership Chair – Debbie Hlasnik

Meeting incentives – 50/50 and gift card drawing

50/50 drive for membership and \$25.00 gift card draw – Debbie Hlasnik. Gift card drawing winner – Kim Behanna

Old Business/New Business

MJ – position opening for NP in urology practice. 4 MDs in practice and want NP. Profit sharing included – using West Penn/Allegheny Health/UPMC.

Updates from Sheila Gealey

In addition to the above comments concerning the Bills in house and Senate, discussed need for increasing membership. SWPA has the largest group in the PA but we have 240/1,094 in Allegheny County. SO we have some work to do to increase membership.

October Conference

Geriatric Conference scheduled for October 18th at RMU campus – Pharm credits available.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerri Maurer

Upcoming dates for activities: 2016

January 20 – Sponsored Dinner and meeting at Lydia's at 1400 Smallman Street. Arrival at 6pm, business meeting 6:15pm, Topic: Lipid and Diabetes Updates. RSVP ahead of time

March 8th – Non-sponsored meeting; Topic and Speaker: Lenore Resick, PhD CRNP to speak about work with SW PA Environmental Project

April 30th – Spring Pharmacology conference April 30th at Penn State Campus in Shenago with Wendy Wright presenting . Will be charging 80 dollars for program, will include breakfast and box lunch.

May 12th – Annual Meeting at Marriott North. Joan has secured speaker: Leslie Alzenman , director refugee services who will speak on health needs refugees

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