

CAPHN Executive Board Meeting

Minutes of September 11, 2007

Present were Debbie Horvath, Kathy Cooper-McDermott, Lynn Abrahamson, Linda Bailey, Philip Greiner, Barbara Quigley, Judy Sartucci, and Margaret Balint

The meeting was called to order at 8:45AM by Lynn Abrahamson. We began with a moment of silence in remembrance of September 11, 2001. The minutes for the last meeting on August 14, 2007 were reviewed. Kathy made a motion to accept the minutes and Linda seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted by a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: none available this month.

There was discussion about collecting and scrapbooking all articles pertaining to CAPHN or its members. Included in this scrapbook will be the recent articles in the Connecticut Nursing news including the award received by Barbara Dingfelder DPH Nurse of the Year Award. Also presented was a new draft of the CAPHN membership brochure. The brochure has spaces for pictures of public health nurses in action. Lynn will ask the membership to submit photos, either in digital or print mode, to Phil Greiner. These photos will be used for our brochure and will also be saved for future use. We discussed the necessity for getting permission from the people being photographed to use the photo for promotional purposes. Phil said that he had a sample of a permission slip that he is willing to share.

A motion was made by Kathy Cooper-McDermott, and seconded by Debbie Horvath to allow the brochure designer ,Courtney Gottschall, to include her name and contact information on the CAPHN Brochure. The vote was unanimously in favor.

President's Report was presented by Lynn Abrahamson.

Phil Greiner has been appointed to complete Beth Strimpel's term as Member at Large.

Barbara Quigley has been appointed to replace Margaret Balint as co-chair of membership.

The position of the chairperson of the education committee is still vacant.

Upcoming meetings are:

The Annual Influenza Update will be held on September 18th at Amarante's in New Haven. Lynn has been asked to serve as moderator for one of the breakout sessions on billing questions.

The Connecticut Department of Public Health will host a meeting of their Virtual Office of Public Health Nursing on September 17, 2007 at the Department of Public Health for the nurses in that department. The meeting will be repeated on September 26th for nurses at the local health department level.. The place has yet to be finalized. One of the speakers will be Dr. Philip Greiner, speaking about the development of the new Scope and Standards of Public Health Nursing recently published by the ANA.

The Connecticut Association of Public Health will be having their annual meeting on October 26, 2007. The topic to be presented will be strengthening the public health workforce. The featured speaker will be Dr. Kristine Gebbe, Professor at Columbia University and a public health nurse. One of the breakout sessions will be about the public health nursing shortage in Connecticut. The panel will consist of Barbara Dingfelder, Dr. Philip Greiner, and Monica Farina. The moderator will be Lynn Abrahamson.

Committee Reports:

The Education Committee: The chairperson's seat is still vacant. We are due to have a quarterly networking meeting this fall.

Membership Committee: How to link with other nurses who might not see themselves as public health nurses was discussed. Suggested link were to visiting nurses and school nurses. At this point we also discussed the recent increase in license fees for nurses.

Reports from the finance committee, nominating committee and nurse practice committee were tabled until the next meeting.

Other Business:

The Ad Hoc Committee on Bylaw Revision (Phil Greiner and Judy Sartucci) presented the Board with a list of suggested changes (see attached document). Changes were discussed. Action on these changes was postponed to a future meeting. The suggestion was made that bylaw revision be added to the routine agenda of the executive board.

Kathy Cooper-McDermott brought to our attention The American Association of the History of Nursing. They are having their annual meeting Friday Sept 28th to Sunday Sept 30th, 2007 . It will be held in White Plains NY. Further information can be obtained through their website: www.AAHN.org.

Kathy also brought to our attention "The Nightingale Initiative For Global Health," from the Nursing Spectrum magazine dated September 10, 2007, pp22-23. The initiative sets a goal for global health by 2020. More information can be reviewed on their website, www.nightingaledeclaration.net

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Phil Greiner and seconded by Debbie Horvath. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 AM.

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be Tuesday October 9, 2007 at CNA's office In Meriden at 8:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted by

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Secretary CAPHN