

NPO Executive Meeting
Saturday, January 30, 2010
Hayden's Restaurant 0800
Tualatin, Oregon

1. Call to Order Anne Barry-Lever, Chair

Attending: Anne Barry-Lever, Tawnya Tompkins, Larlene Dunsmuir, Denise Duren, Susan King, Mary Grant, Frances Guthridge, Patti Brandon, Lois Eaton, Corlyn Caspers

2. Discussion

Membership

Membership numbers for ONA have dropped. Recent conference call discussed strategies for membership, marketing, brainstorming. Susan King shared that the ONA Board is moving forward with membership goals. Request for a NPO representative on the campaign. Target groups for membership drive are Nursing Students, Collective Bargaining Units (specific areas only), and Advanced Practice Nurses. Suggestion arose for reduced rates for retired providers.

Anne requested exit interviews with members who have dropped recently. Two options for this are asking the ONA Membership Department to do outreach to this population when job description changes take effect or to ask the regional reps to contact members who dropped.

Outreach

Anne Barry-Lever and Kat Chin will meet with the Lane County Advanced Practice group and hope to increase interest in new membership. Anne desires to continue with similarly focused meetings throughout the state.

Requesting Brookings, Grants Pass and La Grande area co-sponsors. Frances offered to assist with the Brookings area providers, Denise Duren will assist with Grants Pass providers, and Ginny Elder will be approached to assist with outreach to La Grande providers.

Business Cards

Business Cards will be available for the regional reps and the officers. Business cards will be generic NPO cards in which individual names can be written on. Susan King offered to have ONA provide this; Patti Brandon would like to obtain bids for the product.

Reimbursement

Reimbursement of NPO dues was discussed. Reimbursement occurs following the term served. ACTION required: Write (or find) policy for clarification.

Region X Meeting

Lois Eaton will attend the Region X Meeting on March 19-20, 2010 in Anchorage Alaska.

Scholarship

The deadline for the scholarship to be awarded in 2010 is May 1, 2010. Involvement with NPO was a requirement for the previous award. Anne will look into the involvement of the 2009 award winner. There was a question regarding participation by 2009 award winner. The amount for the 2010 award has been increased by one thousand dollars to a total award of \$6000 because of a donation by the Estate of Carol LaValley.

Funding Request

Larlene requested NPO consider a donation to assist in the fundraising effort of the organization Project Access NOW. This is a national nonprofit organization that matches medical providers with uninsured patients requiring care. Fundraising dinner will be at the Downtown Portland Hilton on 04/08/2010. Senators Wyden and Merkley have been invited as well as the Obama's. OMA has pledged \$5000. Larlene would like NPO to donate a similar amount. This resulted in the opinion that a policy may be needed for future grant proposals.

Care Oregon

Susan had received a notice from Care Oregon that there is an opening for a full time primary care NP in the Gladstone Clinic. This is a project modeling primary care. Susan has the job description and further information.

Mental Health Reimbursement

ONA will attempt to get a bill through the legislature this month forcing the transparency of how insurance companies come up with their reimbursement rates. A bill introducing same pay for the same service will be pursued during the 2011/2012 session.

Professional Standards

Discussed the need for a supportive mechanism for providers opening independent private practice facilities. Names suggested for contact include Teri Bunker, Frances Guthridge, Mary Fay, Meg Portwood, and Mitch Boriskin.

Compounding

Discussion was held regarding the need for further clarification of prescribing compounded medications. Suggested inclusion of a compounding pharmacist with any committee formed regarding this topic. Further education may be required.

Nominations for NPO

Nominations for officers are due by June 2010. There is talk of LuAnn agreeing to run for chair-elect.

NPO Educational Conference

2010 Conference will be held at Salishan Sept 30 – Oct 3. ONA can provide printing, registration, accounting and copying for the conference at no charge. Susan Thornton has been offered the position of event planner extraordinaire and take on the burden of credentialing and organization of speakers. Suggestion was made to include information on the 2010 conference into mailings to NP's on the 10,000 for 2010 campaign.

Submitted,
Corlyn Caspers, ANP-BC
NPO Secretary