

## **NPO Quarterly Membership Meeting**

**May 31, 2008**

ONA Headquarters

10-1300

### **Members Present:**

Bunny Lewis, Chair  
Pam DeVisser, Chair Elect  
Frances Guthridge, Secretary  
Gillian Rosicky, Treasurer  
LuAnn Cook, Nominating Committee Chair  
Kat Chinn, Past Chair  
Patti Brandon  
Claudia Peterson, Legislative Chair  
Anne Barry Lever, Professional Standards  
Larlene Dunsmuir, Conference Chair  
Suzie Webber, Regional rep  
Linda Hatch, Regional rep  
Meg Portwood, Regional rep  
Susan King, Executive Director ONA  
Jack Dempsey, Government Relations  
Corlin Casper  
Jody Blase  
Karen Greco  
Karen Reisinger

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Bunny Lewis, Chair.

### **Announcements and Introductions**

A thank you gift was presented to Martin Taylor who was unable to be present.

Jack Dempsey, Director of Government Relations and Health Policy was introduced. He formerly was with OHSU in government relations. Before that he was on the staff of Senate President Peter Courtney.

Additions to agenda.

Health care reform. Oregon Health Fund, community forums, Better Health Initiative

Johnson and Johnson announcement: This will be on the CE page at the NPO website.

### **Minutes**

Minutes are available on website. Kat moved to accept the minutes as written. Gillian seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **President's Report**

Bunny:

1. Reports that she gets multiple emails on a variety of topics including people wanting to advertise, complain about things, updates on topics since the last meeting, information about health care reform issues. She is finding that there are major issues with membership and marketing.
2. Suggests turning the next meeting into a strategic planning meeting. Issues could include: how we get people involved in NPO, how we keep people involved, what changes in technological issues need to be addressed, utilize a survey monkey to get all nurse practitioners to respond. ONA's invitational strategic planning meeting will be Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>.
3. August 16<sup>th</sup> Saturday will be the next meeting, consider this time for the strategic planning meeting.
4. There is a need for legislative chair, membership and marketing, and nominating persons.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Gillian reported that the application process for scholarships has not been formalized.

This needs to be in place so that the scholarships could be announced at the conference, and start at the new calendar year.

Bunny suggested that when we are Board members we need to know more about the treasurer report. She would like to see more detailed reports presented by the Treasurer at these meetings. She suggested a power point presentation on the budget for the annual meeting. Gillian will prepare this with the help of ONA staff.

As of April, 2008:

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| Net Profit for the quarter: | 4,310      |
| Cash and Equivalents:       | 46,587     |
| Marketable Securities:      | 134,939    |
| Total Assets:               | 181,792    |
| Total Liabilities           | 673        |
| Current Net Worth:          | \$ 181,118 |

## **Committee Reports**

### **Legislative**

Claudia Peterson, Susan King, and Jack Dempsey attend the health policy cabinet meetings. There has been an effort to restructure how to approach legislative session and set priorities. Five priorities have been determined: 1) home health pay per visit issue, 2) Nursing shortage, 3) Staffing law and concerns about enforcement, 4) Board of Nursing reforms, 5) Primary home model.

Home health and hospice authority is a national issue which continues to be on the agenda for both ONA and ANA.

ANA endorsed Jeff Merkley whose wife is a nurse and ONA member.

Legislative issues that can't wait until August include the dispensing issue regarding who is being allowed to hand out medications that come into clinics from pharmaceutical companies; and a need to look closely at statutes to see where NPs are left out. The statutes state that only MDs can write seat belt exclusions.

ONA hosted a meeting of all licensing boards. Representative Greenlick is interested in making boards more uniform and increasing the number of public members.

Scope of practice is an issue that legislators generally prefer not to deal with . A PSU group has offered to work on recommendations and policies. Senator Laurie Monnes-Anderson incorporated NPO recommendations into her discussions about this issue and has agreed to involve us in further work.

Changes in the Board of Nursing investigation procedures may have implications for our professional liability carrier. ONA staff will be scheduling a meeting with the BON in the near future to discuss this issue.

Patti Brandon moved to take the issue of dispensing to the Health Policy Cabinet. Luann seconded the motion. Motion carried.

It was decided to put the seat belt issue on hold.

**Conference** Larlene Dunsmuir, chairperson

Governor John Kitzhaber has been invited to be the keynote speaker. Save the date cards are done. The conference will be October 16-19<sup>th</sup> at Hood River. There will be a pharmaceutical sponsored dinner and session on Thursday evening. Friday is a full day of sessions with a sponsored dinner in the evening. Saturday morning from 7-8:45 AM will be the NPO breakfast meeting. On Sunday the colleges will have a breakfast for their alumni.

Pam DeVisser moved to send a donation to the Foundation for Medical Excellence in support of the official launch of John Kitzhaber's Archimedes organization that will be held on June 14. Motion was seconded by Corlin. Motion carried.

2009 NPO Conference will be at the Eugene Valley River Inn

2010 NPO Conference will be at the Convention Center Oregon Gardens, Silverton

**Membership and Marketing** Patti Brandon

There was discussion at the last meeting about assigning the past chair to be coordinator of regional rep activity. This may be considered in the future and at the strategic planning meeting.

Mary Grant and Patti Brandon announced that they will co-chair membership and marketing. Patti suggested conference calls with the regional reps. Luann, nominating chair, would like to work with this committee.

Discussion was held regarding ideas for the brochure. Considerations included leaving out things that date the brochure, include transition to practice information, determine an effective way to provide an application form for membership, make it readable, attractive, compelling, communicate the need to join with a clear purpose to the brochure.

**Professional Standards** Anne Barry Lever

She is working with Susan and others on scope of practice, There is a need for a list serve of some type. This idea will be added to strategic planning agenda.

**Nominating committee** Luann Cook

Chair elect Anne Barry Lever

Secretary Luann Cook

Treasurer Frances Guthridge

Kat Chinn

Professional standards

Legislative chair

Consider asking Delores Foglio and Nina Ford

Need to get these names to Melissa by July 1.

## **Regional and Organizational Reps Reports**

Linda Hatch, Region A: Central/Southeast – no report.

Suzy Webber, Region D1: South Willamette Valley/Mid-Coast States she is looking for guidance for activities.

Nancy Malone, Region C: Southern/South Coast. Visited southern Oregon U. students regarding the organization.

Meg Portwood, Region D2: Central Coast. Nancy Reed is going to retire from her school based clinic and will go to an infusion department.

Melissa Lynette, Region E: Portland/Columbia Valley, no report.

Region B: Northeast/Eastern: Still looking for Eastern OR regional rep.

## **American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.**

Pam and Bunny attended the regional leadership meeting. The major issue is what is happening at the federal level. Ron Wyden's bill for primary care homes did not list NPs as people who could run or be in charge of this program. GNPs and GCNS need to be included in this language also.

## **Rural Health Coordinating Council**

Meg was involved with setting up a locum tenens program. There are difficulties attracting people to fill in. The feds have been changing designations of health professional shortage areas and rural designations. It is not clear how this will impact people. This might affect critical access hospitals and rural health clinics. Dental access and fluoridation issues are a problem.

## **Old Business**

ANCC has been the accreditation provider for CE credits but, due to the cost and process, AANP will be used for this 2008 conference.

## **New Business**

SB 329 Oregon health fund board.

This is the latest health reform that is recommending shifting to primary preventative health care, holistic care approach. Susan is chair of the benefits committee which has proposed a refocus on primary and preventive care, healthy behavior and incentives.

Recent community meetings sponsored by this group have been attended by nurse practitioners and nurses. Find updates on the web site: Oregon Health Fund Board.

## **Health Care reform**

### **Better Health Initiative**

Pam went to the meeting hosted by Northwest Health foundation, Regence, and Providence Health. Chuck Kilo MD is the leader. Do we as a group, want to be involved at this level in trying to reform the health care delivery system? They are looking at a different way of delivering health care. Individual and family center, primary care team, social services, public health, community resources, hospital services, specialists, ancillary services are all part of the concept. They are looking for places to initiate this, some model areas.

Motion: Lurlene moved to establish a role, the cost, and to be involved in the organization, Trust for Health Care Excellence. The Executive committee is to make a decision as to how we proceed. Jodi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Update on National Issues**

ANA Bylaws. Deferred to future meeting.

Next Quarterly Meeting all day the 16<sup>th</sup> .of August. 10 AM to 4 PM It will be the strategic planning session. It will be open to any NPO member who would like to attend.

Pam will plan strategic planning meeting. Anne, Larlene, Bunny will assist. A facilitator will be secured.

**Adjournment 1PM**

Frances Guthridge  
Secretary