

Minutes  
NPO General Membership Meeting  
Saturday April 4, 2009  
ONA, Tualatin, Oregon  
10:00 – 1300

**Attendees:** Pam DeVisser, chair; Anne Barry-Lever, chair elect; Bunny Lewis, immediate past chair; LuAnn Cook, secretary; Teri Gerlt, Mariah Taylor, Susan King, Patti Brandon, Max Tenscher, Karen Reisinger. By teleconference: Meg Portwood, Nancy Malone and Linda Hatch.

**1. Call to Order** Pam DeVisser, Chair

**2. Announcements and Introductions** Pam DeVisser

Frances Guthridge will be stepping down from Treasurer Position 10.2009; executive committee will select replacement for the completion of her term of 2 years, completed in 2010.

**3. Treasurer's Report** presented by Pam DeVisser

Current Assets: 145,545.80

Liabilities: 2,100.00

Fund Balance: 143,445.80

Total: 145,545.80

Assets

Cash & Cash Equivalents 58,706.81

Schwab Money market 264.89

Marketable Securities 82,974.10

Receivables 3,600.00

**Total current Assets** **145,545.80**

Liabilities

Accounts Payable 2,100.00

**Total current Liabilities** **2,100.00**

Fund Balance

Fund Balance, June 2008 164,293.40

Loss to date 20,847.60

**Adjusted Fund Balance** **143,445.80**

**Total Liabilities and Fund Balance** **145,545.80**

**4. Secretary minutes and approval** LuAnn Cook

Patti Brandon asked what the investment plan is for our funds; Pam and LuAnn shared that at this time it was recommended that no change occur in the allocations. Susan King shared that ONA will be adding a financial planner to the ONA board. NPO will have access for questions as well.

Approved with the following corrections; add Teri Gerlt as attendee for last meeting and correct misspelling of Meg Portwoods name.

The minutes were approved as corrected.

**5. Committee Reports**

5.1 Legislative Teri Gerlt/Susan King

SB 605 Allows certified nurse practitioner or certified clinical nurse specialist approved to dispense prescription drugs to delegate **nonjudgmental dispensing functions** to staff under certain conditions.

It passed the senate and is now in Mitch Greenlick's committee. He was not in support because of the word-nonjudgmental, Anne spoke with him and reports that she believes he has a better understanding. Bunny will contact Ron Maurer; committee member, as well.

SB 701 Will implement a Nursing Faculty Loan Repayment Program. ONA is in support.

HB 2009 The bill would establish a new state agency, the Oregon Health Authority, which would be responsible for administering all Title XIX Medicaid dollars and set health policy for the state.

The provider tax is sunseting and negotiations are underway with the health insurers and hospital industry about extending it. It will not impact the small rural hospitals. This is an expansion of Medicaid, wanting to avoid unfunded people.

HB 2245 Changes name of Board of Radiological Technology to Board of Medical Imaging.

This bill inadvertently will limit who can perform x-rays. This would limit small practices, practitioners who do their own x-ray. This is under discussion.

HB 3022 this bill will authorize practitioners to prescribe antibiotic drug to patient for use by patient and each sexual partner of patient to treat gonorrhea and Chlamydia.

This one should pass; there is no opposition or concern regarding this bill.

## 5.2 Membership and Marketing Patti Brandon/Mary Grant

### 5.2.1 Letters to new NPs Susan and Mary Grant

There was a regional representative call on 3.31.09. The regional representatives would like to have list of NP's who are not members in their area to reach out to. The fee would be \$35.00 to OSB each time list is generated. After discussion from the group, it was decided to obtain the list two times per year, Jan/June.

### 5.2.2 NPO Brochure Patti Brandon

There was a motion to form a committee to work on the brochure and the committee has full authority to design and implement. Max asked if there would be access to printed and electronic versions afterwards, answer is yes. The motion was seconded by LuAnn Cook, all in favor, no dissenters. The brochure will be ready to print by 7.11.09. The Chair of the committee is Patti Brandon, members: Linda Hatch, Scott Palmer and possibly Mary Grant.

### 5.2.3 NPO Survey Susan King

Final survey will be available 5.1.2009. N=2226 and we received 495 surveys. People who took the survey will receive a free copy along with NPO members. Otherwise it will be available for a nominal fee of \$25.00.

## 5.3 Professional Standards Anne Barry-Lever

The dispensing bill was reviewed earlier (SB 605). Anne and Susan shared the OSBN meeting regarding NP investigation process.

## 8.2 OSBN meeting report Susan King/Anne Barry lever

Present at the meeting were the following: Holly Mercer, Jim McDonald, Tracey Klein, Linda Fisher Lewis, Anne Barry Leaver and Susan King. Over all it was a good meeting. The following concerns were discussed: 1. how little information the individual being investigated had; inability to prepare for the questioning; 2. the choice of disciplines (writing a paper); 3. There is no standard closure letter and 4. The use of non nursing investigators. Action Plan: Tracey Klein will develop process paper. Jim and Holly will plan to come to the NPO conference and speak at the general NPO business meeting to discuss the process and be available to answer questions or concerns.

There was discussion from the group afterwards. Max shared the experience of a colleague who did obtain representation and had a favorable outcome. It is important to remember that NSO malpractice insurance comes with a \$10,000 benefit to be used for attorney representation.

Another question brought up by the group was around the process for transcribing the initial investigation. Susan will talk with Holly and obtain their process and share at the next business meeting.

### 5.5 Nominating Committee Mariah Taylor

Mariah is looking for names of interested people any of us may know. Please send her names and she will contact them, share the positions which are open and discuss the responsibilities. The job/position descriptions are done and are being fine tuned by Melissa Tangedal. At this time the following names have been provided, LuAnn Cook to run for chair elect. Other names were given to contact for interest, Denise Durand, Margaret Haupt, Linda Cooper, Cindy Mahoney, Max Tenscher and Tawnya Tompkins.

### 5.6 Conference Committee Larlene Dunsmuir

Larlene was absent, many committee members were present, Pam lead the discussion. Draft 7 is being distributed. The dates are Oct 22-25 at The Valley River Inn in Eugene Oregon. The 2010 meeting is planned to be in Silverton at the Oregon Gardens.

Pharmaceutical sponsorship has changed with the new guidelines and they will need to provide grants. To access grant monies, the meeting topics, objectives and speakers must be planned and information gathered before the grant applications. Pam will be working with Tawnya Tompkins on this process.

Susan King shared that ONA website will have banners on it with the dates of the meeting.

## 6. **Regional and Organizational Reps Reports**

Pam thanked the regional representatives for their hard work. Linda Hatch was able to get names and address of NP's in the central Oregon area from the Central Oregon IPA. The plan is to use this data base to reach out to prospective NP's.

Roger Fogg, AANP Rep, was absent. Two free registrations available to NPO members who would be attending. Please contact Pam DeVisser.

Rural Healthcare Representative ONA has a seat on the Board but there is no one currently serving in that capacity. Jack Dempsey will attend the meetings until a member is found.

Meg Portwood will continue until July 2009 when Kathy Moon will begin as the new representative. Congratulations Kathy.

Meg was recognized for her many years of service and dedication with a certificate of appreciation presented by Pam DeVisser, Chair from ONA/NPO.

## 7. **Strategic Planning Goals**

### 7.1 Communication and Membership Pam DeVisser

Quick reminder our goal is 5% growth; we should be able to meet this by each of us bringing in a new member.

### 7.2 Collective X Bunny Lewis. 7.3 Email lists/blasts Susan King

There are 117 members on Collective X. People who are using this blog space are feeling connected and informed. There is no need for permission from Bunny to place information on the site.

Face book has not been as popular. There are some people signed up, but very little contact. The group agrees that Collective X has been much more successful.

ONA is in the process of purchasing a new membership data base. After it is chosen, purchased and running, there may be opportunity to use the site for a blog page for NPO as well.

### 7.4 Regional NP meetings Anne Barry Lever/Pam DV

Pam and Anne had a good meeting; they met 65 NP's from Lane County on March 14, 2009. They were given the opportunity to talk about NPO and the strategic plan. They stayed to answer questions after the meeting and before the lectures. Most of the conversation was around the OSB investigative process. Additional stories were shared by NP's of their challenges. Pam and Anne agreed that having OSB talk at NPO and the process paper that Tracy Klein will prepare will be very beneficial to our NP colleagues.

The plan is to have the next meeting on the coast and Kathy and Meg were asked to help identify an opportunity. The central, south and eastern areas will follow.

Pam shared that she and Larlene will be speaking to the 50+ NP's that work in the Providence system next week.

7.5 Journal Club Karen Reisinger/Larlene Dunsmuir

Karen reported that the first Journal club meeting will be 4.21.2009 at 7pm. The medical group she works for will host the meeting at their office. Invites will be sent or via email in the next week, as well as posting it on Collective X.

7.6 NPO Job descriptions Pam DeVisser

Most are completed and Melissa is fine tuning them and branding them with the NPO logo.

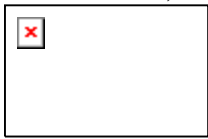
**8. Old Business**

8.1 NP Scholarship/application review Larlene Dunsmuir

The scholarship has been posted. Melissa has sent out two packets, none have been returned as of yet. The due date will be 5.1.2009. The Executive Committee will review and select the recipients. Teri Gerlt will provide process guidance to the group.

8.3 AANP Regional meeting report LuAnn Cook

Brief report was given, LuAnn enjoyed the opportunity of meeting other NP leaders from Region 10, which includes WA, AK, ID and OR. Please see the attached report.



**9. New business**

ONA Convention will be held 4.15-16, 2009 at the Red Lion Jantzen Beach. Pam DeVisser will be presenting a verbal report at the convention on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April. There will be a celebration Wednesday evening April 15<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 pm; celebrating the new National Nursing Association. There are currently 6 states partnering. Last year Oregon broke away from the United Association of Nursing (UAN). Susan King, ONA Executive Director cordially invites all who can attend to celebrate.

Francie Gutheridge has moved to Montana and will not be able to complete her two year term as Treasures. We wish her well. The Executive Committee will select a replacement for the 1 year remainder of the term.

9.1 New representative to OSBN Susan King/Pam DeVisser

Jim McDonalds' term will expire as the NP representative to OSBN 12.31.2009. It is a three year term and is appointed by the Governor. Please send any names of interested NP's to Susan King or Pam DeVisser. At this time, Julia Geis name has been put forth. Pam had suggested Patti Brandon; unfortunately, she was not able to commit to the time needed away from work.

**10. Adjournment—next meeting 7/11/09**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**LuAnn Cook, Secretary**