
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday October 30., 2008 / 4:30 pm, Marriott

OFFICERS:

President:	Larry Nowak	X
Pres-Elect:	Jill Schaefer	X
Secretary:	Christine Blidy	X
Treasurer:	Jennifer L. Dunn	x

DIRECTORS

<u>Class of 2009:</u>		<u>Class of 2010:</u>	
Judy Conti		Mark Cye	
Tamara Dickey		Rachel Davis	
Ed Thomas		John Galley	
Debbie Cudzilo	X	Linda Hall	X

COMMITTEES:

Membership:	Mary Mahaney	X
	Kristen Chapman	X
Patient Financ'l Svcs:	Suzanne Roccisano	X
	John Galley	
Reimbursement:	Paul Sweet,	X
	Russell A. Previte	X
Patient Access:	Debi Stull	
	Rose Taddio	
Davis Chapter Mgt.:	Susan Dybas	X
Activities:	Michael Sammarco	
	Mary Ann Miccichi	x
Website:	Robert Bragg	
Sponsorship	Susan Brown	x
	Peggy McDonough	X
Educational Programs:	Jill Schaefer	X
	Rachel Davis	X
Newsletter:	Loralee Voelker	
	Bruce Liebel	X
Certification:	Bruce Liebel	X

Review of the minutes from the prior meeting, corrections to be submitted via email

FALL PRESIDENTS MEETING

The president's of the regional chapter met in September in Niagara Falls. Larry summarized the regional items that were discussed at this meeting.

Highlights included:

- Two representatives from National attended including a representative from chapter relations and went over many of the services, management tools and products offered by the National Chapter. Tom Albanesi Jr., national director, also attended and addressed concerns relating to the Chapter Balance Score Card. Concerns were expressed by this region relating to the drop in membership secondary to the economy. This was also impacting educational hours
- The fall president's meeting will be held in Puerto Rico next year.
- The Regional Executive Elect will be from Hudson Valley next year.
- The region 2 operational agreement was discussed and decisions were made relating to ongoing issues. The treasurer's responsibility will be rotated in coming years.

- Mini LTC - The expenses for next year will be covered by the Region II treasury up to the first \$7,000. The remainder will be split among the sponsoring chapters. The Mini LTC will be co-sponsored with Hudson Valley and the WNY chapter. The location is yet to be determined
- Region II has disbursed a treasury surplus equally among all chapters. This amounted to \$6,000.

REGION II INSTITUTE:

This year's meeting was very well attended and should result in a significant number of CPE credits for our region and chapter. The next institute will be held in the Fall but the location is still under discussion. This might be a great opportunity to promote Buffalo as a location.

Special thanks to Deb, Bruce and Larry who assisted with the registration for all sessions. The Chapter Presidents introduced speakers and assisted with issues as they arose.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Items for the military collection drive will be collected at the November 4th educational session and at the HFMA Christmas party on 12/4/2008

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was distributed, reviewed and discussed. With the addition of the \$6,000 dollars from regional, the chapter's balance is reaching a level that the idea of investing a portion of the funds was raised. This was discussed at length but it was decided to hold off any type of investment until the market improves.

EDUCATION REPORT

Planning continues for the Spring Institute which will be held on Thursday, April 30. Four speakers have been confirmed. The key note speaker is still being recruited. It was proposed that a varied group of topics be offered to attract a broad audience including patient access and patient accounts.

The 3M APG presentation was held at the Millenium on October 10th. This session was well attended but reviews were mixed. APG background and content information was provided and discussed in detail, but there are questions and concerns relating to the New York State billing rules and changes are still outstanding.

The following offerings are scheduled for November:

- November 4, 2008 New York State Medicaid Updates
- November 12, 2008 Sarbanes-Oxley Compliance for Nonpublic and Nonprofit Organizations.

Paul Sweet indicated that the session relating to present on admission, hospital acquired conditions, and never events will have to be offered sometime in January or February as the tentative December date was not possible secondary to the availability of much of the quality staff at the local and regional hospitals.

Jill had been approached by an outside party relating to a state wide cost report session. This was discussed and it was felt that the current annual sessions held in Batavia were of more value to this region. The possibility of this additional session could be explored if the information was significantly different.

NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter was printed on October 30th and distributed at the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership

Currently at 163 members, 4 new members were added and 5 reinstated

Sponsorship

Notices have been sent out – responses have been promising to date. Follow-up contact was assigned by company among the members

Davis Chapter Management

All reports have been submitted and program planning tools are up to date. Educational credits from this morning's Accounts/Access meeting will need to be logged.

Patient Financial Services and Patient Access

A meeting was held on October 30 and was very well attended. There was a higher number of patient access staff

The presentation on red line compliance was well received by the group. The addition of sessions in a south town's location was discussed but a location was not identified secondary to the cost that would be incurred.

The charge master session was discussed and an additional vendor introduced. Further follow-up with each of the companies will take place to discuss content and printed material.

Certification

Review classes continue to be offered every Thursday. Participation has averaged 3-4 people for each session. The test is tentatively scheduled for Nov 18th and Jill Schafer will act as the proctor.

Social Events

The Christmas event is scheduled for 12/4. Members will be free and guest will be charged for \$20. The time will be 6:30 – 8:30 pm.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The membership directory was printed and a copy was passed around for review. The directory's will be distributed to a key contact at the larger systems and facilities at the November 4th educational session. The remaining directories will be mailed.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday December 2 at the WNYHA.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Blidy
2008-2009 Chapter Secretary