

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 2, 2008 / 7:30 am, Western New York Healthcare Assoc.

OFFICERS:

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

DIRECTORS

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

COMMITTEES:

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

The minutes from the 10/30/08 meeting will be emailed and approved at the next board meeting.

President's Report (provided by Jill)

The Approved 2009-2010 Chapter Balanced Score Card (CBSC) Summary of Changes was distributed.

Jill reminded the group of the upcoming Educational session on Sarbanes-Oxley Compliance to be held on November 12th.

Nominations for next year's officers and board members will be sent out in January. If there is an interest in any of these positions, please let Jill and Larry know. Jennifer Dunn will be finishing her term as Treasurer.

Jenn should be receiving the rebate check from National for the member dues.

Certification

Three of our members passed the initial (Core) part of the certification exam on Tuesday, November 18th. Congratulations to Suzanne Roccisano, Loralee Voelker and Christine Blidy. A special thanks to Bruce Liebel, Jennifer Dunn and Jill Schaefer for the time and effort they dedicated to the review classes.

Notes from National

Bruce was interviewed about the chapter's efforts to encourage members to take the certification exam and the efforts that had been made to ensure their success. This article appeared in the Notes from National Newsletter in November.

Revenue Cycle Credentialing

There is a new opportunity for revenue cycle credentialing through HMFA. At this time, the revenue cycle will not be offered as an option for the specialty portion of the certification exam.

Treasurer – No report provided.

Education

Suzanne Roccisano has arranged a teleconference relating to the new Workers Comp form. This will be offered at the Western New York Healthcare Association on December 18th at 10:00AM. An inquiry was made regarding the feasibility of offering this teleconference via the web so that a larger number of members could participate without leaving their facilities. Further discussion ensued, but this did not seem feasible at the time.

The date for the present on admission and hospital acquired conditions is still under discussion and will most likely be held sometime in February. This will be finalized once the dates for the charge master seminar have been established.

Christine reported that there was a final meeting this week to discuss whether to stay with the same group from last year to present the charge master educational session.

Newsletter

The deadline for article submission to Lorelee will be January 15th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership

As of 10/31 we have 169 members. Six new members were added of which 5 were reinstatements. We are still short of the final membership number of 187 which we achieved last year. Send any new member information to Kristin or Mary. New members need to be added to the local website to receive emails.

Sponsorship

Our local chapter has collected \$9,500 in sponsorship dollars year to date. Last year's collection was over \$20,000. Peggy distributed a listing of the current status by company and requested that the members assigned to these companies contact them again to discuss sponsorships. Updates should be provided at the next meeting regarding the status of any pledges. Judy C. to forward the electronic sponsorship list to Jill.

Davis Chapter Management

Susan reported that the Davis Chapter Acknowledgement Report has been updated and includes information posted through 11/25/2008. The ANI education hours are included on this report. All educational hours have been submitted including Region II, but this is not yet reflected on this report. Susan will follow-up. The DCMS 3rd reporting period runs from November 1, 2008 – January 31, 2009, with DCMS reports to National due by February 10, 2009.

Jill reported that special recognition was received from the Regional representatives at the Presidents Meeting for the great job our chapter does with these reports. All were impressed with the timeliness and completeness of the submissions.

Patient Access/Patient Accounting

This committee will finalize the plans associated with the Workers Compensation teleconference which was discussed earlier in more detail.

Rose Taddio and Debi Stull will be working with Dave Anderson to pull in both the Southtown Patient Access members and the city facility members for more active participation in this committee.

Reimbursement

The wage index project is almost complete and the submission deadline is 12/8. The new consultants seemed to have identified additional opportunities when compared to previous years.

Certification

Another study group will begin at the start of the year for those members that are interested in taking the exam. New books were ordered for 2009 in addition to the specialty books for patient financial services and accounting. If interested in helping to teach the group, let Bruce know.

Social

Forty-four people are currently signed up for the Christmas party on 12/4, which will include food, two drink tickets, gift card raffle and 50/50 split drawing.

Mike is trying to arrange a Sabres game sometime in February or March. A date is also going to be set for the Euchre tournament. A “Save the date” for the Golf outing will also be going out in 2009.

The annual banquet in May was discussed. A tentative plan to hold this at the Orchard Park Country Club on Friday May 15th was approved. Russ’s band will be booked for this banquet if they are available.

Yerger Awards:

Bruce distributed the results of a survey he conducted. He is working on a Yerger called “yergerfication” which involves measuring the Yerger knowledge of current members and improving understanding and participation in this process.

Fall Region II

Bruce and Debbie are continuing as Coordinators for next year. Bruce had submitted a proposal to hold this in Buffalo next year but this location came in second place. It will be held at the Turning Stone Casino once again. Next year we will submit a new proposal to hold the conference in 2010.

Day of Caring

Further discussion will be taking place so additional opportunities and locations can be finalized.

January Board Meeting

The next meeting will be determined at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Blidy,
2008-2009 Chapter Secretary

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