

**HFMA – Western New York Chapter 62
Minutes of August 19, 2008 Board Meeting**

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	x	Mark Cye	x
Tamara Dickey		Rachel Davis	x
Ed Thomas		John Galley	x
Debbie Cudzillo		Linda Hall	

COMMITTEES:

Membership:	Jill Schaefer	x
	Kristen Chapman	
Patient Financ'l Svcs:	Suzanne Roccisano	
	John Galley	X
Reimbursement:	Paul Sweet,	X
	Russell A. Previte	
Patient Access:	Debi Stull	
	Rose Taddio	
Davis Chapter Mgt.:	Susan Dybas	x
Activities:	Michael Sammarco	x
	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:	John Eichner	

The minutes of the last meeting were approved with minor amendments by .Sue Brown and Mary Ann Miccichi.

Chapter Awards:

A total of 9 awards were received by the WNY chapter. Bruce Liebel distributed a portion of these awards to the committee chairs and key members responsible for particular areas of outstanding performance including membership recruitment and retention, education, and sponsorship.

Educational Report:

Seventy- four people attended the Worker's Comp educational session which was held on 7/18/08. The evaluations were very positive. This session attracted a significant amount of non-members.

Planning for the fall educational sessions is in progress. The committee chairs are in the process of planning fall sessions relating to Medicare regulations and updates relating to the clinic setting. Other sessions/topics planned include the 990 form, NYS Medicaid update (inpatient and outpatient), SOX compliance.

Susan Dybas sent an inquiry relating to obtaining credit for educational hours for members who participate in conferences via CD. National continues to research this issue.

Treasurer's Report

Entire report was completed online via Quick Books as required on our balanced scorecard. The year end financial review and certification was completed within the required time frames. Jennifer Dunn went over the income statements and balance sheet through July 24, 2008. A motion was made to approve the financial statements by Judy Conti...

Region 2 Fall Institute:

HFMA Region 2 Institute mailings were sent out last week. The conference will be held on October 22 – 24, 2008 at the Turning Stone Casino in Verona NY. Larry will post the details on the web site. Bruce Liebel and Debbie Cudzillo will be assisting with planning and registrations.

Region 2 Falls President Meeting

Larry Nowak and Jill Schaefer will be attending the fall president's meeting to be held in Niagara Falls on 9/26 and 9/27.

Membership

There was one new transfer for July. The retention rate was currently at 100.5% and growth at 1.6 %. There are 3 new members for July. The total member count is currently 191.

Website:

The website will be updated with contact information for new members. The information will also be updated for the 2008-2009 sponsors, officers, directors and committee members.

Sponsorship

The request letters for sponsorship will be updated with the new logo, officers, board members and committee members. These will be sent out in October. The current sponsorship list will be distributed prior to the mailings for review by this group.

Mike Sammarco emphasized the need to coordinate all sponsorship activities through the committee chairs.

Davis Chapter Management:

The first period reports were submitted within the required time frames. Acknowledgements have not yet been received. Founder's points for individuals have been submitted and members eligible for awards were sent to national.

Patient Financial Services:

Meetings will be scheduled in the coming months. . Suggestions were made to hold sessions relating to APGs and the bad debt/charity care policies. The Educational committee will look into offering sessions.

Reimbursement:

The committee is heavily involved in assisting providers with the state rebasing project. There are significant changes relating to reporting, rebasing, inpatient rates and the proposed budget cuts. The outcome of the legislative meetings in Albany are being closely monitored. The wage index evaluation is going well. A new consultant is being used this year in the hopes that the return on this project will be higher.

Indigent care changes are also being discussed. In the past distribution was formula driven. There is a proposal to require providers to individually bill the pool for indigent care.

Offering conference call access to the meeting has greatly increased participation.

Social Committee

There were 45 participants for the July 25th golf outing. We came close to breaking even this year and there is a company interested in sponsoring next year's outing.

The Christmas Party for 2008 was discussed. A recommendation was made to book a date soon. A recommendation was made to book Thursday December 4th at the Millennium

Yerger committee

Bruce would welcome ideas for next year's Yerger applications now so that we can get a head start on the planning and preparation for these awards.

Certification Exam

Bruce will send out a notice to general membership indicating that study sessions will be starting in September with plans to offer the test in late October/early November. Any member who is interested in taking the exam will be encouraged to contact Bruce.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Blidy
2008-2009 Chapter Secretary