

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 17, 2009 / 7:30 am, Western New York Healthcare Assoc.**

**OFFICERS:**

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

**DIRECTORS**

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

**COMMITTEES:**

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

The minutes from January 20<sup>th</sup> were approved.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Nomination Committee:

Larry announced the appointment of the officers for the coming year:

President – Jill Shaffer  
 President Elect – Christine Blidy  
 Secretary – Jennifer Dunn  
 Treasurer – Rachel Davis

Board of Directors:

Class of 2011: Debbie Cudzilo      Class of 2010: Judy Conti (to fill one year vacancy)  
 Todd Fragale  
 Susan Brown  
 Loralee Voelker

Committee Chairs:

Susan Dybas made corrections to the committee chair and member listing. This was distributed and reviewed at the meeting. Further updates and corrections were suggested. These will be incorporated and reported back to National.

Mini LTC:

The mini leadership training conference has been booked and will be held on June 7<sup>th</sup> and June 8<sup>th</sup> in Niagara Falls. The dinner and keynote presentation will be held at the Niagara Falls Conference Center. The Crowne Plaza Hotel will be the setting of Monday's sessions. The format will be slightly different this year and will concentrate on general leadership issues. Speakers have been requested from HFMA national. Two other speakers are being confirmed for Monday. Lunch will be offered as a break out session and the traditional information for the officers, board members and committee chairs will be distributed at that time.

Board Meeting Schedule:

March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Marriott

April 21<sup>st</sup> changed to April 28<sup>th</sup> so that it does not interfere with LTC. Subsequently changed again to Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.

The May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting will be canceled secondary to the banquet

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**PRESIDENT ELECT and EDUCATIONAL REPORT:**

The charge master seminar was well received. Evaluations were very positive with one exception which was related to the cold temperature of some of the meeting areas at the conference venue.

Rochester has contacted the chapter to discuss the cost report session. A date has not been set but Russ will be the contact person for Western New York.

We are still waiting on information relating to a proposed introductory cost report seminar.

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Rachel and Jill will be meeting with the Millennium to finalize the details of the Spring Institute. The speakers are confirmed. The price is still being finalized but a recommendation was made to subsidize the cost of this seminar.

Shirts orders are due by January 28<sup>th</sup>.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

This report was distributed by Jill Schaefer. The dues from National were deposited this month. There was also late revenue received from past educational sessions and sponsorship commitments. Expenses included items from the long term leadership conference and national insurance.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**NEWSLETTER:**

A recommendation was made to produce the newsletter after the banquet and spring institute.

**MEMBERSHIP**

One member was reinstated. There are two potential new members we are actively recruiting.

National is offering a \$100 discount on next years dues for new members. These details will be forwarded to the officers, board members and chairs.

**SPONSORSHIP:**

Checks have been received from Med Rev, PMC, UNYTs and McKay. The current listing was reviewed. Further follow up is necessary with some sponsors

**DAVIS CHAPTER MANAGEMENT:**

All required reports have been submitted well within the established deadlines.

**CHARGEMASTER COMMITTEE:**

The sign-in sheets from the charge master seminar will be used to send an email to assess interest. Rachel will provide a copy of these sheets to Monica Tadak.

**PATIENT FINANCIAL SERVICES:**

John is going to hold the next PFS committee meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup> at the WNYHCA. Immediately following this meeting, he is hoping to hold the NGS Provider Outreach & Advisory Group teleconference.

**REIMBURSEMENT:**

The occupational mix and wage index projects are winding down. NGS has sent confirmation that all of the wage index recommendations were accepted. All facilities have probably received communications relating to the adjustments they requested.

Russ, in conjunction with Paul Sweet, is looking into the possibility of arranging a meeting with the reimbursement committee and HANYs once the NYS budget is passed to discuss the impacts to facilities.

**CERTIFICATION:**

Three or four people are interested in taking the core exam. Many are located in the outlying areas which will make holding educational session at WNYHCA very difficult. We will look into setting up a conference line for future review sessions.

**YERGER SUBMISSIONS:**

Bruce and Jill are actively working on their submissions which are due by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**REGION 2 CONFERENCE**

A proposal has been made to hold the 2010 regional conference at the Saratoga. Bruce is asking for input regarding this proposal and is still continuing to advocate Buffalo as a site in 2010.

The 2009 conference will be held the first week of October at the Turning Stone Casino.

**OTHER MATTERS:**

There will be a need for chairs and co-chairs next year. Jill will need input from all of the current chairs to determine who will continue and what committees will have recruiting needs.

No additional business was identified and the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 at the Marriott.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Blidy,  
2008-2009 Chapter Secretary



