

Meeting Minutes September 20, 2013

Present:

President Jody Christopherson
Past President Jessica Bigelow
President Elect Bryant Bitner
Vice President Julie Walker
Treasurer Mary Peterson
Secretary Nancy Luse
Delegate Alexia Johnson
Delegate Kristi Hack

Absent:

Jenn Eason Director at Large
Tiffany Handley Director at Large
Andy Dunn M.D. Medical Director

Guests:

Janie Burnett outgoing Past President
Denice Lusk former board member
Rachael outgoing Director at Large

Conference Call:

Jessica Bigelow Past President

President Jody Christopherson called the meeting to order:

Jody introduces the new Board Members and welcomed Bryant, Tiffany and Jenn to the board.

Approval of the past minutes motioned, seconded and approved by the board.

Reports:

Treasurer:

Checking account: \$7401.18

Scholarship: \$2312.25

Reimbursement to Brent McKinney in the amount of \$378.30 for the flight due to the cancellation of the 3013 State Conference.

\$500.00 each to a first year and second year college student will be given even though the conference was cancelled. The board felt a need to support the college in spite of its withdrawal of the WSRC from their curriculum.

Discussion as to who was on the checking account and was decided that the President and the Treasurer were both on the account as a safety measure. Further discussion lead to a vote to be able to view the checking and savings accounts on the web as a protection device for the President and Treasurer since we a not for profit organization. Mary to handle the details.

Secretary:

A discussion with what to do with the money that was gathered by outside sources came to a conclusion that the \$ 500.00 each that was donated by Wyoming Medical Center and Wyoming Cardiology should go towards the scholarships this year in lieu of the conference cancellation. The board still felt it necessary to support the college students even though they took the WSRC out of their curriculum. As in, the past student had to have an AARC number to apply for a scholarship and that will in fact remain a constant. On another note, discussion to send trifolds to hospitals and home health companies should probably happen for this next year. All board members agreed.

Delegate:

Kristi spoke and attended the Summer Delegate meeting. She addressed the fact that the college pulled the WSRC from the curriculum and asked what the other states have done. The other states were shocked as they run their conferences much in the same way as Wyoming. Suggestions were to have the college sign a code of conduct, wear lanyards that denoted students as opposed to RRT's and to let everyone in the facility know what color the lanyards were and that they must wear them at all times.

Kristi and Alexia spoke of the importance of having the students attend the board meeting to report to the rest of the student as to what was happening at the meeting and the board.

Vice President:

Julie gave report about the electronic on-line voting. There were at the time 145 active voters and only received 16 votes with 4 write-ins at the cost of \$250.00.

The board brainstormed as to why there were such a low number of voters. It could have been that the positions that were open ran unopposed. Discussion as to how we can increase participation in the on-line voting? Possibly getting the ballots out earlier and sending several reminders to vote would help and the fact that there were unopposed positions made people not vote.

New Business:

Discussion was brought up that maybe we should have a speaker at each meeting in a different region of the state and offer CEU's for the meeting then we could target 4 corners of the state or just keep it to a conference for the year and offer enough CEU's for the year. It had been decided that even though the Conference was cancelled that no one had done anything wrong we just need to address different avenues, bring new ideas, and follow through with the ideas. The numbers are down as a whole even for the national conference, and we need to figure out how to recapture the numbers and attention.

Mary will send out a survey through Survey Monkey to see what people would like to hear at the conference and where we should hold the conference. This way we as a board may make better decision based on the feedback. We would also, like to find out through the survey where people have been getting their CEU's.

We have discussed location of the Conference and decided as a board to hold the Conference in a location in the central part of the state and close to Casper so that the College Students may attend. In addition, several of us will address the College about not holding class on the days of the Conference so that the students may attend.

There was discussion whether to have 1, 2 or 3-day conference and include it with the sleep conference. We have also talked about having the conference at another time of the year however; it was a majority vote to keep it in September.

We have also addressed the fact that we may need to invite the EMT's and Paramedic's to the Conference or possibly hook up with another state and join forces together to hold the Conference.

It was decided to not only send out to the AARC members but to also broaden the gap and send out to all of the licensed therapists in the state as well as asking out bordering states to post the conference on their web pages as well.

We also had a talk of whether we should have a fund raising project in order to make a few dollars to get this next up and coming conference going.

Although the conference was cancelled for the 2013 year, Robert Downey, Cardiopulmonary Director of the VA has decided to try to promote a one-day seminar at the VA and would like the support of the WSRC. There was discussion and reservations with some of the board members but was decided to support Robert and the one-day seminar for the 2013 CEU's.

It was decided amongst all board members that the issues of the College not having the WSRC as part of their curriculum needs to be addressed. Rachal Ford past board member volunteered to draft a letter. Once that letter is drafted, and tweaked then several board members will go to the College and talk. The board will invite the Director of Respiratory Doug Neubert, Clinical Director Tami Knotts, and Director of Health Sciences Dr. Tammy Franklin.

It was decided by the board to give the outside donations for scholarships, one to a first year student and one to a second year student. Scholarships will also be awarded to Cloe Fielder and Lucas Hurt with the understanding that they must write a thank you and submit to Nancy so that she may submit to the outside sources with a thank you from the WSRC.. In addition, Doug Neubert and Tami Knotts have received their continued membership service awards from the AARC. Nancy will also talk to the college about the Drive for COPD with Jody's help as their community service project as well as Wyoming Medical Center for their support in the cause. It has been decided that once the letter is devised that a date will be set with the college by Nancy, and that the Drive for COPD, awards, scholarships, and letter all be presented at the same time. Those that can attend will present.