

**North Carolina Chapter of ASHRM
Business Meeting**

May 7, 2009

Wrightsville Beach, NC

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Gayle Cook

Gayle Cook called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Fall 2008 business minutes reviewed and David Creech made a motion to approve. Larry Jones seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gayle Cook

Gayle welcomed everyone and apologized for the rainy weather. She announced NC ASHRM is going green and to cut back on using paper members should find a CD containing speaker presentations in their packets. Gayle apologized for not getting the presentations posted to the website sooner for this meeting and indicated we would endeavor to post the presentations earlier for the Fall Meeting. Additionally, Rina will send out an e-mail to the membership as a reminder to print presentations from the website before each meeting.

Members now have the ability to use the PayPal on-line function for payments of fees. There have been some questions and concerns with this new process and Pat Hartsoe will review the process later in this meeting.

Gayle thanked all sponsors for their contributions. She also asked the sponsors for assistance in telling potential NC ASHRM members of the availability of the Roy Hinson Risk Management Scholarship. The Board of Directors has made the decision to award four scholarships in 2010. The scholarship covers two nights hotel accommodation, registration for one meeting and membership fee for the year. Again, the sponsors and membership were asked to publicize the availability of the scholarships. NC ASHRM does not have a sponsor for the networking social tonight. Gayle informed the group that every member should find three tickets behind their name tag. These are tickets for beverages at the social tonight. Gayle additionally reported that going forward, name tags will be required for all members and guests attending NC ASHRM socials.

The Fall Meeting will be back at The Grove Park Inn November 11-13, 2009. National ASHRM conference will be October 22-25, 2009 in Denver Colorado.

Gayle recognized Rina Borg for all her work and asked the group to provide a show of their appreciation

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

Jason Newton

Jason could not attend meeting due to being in trial but provided copies of the Profit & Loss Statement and Balance Sheet. Gayle reviewed total income and expense amounts. She also reported the expenses for the Spring Meeting have not been paid at this time, therefore 2009 income amount will be reduced significantly. The chapter is financially strong and endeavors to keep one year of operating cost in reserve. A motion was made by David Creech to accept the treasurer's report as submitted. Ann Barnes seconded and all unanimously approved.

V. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was presented.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating Committee: Gwen Stokes recognized members of Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee is working on the ballot for 2010 and announced if anyone is interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please contact any member of the committee. If interested in serving, complete and turn in the bright green sheet, which lists open positions, found in your meeting packet. Also on the ballot in the fall will be positions for the Nominating Committee, which is a one-year term.

This year the Nominating Committee awarded the Roy Hinson Risk Management Scholarship to Carla Cook. Carla was recognized.

Professional Development Committee: David Creech recognized the committee members. David announced the chapter will not hold a CPHRM Prep course this year but members should look for one in 2010. The committee is reviewing and considering changes to the Workhorse and Professional Development awards. Members will be notified about any changes. David stated attorneys can pick up the document for CLE credits offered at this conference at the registration desk. Please complete, indicate sessions attended, sign, and give to return to Rina along with \$9.00. The deadline to turn in the completed documents is May 15, 2009.

Public Relations and Marketing Committee: Lee Ann Jones directed members to look inside their packet to review the NC

ASHRM list of sponsors. NC ASHRM is very fortunate to have 28 sponsors this year. All sponsors were recognized including five new sponsors. Medical Protective was also recognized for going above and beyond with their contribution. Yates, McLamb and Weyher were recognized for hosting the Wednesday afternoon networking reception. Lee Ann concluded by recognizing the PR and Marketing committee members.

Legislative Committee: Ken Nanney recognized committee members and advised the memberships this committee was responsible for keeping abreast of changes in the law that impact NC ASHRM members. Ken reported the following:

NC ASHRM recently submitted a letter to the N.C. State Bar regarding a proposed ethics opinion that would have prohibited hospital attorneys and risk managers acting on their behalf from interviewing third-party treating physicians who are employed by the hospital or hospital system regarding care and treatment rendered by other physicians who are employed by the hospital or hospital system. Jason Newton and David Creech were instrumental in drafting the letter. Many interested parties in N.C. submitted letters on this topic to the N.C. State Bar. The N.C. State Bar rescinded the proposed ethics opinion, indicating that it was up to the legislature or the courts to address this issue.

N.C. is currently in the long legislative session and many bills are pending in the house and senate in Raleigh. Some bills of interest to NC ASHRM members are:

- House Bill 415 and House Bill 1370 - both collateral source bills. One would allow evidence of medical insurance to be introduced at trial. The other would allow evidence of professional liability insurance to be introduced at trial.
- Senate Bill 821 would change the standard of care provided in an emergency department to a will/wanton standard. This would make it much more difficult to successfully file suit against providers of medical care in an emergency department.
- Senate Bill 679 would replace contributory negligence with comparative negligence. This bill would also do away with joint and several liability. Damages would be apportioned based on the degree of fault. This bill is very controversial and has a greater chance of passing this year than it has in previous years.

- House Bill 703 would disapprove of medical Board rules proposed by the N.C. medical Board last year. In short this bill would prohibit the N.C. medical Board from sharing the settlement/judgment amounts with the public.

The Legislative Committee cannot predict which bills will pass and be signed into law. A bill must be approved in either the house or the senate by the crossover deadline of May 14, 2009 or it cannot proceed forward.

The Legislative Committee will notify the NC ASHRM membership via the website regarding relevant bills that pass into law later in the legislative season.

Gayle Cook recognized Ken, Jason and David for preparing the letter to the N.C. State Bar regarding the proposed ethics opinion. She indicated this was an arduous tasks involving a lot of time from these NC ASHRM members.

Program Committee: Becky Cox recognized the committee members and gave an overview of the committee's responsibilities for NC ASHRM meetings. She encouraged members to think about serving on the Board of Directors and reminded members that presentations for the Fall Meeting will be posted on the website. Becky thanked Doug and Rina Borg for all their help with preparing the presentation CDs including in the meeting packets.

Membership Committee: Hilda Walker recognized the committee members. She reported the current membership is at 229 with 24 new members and 71 non-renewals. New members were recognized and welcomed to NC ASHRM. The committee was challenged this year with budget cuts in healthcare. To promote membership, Hilda asked everyone to share with potential members the opportunities NC ASHRM offers.

Website Committee: Pat Hartsoe recognized committee members and one unofficial member, Rina Borg. Pat and Rina did a presentation on how to register on-line using the PayPal function. There was a suggestion to indicate on the Spring and Fall brochure that members can register and pay on-line using PayPal. A new on-line voting functionality will be offered for 2009 voting. The Board of Directors has also approved payment of sponsorships using PayPal. Pat encouraged all members to view the website because it is the organization's communication tool.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Gayle announced to make your reservations early for the Fall Meeting at The Grove Park Inn. A block of rooms are reserved for members. Members should use a code to register, which can be found on the website under “What’s New” and the ‘Next Meeting.”

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Ken Nanney made a motion to adjourn. Becky Cox seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Lamb

Secretary