

**North Carolina Chapter of ASHRM  
Business Meeting  
October 5, 2006  
Greensboro, NC**

**Minutes**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**Kathy Connolly**

The meeting was called to order @ 1:20 pm

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Kathy Connolly asked the members to review the 2006 Spring Business Meeting minutes and a motion for approval was made by Ann Barnes, seconded by Gary Bonner and unanimously approved.

**III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Kathy Connolly**

The chapter is doing well financially and Kathy thanked sponsors for their continued support. In reviewing surveys, the membership still wants to continue with Fall and Spring Meetings and we will continue as long as attendance and support is present. The membership recognized Doug Borg, ASHRM President-Elect 2008 and Sharon Groves, Board Member for ASHRM.

**IV. TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Sandy Ogle**

Sandy presented year-to-date financials – see board minutes for these details. She reports that the balance sheet is quite healthy and thanked the sponsors, members and board for maintaining this status. Ron Burris and Kathy Connolly attended the 2005 ASHRM conference – chapter leadership session and heard several chapters have closed, are in debt or have various financial problems. The NC chapter seems to be an exception and attendees were amazed at the support received either in sponsorship or attendance to two meetings a year.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to report

**VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Nominating Committee: Ron Burris**

Ron recognized his committee members and thanked them for all their hard work. The election results for 2007 are: Cathy Harkey, President; Gwen Stokes, Vice President, Sandy Ogle, Treasurer, Members at Large: Connie Lamb, Lee Ann Scott, Ken Nanney and Hilda Walker, Nominations Committee: Jay Holland and Nan Tompsky.

Ron announced that on September 9, 2006, Roy Hinson, retired CEO, Stanly Memorial Hospital and a former NC ASHRM member passed away. Roy Hinson always spoke fondly of the NC Chapter and referred to it as “an organization he loved the best in his 40 years of service in healthcare”; NC ASHRM members were “his kind of people”. Roy always had a special place in his heart for risk managers and in recognition of what he meant to ASHRM and risk management, the chapter recognized a moment of silence in his honor.

**Professional Development Committee: Lee Ann Scott**

Lee Ann thanked everyone for submitting nominations and encouraged members to continue to let the chapter know of their accomplishments. The Workhorse Award went to Sam Southern and Ron Burris for their assistance with the amicus brief. A special recognition was made to Jim Morgan – Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge and Rice for all his assistance to NC ASHRM.

**Public Relations and Marketing Committee: Gwen Stokes**

Gwen recognized members of the committee. She reported that once again our sponsors were very supportive of the chapter. Gwen asked all sponsors to stand and the chapter recognized them with a round of applause. She thanked the law firm of Yates, McLamb and Weyer, LLP, for hosting the Wednesday afternoon networking reception. A special recognition was made to several members for their outstanding accomplishments and achievements. Tracy Moody - McNeary; Beth King - Lincoln Medical Center; Joe Stavola -Sharpless & Stavola and Lisa Garrison - Smith, Moore law firm; Bonnie Refinski-Knight - Treasurer of NC Defense Attorneys. It was also announced that Kathy Connolly recently received 4 awards for service, innovation and vision by Premier.

**Legislative Committee: Gayle Cook**

Gail recognized members of the Legislative Committee and thanked them for their assistance. She then asked Ron Burris to stand and provide the members with an update to the New Hanover Hospital case. Ron stated the chapter was asked to participate in filing an amicus brief – as it pertained to hospitals turning over certain internal documents. We felt that was important to the chapter. We filed the motion, however, before brief was due it went into mediation and it was resolved in mediation. A 2<sup>nd</sup> case – Diggs vs. Novant Health (Forsyth Hospital) involves responsibility for independent contractors under doctrine with parent agency relationship. Again, we have filed a motion to file amicus brief and we anticipate they will grant the motion and be given a date to file the brief.

Gail then asked Barry Cobb – Yates, McLamb, Weyer, LLP to provide an update on Treat v. Wake Medical Center – the appeal involved the testimony of a nurse and 2 physicians and their qualifications to be an expert witness for plaintiff. All made it clear they were not familiar with the community of Raleigh and asks the question what do expert witnesses have to know about the community in order to testify? The Rule of Evidence states that they must know the community or a community similar to yours. The court upheld the decision not to let the nurse testify. She did not have any information to compare WakeMed with a hospital where she worked to be able to offer testimony on standard of care. It is unpublished but it gives some indication on Court of Appeals Rule 702. Members may obtain more information in this at [www.aoc.state.nc.us](http://www.aoc.state.nc.us).

**Program Committee: Cathy Harkey**

Cathy recognized members of the committee. She announced that during the social tonight, there will be a scavenger hunt. She announced that survey results for future meetings are:

1<sup>st</sup> choice – beach states newly renovated at Holiday Inn Sunspree

2<sup>nd</sup> choice – Fall, 2007 Mountains

The committee will begin looking for locations for future meetings and further information will be forthcoming. At present we do not have a location for the Fall, 2007 meeting, but the committee is working on this.

**Membership Committee: Ann Barnes**

Ann announced that this meeting has set a record with the numbers of participants. The number of attendees at meetings has gone from a low of 69 in 2002, to a record 96 for 2006. The chapter currently has 233 members with a ratio as follows: Healthcare provider 51%; insurance 38% and law firms 11%. There were 55 new members for 2006 and 12 of those are participating in this conference. We did have 44 non-renewals and a mailer was sent to determine why they did not renew. Overall response was poor but the reason was due to job changes.

**Website Committee: Connie Lamb**

Connie encouraged everyone to look at the website. She further asked attendees to fill out the survey for this meeting so that we can get further information on what you would like to see on the website. She advised the Membership directory is confidential.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**Bylaws Revision:**

Kathy Connolly announced the Board has been busy this year reviewing the Bylaws, which had not been revised since 2001. She asked the members to review the proposed changes and asked if there were any objections. David Love made a motion the Bylaws be approved as written, seconded by Ron Burris and it was unanimously carried.

**President Appreciation:**

Cathy Harkey presented Kathy Connolly with a plaque, in appreciation for her outstanding leadership as 2006 President.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned @ 12:10 pm

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Lee Ann Jones*

**Lee Ann Jones, Secretary**