

**North Carolina Chapter of ASHRM
Business Meeting**

November 12, 2009
Asheville, NC

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER **Gayle Cook**

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

Gayle recognized Rina Borg as the chapter's right arm and stated she is an asset to this NC ASHRM. Membership showed their appreciation to Rina with applause.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Spring 2009 business minutes reviewed and Ann Lambrecht made a motion to approve. Larry Jones seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT **Gayle Cook**

Gayle began her report relaying that she had the opportunity to attend National ASHRM in Denver, Colorado this year. The theme for the conference was "Taking You Higher." Gayle relayed that she was very pleased to learn that NC ASHRM is viewed as a leader among chapters nationwide. While all presenters were outstanding, the speaker that stood out the most to Gayle was Scott Waddle. Mr. Waddle was the commanding officer of a submarine that hit a Japanese sailing boat where nine students were killed. The theme of his presentation was "Pick yourself up: get up, get back, get down and get dirty." NC ASHRM does this and Gayle's parting hope for the chapter is that we will continue to work hard and sustain our presence nationwide. Gayle recognized every board member and committee members that helped make this possible.

While at ASHRM Gayle along with other Board members attended the ASHRM Foundation luncheon and meeting. Laura Martinez and Doug Borg serve on the foundation's committee. Gayle encouraged all NC ASHRM members to become a member of National ASHRM and to take advantage of the educational funds that are provided. Gayle recognized two members of NC ASHRM who had taken advantage of the benefits of the ASHRM Foundation.

Gayle recognized Gwen Stokes and Connie Lamb who will rotate off the Board this year. She thanked both for time and commitment to this chapter and presented them each with a gift.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

Jason Newton

Jason stated it was an honor to serve on the board and he had big shoes to fill by replacing Sandy Ogle. Jason Newton reviewed total income and expense amounts. He also reported the expenses for the Fall Meeting have not been paid at this time, therefore 2009 income amount will be reduced. Jason stated on the Profit and Loss statement there is an operator error in regards to the CD amounts, which are over stated. Correction will be made. Jason reported that going green has saved the chapter approximately 30% in operating expenses. This chapter is financially strong and endeavors to keep one year of operating cost in reserve. A motion was made by Cathy Harkey to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Sandy Ogle seconded and all unanimously approved.

Gayle reminded members of the Roy Hinson Scholarship. Four scholarships will be awarded. The deadline for applications is March 1, 2010. There are approximately 124 in attendance at this conference and only about 30 are representatives of hospitals. This scholarship will help small hospitals employees to attend our conferences.

V. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating Committee: Gwen Stokes recognized members of the committee and reported electronic voting was a success. Gwen encouraged members to consider leadership positions in the next fall elections. Candidate's who will run for election will post their bio on the website and ballots will go out September 2010.

Gwen announced 2010 election results and Board of Directors.

Becky Cox, President
Lee Ann Jones, Vice President
Jason Newton, Treasurer
Sharon Musselman, Secretary
Pat Hartsoe, Member at Large
Hilda Walker, Member at Large
Ken Nanney, Member at Large
David Creech, Member at Large
Cindy Stow, Member at Large
Carl Malmberg, Nominating Committee

Pam Kirk, Nominating Committee
Lee Ann Jones, Nominating Committee
Gayle Cook, Immediate Past President and Chair of the
Nominating Committee

Becky Cox presented a plaque to Gayle for an outstanding job as President. Gayle accepted and recognized the many people that made it happen. It was a team endeavor and encouraged members to participate.

Professional Development Committee: David Creech stated it was a delight to work with Gayle as President. He recognized members of committee.

David announced NC ASHRM will sponsor a CPHRM Prep Course at the Spring Meeting, May 5-7, 2010 in Wrightsville Beach.

Because of lack of participation in obtaining nominees for the NC ASHRM Awards, David reported the committee has looked at replacing the Work Horse Award with a Distinguish Service Award, establish a Lifetime Achievement Award and review the Professional Development Award. The committee will keep membership informed.

David discussed CLE credits for attorneys and the difficulty of obtaining credit from the state bar. David contacted the state bar and they had not even look at the request for CLE approval for the Fall Meeting. He reported we have to have our program in place 90 days ahead of time, which was really not practical, and then there is no guarantee it will get approved. David requested that attorneys, please leave their e-mail address with Rina and he will continue to try to obtain pre-approval.

Public Relations and Marketing Committee: Lee Ann Jones recognized committee members as well as all sponsors. She reported the chapter had exceeded their goal this year and thanked all the sponsors.

Lee Ann recognized and thanked the Van Winkle Law Firm for hosting Wednesday afternoon's reception. She also recognized and thanked Yates, McLamb for hosting Wednesday afternoon's reception at the Spring Meeting.

Legislative Committee: Ken Nanney recognized committee members and reported North Carolina Legislature is not currently in session. There are not a lot of changes to discuss.

Ken reported there are revisions to Mental Health/Involuntary Commitment Law. Effective October 1, 2009 requirements for involuntary commitment have changed. Among other changes, the revised law clarifies that certain patients can be held in a facility, other than a designated mental health facility for an extended period of time. Moreover, the statute provides that involuntary commitment orders automatically expire if a patient has not been transferred to a designated mental health facility within seven days. An article by Megan Lee is posted on the NC ASHRM website regarding the Involuntary Commitment Law changes.

Allen Tarleton spoke briefly at the Business Meeting on the penalty issues of the new North Carolina False Claims Act, effective January 1, 2010. This law provides for private citizens to file claims in the name of the State and allows for triple damages, as well as other penalties for false or fraudulent claims submitted to the State of North Carolina. Medicaid Providers, as well as anyone who submits bills or claims to the State of North Carolina need to be aware of the substantial ramifications of this new law. An article by Mr. Tarleton is posted on the NC ASHRM website regarding the recent changes.

Program Committee: Becky Cox recognized committee members and reported the committee has worked very hard this year preparing for our meetings. We have been approved for 11 CPHRM credits. Becky announced members will need their name badge on for reception and dinner tonight. She also encouraged members to complete their evaluations so the committee will know what members want to hear at the meetings. New members are welcome to join the committee.

Membership Committee: Hilda Walker recognized committee members. She reported NC ASHRM currently has 277 members and 67 new members for this year. Hilda encouraged members to invite other Risk Managers to join NC ASHRM. New members present at the meeting were recognized.

Website Committee: Pat Hartsoe recognized committee members and stated it was a joy to work with committee members and Rina Borg, who works behind the scene setting up online functions for the chapter. She thanked members for supporting the website and explained the website was a tool of communication. Pat reviewed the website activities and new upgrades that were established this year. Pat reported we have had an increase in number of page views recently and the committee will continue to make

improvements for members. Concerns were voiced about the registration process but hopefully it will be improved in time for the Spring Meeting. Pat reminded the members of the ID and password protection on the website and that handouts from the presentations are posted on the web.

Gayle informed members the Website webmaster is Paul Kaufman. NC ASHRM pays Paul to maintain the website. He is responsible for posting information to the website that is submitted to him. We are allotted a certain amount of maintenance time per month for maintenance, upgrades, etc.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Gayle made the following closing comments:

- Spring meeting will be held in Wrightsville Beach at the Holiday Inn Sunspree, May 5-7, 2010.
- CPHRM prep course will be offered at the Spring Meeting. It has not been decided if the prep course will be held before or after the meeting. The Board will notify the membership.
- The Board has discussed the organization going green. Members will see more changes in 2010.
- The Board is committed to Get up, Get back, and Get down to business so that NC ASHRM will stay the vibrant organization it is.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Ken Nanney made a motion to adjourn the meeting. David Creech seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Lamb

Secretary