

## **APRIL 2013 GENERAL BOARD MEETING**

**APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2013**

**DES MOINES, IOWA**

### **I. Call Meeting to Order**

Date: April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Place: Des Moines, Iowa

Attendance: Pam Gaines, Lora Rutt, Jane Swartz, Emily Thompson, Karen Hardy (filling in for secretary Joan Manning) and the general membership.

Time: The meeting was called to order by President Lora Rutt at 11:56.

### **II. Secretary Report:**

The minutes of the General Membership meeting of October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 were on the tables for membership review as well as on the website for those with internet access. No corrections or additions were made. A motion was made by Lora Rutt and seconded by Jane Swartz to approve the minutes as written.

### **III. Treasurer Report:**

The treasurer's report was prepared by Emily Thompson and copies were available on the tables. Deposits and expenses from October 1, 2012 forward were listed. The ending balance was \$11,682.09. Balance reflects current check book balance. Not all check/deposits have cleared. The treasurer's report was approved by Gayla Oakley and seconded by Jan Williams.

### **IV. Proposed Budget:**

Jane Swartz presented the proposed budget for the upcoming year with the announcement and awareness that the budget may need to be adjusted based on the results of the AACVPR Joint Affiliation vote today.

### **V. Committee Reports:**

To allow for more time to discuss the AACVPR Joint Affiliation, Pam Gaines provided a written summary of the committee reports for the membership. Please see the attached document.

### **VI. AACVPR Joint Affiliation Business**

- A.** President Lora Rutt delivered a welcome to all the NCVPRN members and guests along with words of praise for the membership's valuable work throughout the year. She presented an overview of the process the board went through in coming to a decision to put the AACVPR Joint Affiliation proposal to a membership vote at this meeting despite having sent out a notice that the decision had been made by the board to proceed with the joint affiliation.
- B.** Past President Pam Gaines went through a power point presentation outlining the points that the board took under consideration when making the decision that this was a change than NCVPRN needed to make to continue to move forward professionally as an organization and serve our membership more completely using the resources provided by AACVPR through the affiliation.
- C.** AACVPR Joint Affiliation membership benefits were provided by Jonah Gorski, staff member of AACVPR, [jgorski@aacvpr.org](mailto:jgorski@aacvpr.org) and reviewed per power point by Lora Rutt.

**D. Discussion points and Q/A by membership included:**

- a. The realization that the committee structure of the NCVPRN may change/evolve as the membership needs are more defined after the joint affiliation takes place. The board will continue to work on this throughout the coming years and will continue to encourage and support membership involvement on the active committees.
- b. The joint affiliation will be a 3 year contract and the state organization will have the choice of optioning out at that point.
- c. Other organizations have the requirement of belonging to the national organization before you are able to have or belong to a state or local chapter. AACN and PCNA were cited as examples of this.
- d. AACVPR will provide 10 CEU's to Joint affiliate members as a part of the \$205 annual membership fee. Other members across the country that are not Joint affiliate members will pay \$245 to have this same benefit with their AACVPR annual membership this next year.
- e. For a program to be certified through the AACVPR you must have at least one staff member who is a member of AACVPR. The hope is that the joint affiliation will encourage more staff members to join AACVPR and lead to further engagement in program improvements and knowledge from the national resources and connection that they will now be provided.
- f. Members encouraged others to talk to your facility directors about covering the cost of the annual membership as a part of their support in keeping the staff informed/updated on national reimbursement issues, best practice, certification issues etc that you are frequently dealing with in your programs.
- g. Other states that are currently involved in the Joint Affiliation program are MI, WI and NY. Texas is considering it. Pat Comoss discussed the TriState area.
- h. Members were reminded that if they chose not to join the joint affiliation that they are still welcome and encouraged to attend Fall and Spring conferences and events.
- i. Some concern was expressed about losing members as our strength comes from our numbers locally and nationally. Nationally, Nebraska has one of the highest percentages of AACVPR members of all the states and has always been on the leading edge in supporting AACVPR and referral rates to rehabilitation programs. Statewide we have seen it become more difficult to recruit new officers and committee members. We would like to see a more engaged state membership with a growing number of AACVPR members keeping us on this leading edge. The board will consider giving the member of the year a free joint affiliation membership for one year as part of their recognition each year.
- j. One of the newer members of NCVPRN spoke of the support and knowledge she gained from her AACVPR membership as she started a new rehab program.
- k. After the discussion concluded, ballots were distributed and collected.

**VII. Fall conference**

Fall conference will be held October 9-10, 2013 at Hastings. Rooms will be available at the Holiday Inn Express and the conference will be held at the Country Club. The plan is to have an educational offering on Wednesday evening and the conference on Thursday from 8-4pm.

**VII. Member of the Year Award**

Pam Gaines announced that Lora Rutt was this year's Member of the Year as she has put in countless hours of work and energy into the Joint Affiliation project. Jane Swartz presented Lora Rutt with the outgoing President recognition also.

**VIII. Spring HCPRN Conference** will be held March 28-29, 2014 at the Embassy Suites in LaVista, Ne.

**IX. Adjourn:** There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Gayla Oakley and seconded by Emily Thompson to adjourn. President Lora Rutt adjourned the meeting at 1:06 pm.

General membership was reconvened at 4:48pm to announce that the AACVPR Joint Affiliate Membership vote had passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Hardy RN,BSN