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**NP/PA Special Interest Section  
Friday, November 19, 2010  
3:30pm**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Cas Cahill, DNP, ARNP, Co-Chair; Victor Bruce, PA, Co-Chair; Robert Hamel, PA; Kathleen Franchina, RNP; Carol Robinson, RNP; Lynda Nossaman, MSN, CNP; Dianne Kulasa-Luke, NP; Carolyn Johnson, PA; Jennifer McCaffrey, PNP; Linda Johnston, ARNP; Sara DelVecchio, RNP; Amy Bruno, RNP

**Staff:** Andrea Taylor

Cas welcomed everyone and introductions were made around the table. The focus for 2011 is on mentorship for this section.

Cas has learned a great deal about physician assistants from co-chairing this section.

Cas attended the Board meeting on behalf of the section to present the proposal for the option of becoming Active members of AHS. The section would like the opportunity for members to be able to pay for Active membership if they choose to pay the additional cost. Andrea will send the final proposal to this meeting's attendees.

The group discussed mentorship. Vic feels a mentorship program may lead to a greater interest in joining AHS from NPs and PAs. There are multiple venues for implementing a mentorship program.

- Conference calls
- Quarterly hot topics where designated members research a hot clinical topic and submit an annotated bibliography
- An annotated bibliography showing the Top Ten topics
- Certificate course which would be a 1 to 2 hour home study program
- NP Corner and PA Corner on AHS website
- Market the program through other organizations
- Internet forum

Andrea explained the discussion forum feature on the AHS website for the sections. All sections can post to respective discussions forums, but unfortunately no one utilizes this feature.

Cas urged everyone to review all of the handouts located at the AHS booth (these handouts are also available online).

The section will continue to have regularly scheduled conference calls to share information, ask questions, get clinical feedback, etc. The calls will resume on the third Tuesday of the month at 9:00pm Eastern beginning in January 2011.

Cas explained the history of the section and how it came to be.

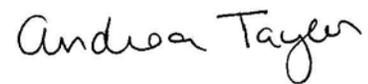
Vic recommended the website [clinician1.com](http://clinician1.com). It is a free, online community for NPs and PAs.

The group would like to be a certificate course for NPs and PA. This would include site training with 6-9 month fellowships.

There is no pain management course for NPs and they are not eligible to sit for the UCNS headache certification exam. The section would like to develop a certificate course for NPs and PAs as a how-to and submit it to national certifying bodies.

The group discussed the certificate options for NPs, RNs and PAs. Some have a specific focus while others are very dense.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrea Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Andrea Taylor