

NP/PA Special Interest Section
June 23, 2012
Minutes

Present: Maureen Moriarity, DNP, APRN; Mike Jones, MPAS-C; Jacqueline Hagelberg, MS, RN; Olive Nworie, MSN, RN, NP-C; Susan Baggaley, MSN, APRN

Staff: Andrea Taylor

Maureen welcomed everyone and invited all attendees to introduce themselves.

ACHE Chair Paul Winner briefly shared the launch of the patient organization and requested a liaison from the section to the ACHE committee.

Maureen reviewed the background of the Section and the need for cohesiveness.

Mike Jones was reinstated as the PA Co-Chair of the Section. He is eligible to serve one more two-year term. No other PAs stepped up during re-election time. Some are no longer active in AHS.

In addition to conference calls, the Section would like to create a closed Facebook group for communication.

There are currently 96 Associates Members of AHS which include NPs, Nurses, PAs, and Physical Therapists.

Susan suggested having something on billing and reimbursement since it varies from state to state for NPs and PAs. Prescriptive privileges also vary per state.

The Section has a lot to offer current and new members of AHS. A survey will be developed to send out to the membership to show the following: roles in their practices, prescriptive authority, % of new vs. follow up patients, visit types, procedure types, etc. If a survey can be developed and sent out within the next three months an abstract could possibly be submitted for a poster at IHC next June.

Jackie volunteered to be the ACHE liaison and write a piece for the website on "Why does my health care provider ask me these questions?"

The Section discussed certification. NPs and PAs are currently unable to sit for the UCNS Headache Medicine certification exam. Maureen will talk to ANCC and piggyback off of their neurology certification. Andrea sent Maureen the old review course materials.

A clinical case study could be reviewed for possibly inclusion as an article in *Headache*.