



ANNIVERSARY

AMERICAN HEADACHE SOCIETY

NP/PA SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION
FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2008
5:00PM – 6:00PM

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Mike Jones, PA-C, Co-Chair; Cas Cahill, MSN, ARNP, Co-Chair; Denise McGrath, APRN; Kim Oas, MSN, RN, CNP; Shannon Biederman, MSN, FNP; Tamara Langhoff, CPNP; Margie Breslin, MSN; Karen McKearney, MSN; Elizabeth Rende, MSN, CPNP; Susan LeCates, CRNP; Priscilla Ellinor, MSN; Eileen Jones, RN; Mary Eklund, ARNP; Susan Baggaley, APRN; Julie Waight, FNP; Le Sedlacek, CNS, MN; Christine Utley, MSN, CNP; Scott Litin, MD

Staff: Andrea Taylor

- I. Welcome
 - The co-chairs welcomed everyone to the first meeting of this new section.
- II. Collegial Sharing by Participants
 - The attendees introduced themselves.
 - Question arose from the RN member as to the role and place of RN's in the AHS
- III. Perspective: Historical
 - Cas explained the history behind the section. She referred to a handout distributed to the attendees. Elizabeth Loder initially brought the proposal to the Board, but it was not received well during that time. When the proposal was brought back to the board this year it was very well received. There was a lot of positive feedback.
 - Mike explained his work with headache and how he started working with Eric Schuman.
 - Mike and Cas reviewed the two articles given as handouts with the attendees.
- IV. Perspective: Projected
 - Cas shared the results from the Section Chair meeting with the group. The Section Chairs received a new role as a result of the Board meeting. We want our activities to be consistent and congruent with the Board's objectives and goals. Dr. Litin is a member of the Board and was on hand to share the results of the strategic plan with everyone.
 - There is a great deal of work this section can do to based on the initial goals set forth to fulfill its charge from the Board.
 - How can the section get their message out? Mike suggested putting together a pre-course/section symposia application for the 2010 Annual Scientific meeting. Educating people on the roles of PAs and NPs is important. Each state sees them differently. Some must bill under a physician, while others can have their own practices. There is no consistency with their recognized roles. Associate members, sometimes classified as mid-level providers, of AHS are still not seen as equals. They all share a common goal – to treat headache and shouldn't be

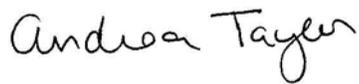
treated differently. Examples were given of other providers that have similar recognition problems, physical therapists and pharmacists.

- The members shared their thoughts on the Society's view of NPs and PAs.
- Why weren't Associate members listed in the membership directly under the geographic section?

V. Section Operations

- The section goals were reviewed along with projects that would help accomplish these goals.
- The co-chairs would like to survey the membership. Kim Oas was asked to take the lead on this project.
- There will be regular communication for the section including emails and bi-monthly conference calls.
- Andrea to email the section members the email address for Cas and Mike.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrea Taylor".

Andrea Taylor