

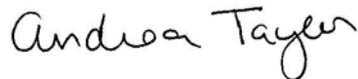
NP/PA Special Interest Section
Friday, November 6, 2009
3:30pm – 4:30pm
Minutes

Present: Cas Cahill, DNP, ARNP, Co-Chair; Eric Schuman, MPAS, PA-C; Tara Keshavarz, PA-C; Priscilla Ellinor, CNP; Lynne Hammel, MSN; Robert Hamel, MM, PA-C

Staff: Andrea Taylor

- Cas welcomed everyone and introductions were made around the table. Mike could not be present. He was in Nepal with his PA students.
- Cas explained that Mike spearheaded the section's newsletter. Eric is now the editor of the section newsletter and is committed to highlighting scholarly activities of section members. The newsletter will continue to spotlight NP/PA practice. Members are encouraged to email him if they have anything to share for the newsletter.
- Cas reviewed Maureen Moriarity's work on the goal of equal membership. Maureen has been researching other organizations' policies in order to put a report together to submit to the AHS Board. Some members may not know what NPs and PAs do. They are not familiar with their responsibilities, privileges, etc.
- The AHS membership brochure will need to be corrected the next time it is revised. It currently lists Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant as a specialty when in fact it is a practice category.
- Why can't DNPs have active membership?
- The epilepsy group allowed NPs their choice of membership type. It is their decision whether they want to pay more or not. The group liked the option of choosing their own membership type. It may help to further promote the organization.
- Cas thinks the section should create a scope of practice document. The group could take a look at curriculum content that has been developed for NPs and PAs and explain it in a paper. Cas would like to develop a workgroup on Headache Curriculum for NPs and PAs. This could be a 2010 capstone project. Standard of care needs to be clarified.
- Bob was asked to oversee the development of the proposed core curriculum for NP/PA headache practice.
- A tool kit was discussed that would include case studies, resources, etc. Lynne suggested reviewing the multiple sclerosis core curriculum that is used for nursing. There may be funding opportunities out there from NIH.
- Cas gave an overview of the section's projects. It is important not to have too many irons in the fire. Susan Hutchinson approached Cas about possibly doing a joint course with the Women's Issues section next year.

Respectfully Submitted,



Andrea Taylor