

**La Crosse District Nurses Association  
Board Minutes**

**Date:** March 17, 2009

**Time:** 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

**Place:** People's Food Co-op, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor meeting room

**Present:** Nancy Danou, Brenda Owen, Judy Talbott, Pam Johnson, Heidi Hackbarth, Michelle la Roche, Rose Presser, Rosanne Schulz, Cheryl Casperson

**Call to Order:** 5:30 PM

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes from the February 17, 2009 meeting were approved as written. Nancy made the motion to approve; Rosanne seconded the motion.

Please send your officer/committee summaries for the annual report electronically to Rosanne Schulz **by April 21, 2009**. Thank you in advance!

**Treasurer's Report:** No report.

**Reports of Officers:**

**Education Director:** Cheryl reported that we are set for the April 21<sup>st</sup> educational session. The title is: "Update on Falls Prevention" which will be presented by Ruth Berns, CNS, RN, and Kathy Koehne, RN. Heidi Hackbarth, RN, and Michelle La Fleur, RN, will also give an update on the November, 2008 presentation: Practice at the point of care: CMS reimbursement affecting nurse practice.

Cheryl will arrange for some light snacks to be served.

**Public Relations Director:** Kathryn Lammers passed out information from the Nurses Day at the Capitol. Kathryn spoke to nurses on environmental issues with about 60 – 70 participants attending.

The postcard was sent out for the April 21<sup>st</sup> educational event. The upcoming events (WeLeap Event: Public Health Nurses: Creating and Influencing Health Policy, Honor a Colleague, Annual LDNA dinner and meeting) were also mentioned on the card.

Kathryn is compiling a mailing list of smaller hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living and rehab units in order to send them mailings of the LDNA events. She will contact the social services department at a local hospital to obtain a more complete list.

Kathryn sent out letters about Honor a Colleague to some smaller hospitals/ nursing homes. Rosanne already received 5 nominations from this mailing. She has also received about 55 other nominations.

It was recommended that a mass Email be sent to members about 2 weeks prior to events to remind them of the event.

**Membership Director:** LDNA has three new members. Nancy will send out materials to welcome them to the organization. At the dinner held for the Student Nurses Association, information was passed out to each of the three student nurse organizations represented.

Nancy will forward the current membership list to Kathryn, Michelle, and Brenda.

**Publications Director:** No report. The newsletter was sent electronically to members.

**Web Page Director:** Michelle reported that the website has been updated and the link to the website is again functional. Winona State was added as a school. Michelle will be sure the LDNA events are listed on the site.

There was discussion about whether we should change the current LDNA website to the current ANA logo. That logo is more gender neutral. Michelle will check out the cost of changing the logo.

**Activities Director:** Pam has reserved City Brewery (\$300) for the Honor a Colleague event. Options for catering were discussed, including supplying the food ourselves since catering process are on the increase and City Brewery requests a percentage of the catering bill. We need to finalize that charge with City Brewery once we decide our plan. It is unsure whether the cake will be donated this year. Pam will bring back options for the food at the April board meeting and a decision will have to be made then. RSVP's for Honor a Colleague are due April 17<sup>th</sup>, so we should have a head count by our next meeting.

The speaker is confirmed and her talk will fit in nicely with the ANA theme of "Building a Healthy America." The speaker is Lisa Radtke, MS, LCWS, and her talk is "Building a Healthy You." The nominations for HAC are slowly starting to come in. Post cards are printed. Rosanne will send Rose names of those nurses nominated to be displayed on a power point presentation.

Rose also sent a letter to each hospital foundation requesting \$200 toward the event.

**Nominations Director:** Names were suggested to Brenda for open slots on the upcoming LDNA election ballot. Brenda will follow-up with the members and bring the ballot to the next meeting for approval. If you have any ideas of members to solicit for membership on the board, contact Brenda.

Cheryl will be resigning as Activities Director in May. The board decided that another Activities Director could be appointed for the remaining term (1 year). Judy will follow-up with the board's suggestion.

**President Elect:** Heidi will review the annual meeting minutes and the bylaws for the May meeting.

There also was discussion on changing the date of the Annual Meeting to May 20<sup>th</sup> (rather the 19<sup>th</sup>). Several members had conflicts with the date of May 19<sup>th</sup>. The PFC is free May 20<sup>th</sup>. Heidi is following up with the board members. Kathryn will also do another flyer once the date is solidified.

**Vice President:** No report.

**President:** Judy read a thank you from one of the University of Wisconsin Madison Western Campus students who attended the Student Nurses Dinner.

Judy was involved in a WNA conference call on 2/27/09. The WNA leadership is asking all districts to review their by-laws. It was felt that the LDNA by-laws were in good shape, however Heidi will review them.

**Upcoming Events:**

**April 20<sup>th</sup>:** Public Health Nurses: Creating and Influencing Health Policy. LDNA is one of the sponsors of the event and all members are invited.

**May 4<sup>th</sup>:** Honor a Colleague

**May 20<sup>th</sup>:** Annual LDNA Dinner and Meeting (**NOTE DATE CHANGE**)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosanne Schulz  
Secretary

