

NIARN Board Meeting minutes  
January 15, 2010  
Cheesecake Factory, Oakbrook IL

Members present:

Jo Bestmann  
Irene Tranowski  
Diane LaPorta  
Denise Kostelec  
Merry Dreier  
Tess D'Arban

1. Minutes were approved as written.
2. Treasurer's report. Current account balance is \$5882.13. We will have a estimated expense of \$375 for GIZMO for our web site, and the activity and tax exempt application will cost \$50. Jo will take care of the tax form.
3. The Web site will need to be updated – at least every other month. We need current board members pictures – perhaps individually so it will be easier to update when we have new board.
4. Continuing Education discussion. What is required for educational offerings was discussed (per ARN) and instead of an All Day program, and 3 other short programs, we could have 4 two to three hour programs through the year. There will be an issue with license renewal and contact hours with our next license. We have no concrete data as of yet, but we expect it will be included with our next renewal forms coming this spring.  
Some dates to stay away from when scheduling: 4/4/10 is Easter Sunday and the next ARN convention is 9/30-10/6/10.

Topics to be offered were considered:

Merry will chair "taking care of yourself." November 2010: 2 hours. Consider humor speaker and perhaps massage/ healing modalities.

Carolyn (or possibly Terri Alexander who has published) "Falls in the fall"  
September 2010 2 hours.

Diane LaPorta will set up a program on RACS and documentation. What are the CMS new rules and what does it means to me. Merry will ask Kathleen Rurode from Marianjoy to speak or recommend someone, maybe from the state. We would like 3 hours for this program. We are hoping to present this one for late March 2010.

In June 2010, we would like to present a 2 hours program on skin issues – maybe something with products, documentation, prevention of problems, etc. It will be more of an advanced not elementary aspect of practice. Could be include nutrition? Irene will helm this program.

Remember that we no longer can get contact hours approved through ARN, so we will have to go to INA.

Venues for programs include possibly

Hines VA

Vista in Waukegan

Lutheran General Hospital

William Tell Hotel in Countryside

Marianjoy Rehab

There may be more but these are the ones suggested at the meeting.

5. In consideration of the devastating earthquake in Haiti, it was suggested that we donate money to the American Red Cross. \$500 was sent to them from the NIARN chapter to help them with their work.

6. The next board meeting will be February 12, 2010 at Cheesecake Factory.

Respectfully submitted,

Merry Dreier

Secretary NIARN Board