

Vermont Nurse Practitioner Association
Quarterly Business Meeting
30 March 2007



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4:50 pm Meeting called to order G Mikula, 21 members present

Treasurer's report - C Buck-Rolland

2006-2007 Budget discussed, as well as trends

- Membership has increased over the past two years
- ITV meetings have been eliminated due to poor attendance, saving \$900/ year to be replaced with conference call meetings. Dates to be determined and posted to website.
- Technology costs (website, etc.) have increased
- Dues for 2007-2008 \$90./ 1 yr: \$165./ 2yrs
- Lynn Rothwell scholarship fund made \$1,600.00 in conference raffle

Current Status of bank acts:

- Checking \$27,057.
- CD \$6185.
- CD \$2,322. (Rothwell)
- \$ Mkt \$ 435. (Rothwell)

Secretary's Report – S Dudley

- 2006 membership 94
- 2007 (current membership) 75
- Will need to re-order stationary in the next six months

Legislative-update D Wachtel, J Laurent, G Mikula

- Suggestion for quarterly advisory board meeting via phone
- VSNA update: June Benoit, encouraging VSNA membership, discount for joining for active VNPA members; April 11 VT Legislative Day; thank you for yearly contribution (\$500.)
- JL, GM, & DW Legislative activities
 - VPR program supporting NPs
 - Recent visits to house of Representatives
 - Formation of work group by current Catamount Health Bill 534 which will examine removal of the written requirement for “collaborative practice agreement”. Work group will be formalized by 9.2007
 - Will be crossing over to Senate for further testimony
 - JL's visit with Paul Harrington (VMS) to begin discussion of the language change with plans to attend VMS board meeting in the fall
 - Nancy Morris to meet with David Clauss (VT Medical Practice Board) to inform them of our intentions
 - Discussion sought from membership about moving forward toward autonomous practice with plans to approach the Board of Nursing late spring toward early summer, 2007.

Submitted by Sarah Dudley 3/30/07

April 24, 2007



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Dear Representative Pugh and Human Services committee members,

On behalf of the nurse practitioners of Vermont, the Vermont Nurse Practitioner Association (VNPA) supports the proposed changes in house bill titled Commissioner of Health, H. 11, eliminating the requirement that the commissioner of health be a licensed physician. Such a change will broaden the scope to include a health professional with the necessary educational preparation and practical experience in public health. The VNPA believes that the qualifications for the commissioner of health should be related to one's comprehensive education and experience in the field of public health which is not and should not be restricted to the medical profession.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Laurent", written in a cursive style.

Jennifer S. Laurent, MS, FNP
President
Vermont Nurse Practitioner Association