

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL GENETICS ASSOCIATION

**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 2007
UNC-CHAPEL HILL**

Minutes approved by vote on 10/10/08 at annual business meeting.

2007 NCMGA officers:

President: Sonja Eubanks, MS
Vice President: Jack Tarleton, Ph.D.
Secretary-Treasurer: Sonja Eubanks, MS

Officers Present: Sonja Eubanks and Jack Tarleton

Members and Guests in attendance: Nancy Adams, Art Aylsworth, Deeksha Bali, Jessica Booker, Kelley Boyd, Muge Calikugo, Nancy Callanan, Rebecca Crimian, Erin Demo, Karen Echerd, Fan Zheng, Roseann Farber, Megan Ferguson, Catherine Fine, Dianne Frazier, Kenneth Friedman, Kathy Kaiser-Rogers, Hutton Kearney, Debbie Keelean-Fuller, Jane Kimani, Robin King, Neil Kirkman, John Koepke, Kristy Lee, Jeannice Lesko, Lizz Lyon, Murugu Manickam, Gail Marcus, Patricia McCaw, Julie McClure, Marie McDonald, Jane Ann McKillop, Susan Michalowski, David Millington, Julie Moldenhauer, Joseph Muenzer, Christine Oien, Lara Percenti, Alexis Poss, Catherine Rehder, Pam Reitnauer, Myra Roche, Betsy Swope, Lori Terry, Ashley Tompkins, Amie Vaisnins-Carrall, Diane Vargo, Ginny Vickery, John Wiley and Sarah Young

UNCG Genetic Counseling students in attendance: Angie Anido, Leah Betman, Katie Farmer, Claire Healy, Beth Hudson, Tanya Lehfeldt, Kate Major, Rachel Mills, Jacquelyn Powers, Emily Rettner, Diana Smith, Asheley Supik and Lori Wilburg

Call to Order

President Sonja Eubanks called the meeting to order. The business meeting lasted approximately 30 minutes.

Minutes Approved

Sonja Eubanks made a motion to approve the minutes from the business meeting in the fall of 2006. The minutes were approved with no discussion.

Committee reports:

Biochemical/Metabolic and Genetic Screening – Dianne Frazier, PhD, reported that there were 8 attendees in the committee meeting. The major topic of discussion was tyrosinemia type 1 screening in North Carolina. Even though cystic fibrosis screening has become paramount for the state, we should keep

tyrosinemia screening on the agenda. Also, there was a reminder of the Tandem Mass Spec meeting in December.

Cytogenetics and Molecular Genetics met together. Jack Tarleton, PhD, reported that there were approximately 12 attendees and that the main topics of discussion were testing reimbursement and the move in many labs toward implementing array CGH.

Clinical Genetics – Cindy Powell, MD, reported that the major points of discussion were interesting/unknown diagnosis cases, array CGH, and Medicaid reimbursement.

Genetic Counselors – Sonja Eubanks, MS, reported that Catherine Fine was elected as the new chairperson for this committee for 2008-2010. The committee discussed possible topics for upcoming committee meetings including issues related to billing for genetic counseling and state licensure.

Treasurer/Secretary Report:

Sonja Eubanks, MS, reported that the current balance (prior to today's meeting) is \$5420.51. Dues will resume for 2008 at the amount of \$25.00 per year.

Old Business:

Sonja Eubanks, MS provided a summary of the major points from the member survey conducted earlier in 2007. The feedback from members has been utilized to schedule future meetings, to formulate guidelines for meeting planners, and to initiate the first NCMGA website.

New Business:

1. Host site schedule

Sonja Eubanks discussed changes in the NCMGA meeting hosting schedule. The new schedule allows continuation of the rotation of the host site while keeping the fall meeting, which includes the business meeting, in a more central location. In addition, ECU is no longer able to be a host site.

Future NCMGA meeting host sites are:

Fall 2007	UNC Chapel Hill (central)
Spring 2008	Fullerton Genetics Center
Fall 2008	Wake Forest University (central)
Spring 2009	Carolinas Medical Center
Fall 2009	Duke University Medical Center (central)
Spring 2010	Fullerton Genetics Center
Fall 2010	UNC Chapel Hill (central)
Spring 2011	Carolinas Medical Center
Fall 2011	Wake Forest University (central)

Spring 2012

Duke University Medical Center

2. NCMGA website

Sonja also discussed and displayed the new NCMGA website that she has help organize (www.ncmga.org). The site hosting and initial set-up were accomplished at a very reasonable cost of a few hundred dollars. She solicited ideas for information to go on the website. One item that will soon be posted after dissemination to the membership is a "Guideline for Meeting Planners." Members indicated an interest in having a list of genetics centers in the state included. Information from centers with links to websites will be solicited from the membership via the listserv. Other ideas members suggested were links for patient friendly resources and a list of the NCMGA members.

3. The NCMGA By-Laws were generally described by Sonja who commented that there have been some changes in recent years (March, 2003 and January, 2006) but to her knowledge the changes have never been approved by vote of the membership. The main change is the inclusion of descriptions of the five committees of NCMGA. The By-Laws are posted on the new website. A motion was made and seconded and a vote was taken to approve the By-Laws as currently written.

4. New Officer of NCMGA

Betsy Swope was nominated to become Secretary-Treasurer of NCMGA starting in 2008, a position that Sonja has continued to hold even as she moved into the presidency after the resignation of Leslie Evans due to a job change. The nomination was put to a vote and unanimously approved.

Next Meeting:

The 2008 Spring NCMGA meeting will be hosted by Fullerton Genetics Center in Asheville on Friday, April 11, 2008.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the business meeting was adjourned by Sonja Eubanks.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Tarleton, Ph.D.
NCMGA Vice President