

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL GENETICS ASSOCIATION

**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 2008
DUKE UNIVERSITY**

2008 NCMGA officers:

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

Officers Present: Sonja Eubanks, Jack Tarleton, Betsy Swope

Members and Guests in attendance: Nancy Adams, Angela Darnell, Art Aylsworth, Deeksa Bali, Peggy Berry, Muge Calikugo, Shu Chaing, Christen Csuy, Heidi Cope, Patricia Devers, Karen Echerd, Stephanie Francis, Jenny Goldstein, Abbe Golding, Beth Hudson, Kathlyn Watson, Ken Kawamoto, Debbie Keelean-Fuller, Jane Kimani, Robin King, Tracey Leedom, Ann Lucas, Regan Matthews, Julie McClure, Jane Ann McKillop, Liz Melvin, Allyson Meyer, Susan Michalowski, Rachel Mills, Amy Mottola, Kristn Nunez, Julianne O'Daniel, Berrin Ozturk, Amanda Padro, Romela Pasion, Surekha Pendyal, Alexis Poss, Catherine Rehder, Jean St. John, Tara Stamper, Randi Stewart, Advije Tolun, Elizabeth Tooto, Monica Trout, Christie Turcott

UNCG Genetic Counseling students in attendance.

Call to Order

President Sonja Eubanks called the meeting to order. Duke University was thanked for hosting the Fall meeting. The attendees were reminded to fill-out and hand in the evaluation sheets. Attendees were also reminded to sign-in. The business meeting lasted approximately 40 minutes.

Minutes Approved

Sonja Eubanks made a motion to approve the minutes from the business meeting in the fall of 2007. The minutes were approved with no discussion.

Committee reports:

Biochemical/Metabolic and Clinical Genetics (meet together) – the committee will be meeting to discuss issues with follow-up with newborn screening.

Cytogenetics and Molecular Genetics (meet together) – will discuss array CGH.

Genetic counselors – met in Spring 2008 and discussed billing practices with the new 96040 code. Will meet after the business meeting to discuss the panel of speakers from the Down Syndrome Network of Greater Greensboro.

Treasurer/Secretary Report:

Betsy Swope, MS, reported that the current balance (prior to today's meeting) is \$7039.47. Dues will resume for 2009 at the amount of \$25.00 per year.

Old Business:

Website: www.ncmga.org

Sonja Eubanks pulled up the website for attendees to view. Discussed that website not recognized by common search engines (Google). Fees for listing on Google are approximately \$99 a year. A motion was made and seconded and a vote was taken to approve search engine fees. Discussion was held regarding content of the Website. Attendees recommended adding list of genetics centers, how to refer patients, description of genetic counseling, and what happens and what to bring to a genetics appointment. It was also suggested that the current genetics education programs be listed on the website. Additionally, it was suggested that contact information for NC Public Health Genetics be listed on the website.

Julianne O'Daniel suggested an Electronics committee to review/update the website. Julianne offered to chair the committee, and will take volunteers on the committee. A sign-up sheet was located in the lobby. Sonja offered to continue to make updates to the website as needed.

None reported.

New Business:

1. NCMGA balance

Betsy Swope suggested that we discuss possible further spending of the current balance. Muge Calikoglu recommended more representation from NCMGA at local meetings. She suggested that we send the NCMGA Vice President to SERGG (Southeast Regional Genetics Group). SERGG will be held in Asheville in the summer 2009. It is predominantly represented by S Carolina, and minimally attended by members from N Carolina. Discussed the option of sending genetics residents/fellows to SERGG using NCMGA money.

2. New Officer of NCMGA

Randi Stewart was nominated to become Secretary-Treasurer of NCMGA starting in 2009. The nomination was put to a vote and unanimously approved.

3. Discussion of upcoming NCMGA meetings

Fall meetings are typically held in a central location of the state so that the most members can attend the business meetings. A suggestion was made to host the meeting at a non-medical center location. Problems with this suggestion include cost and inconvenience for speakers from the host institution. Additional recommendations were made to ask UNC-Wilmington, ECU, as well as UNC-

Greensboro if they would like to be host sites. Attendees from ECU indicated they would be interested in the future.

Next Meeting:

The 2008 Spring NCMGA meeting will be hosted by Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte in the spring. Carolinas Medical Center will contact UNC by February if they are not able to host. Date TBA.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Swope
NCMGA Secretary/Treasurer