



2011 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

NJ Chapter of ACHCA held their annual meeting held at Meridian Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Shrewsbury, NJ on April 7, 2011.

Business Meeting was called to order @ 12 pm by President, Michael Hotz.

Minutes of 2010 meeting were approved.

The following reports were presented:

Vendor Committee - Justin Schwartz for Thomas Bejgrowicz

Much appreciation to all our vendors for their continued support of our chapter.

Education Committee – Michael Hotz for Jeanine Riley

Our commitment was to provide education programs throughout the state to meet members' needs. Last year we held five seminars in five different counties. In 2011 we will present four seminars in various locations around the state. One program will be held in Southern Ocean County and another in Bloomingdale. Leah Klusch, a nationally recognized speaker, ACHCA member and expert MDS 3.0 will present at our September seminar and Ivan Punctatz, esq. and LTC expert, and motivational speaker Sister Lucille Durso will speak at our June program.

Finance - Robert Reyes, Treasurer

- Opening balance Nov. 2, 2010 = \$22,210.96
- Income = \$11,7800.00
- Expenses = \$5,997.09
- Closing balance, Feb. 28, 2011 = \$27,993.87

We can attribute our financial growth due to greater vendor support and increase in business affiliates.

By-Laws – Roberto Muniz

No change in By-laws

Nominating Committee - Norda Bellantoni

Executive board changed term limits last years, extended president term to three (3 years) due to continued growth and success of chapter. Nominations to board as follows:

Michael Hotz – President
Helaine B. Ledany – Vice President
Janet Merly-Liranzo – Secretary
Robert Reyes – Treasurer

Called for nominations from the floor; none forthcoming. Norda stated the nominations three (3) times, as required.

The officers were installed by National President/CEO of ACHCA, Marianna Grachek.

Ms. Grachek congratulated the officers and the NJ Chapter for their success and growth. At this time, NJ is the 4th largest chapter in the country; NY has 292 members, MA = 206, Ohio = 184, NJ = 161, CT = 150.

NJ Chapter has been successful in providing quality education programs, connecting people, establishing excellent vendor relations, and in managing finances. NJ has an award winning newsletter and is the recipient of a Chapter Excellence Award for the past three years. Our chapter can boast of 18 members are going to convocation in New Orleans, 9 certified administrators, 17 fellows, and 18 student members.

Ms. Grachek commended the NJ Chapter on its resurgence and stated that National is thriving as well. There has been 22% increase in growth; ACHA's financial future is positive due to changes in structure, including the creation of a "virtual office"; the number of certified members and fellows has increased. ACHCA is resilient! Marianna discussed several points of interest including:

- Receipt of \$250,000 grant for a leadership mentoring initiative to develop future LTC leaders
- ACHCA developed relationship with NAB to establish a professional collaboration
- Peer2Peer Networking is responsive to members' needs
- ACHCA is on Facebook and Twitter
- Task force created (Michael Hotz a member)
- ACHCA Foundation is beneficiary of two grants – mentoring grant as above and a grant from Pioneer Network
- Partnership with RediLearning for education programs; this is a revenue generating alliance and will allow ACHCA to invest in technology development projects; webinars have been successful and will continue to address interesting and current topics; also developing leadership curriculum with RediLearning that will be launched at convocation.
- Encourage all to attend 2011 Convocation in New Orleans; summer leadership program in Bermuda; Winter Marketplace in Las Vegas
- Education survey completed by members online; received valuable input from members

Marianna stated that our NJ chapter is well positioned to meet several challenges and goals ahead:

1. Grow in number and leadership
2. Increase number of certified administrators within state
3. Increase number of Fellows
4. Increase numbers of Student members
5. Continue growth in diversity; we are fortunate to have Roberto Muniz as National Chair of Diversity Committee
6. Expand to Assisted Living and increase membership

Marianna gave special thank you to our president, Michael Hotz, whom she described at the "energizer bunny."

Michael thanked Marianna and continued to recognize all past presidents who were present: James Caron, James Berg, Sister Norah Clarke (not in attendance), Roberto Muniz, Tom Sheehy, and Norda Bellantoni.

- To address diversity, Michael has recommended to National to occasionally change convocation days as to not conflict with Shabbat (the Jewish Sabbath on Saturdays); possible every three years.
- He recognized the vendors who have supported our chapter and advised all attendees to visit and spend time at each booth.
- This year, our grand raffle prize will be \$2,000.00 for convocation.
- Proud to announce that we have joined the NJ Leaders of LTC Coalition; Michael and Helaine will be representatives to this group with Jim Berg as alternate. James McCracken, Ombudsman will be a presenter at the fall meeting on Oct. 11, 2011.
- Our NJ Chapter has 2 members on the National Board, Norda and Michael.
- Our chapter is well represented on the state level, professional associations, and licensing board.

Michael defined certification as “what you know” and fellowship as “what you’ve done” and encouraged attendees to pursue these levels of achievement. Certification is an Advisory Standard and certainly attainable by experience administrators. Our chapter is considering offering a review course for the certification exam.

Michael also addressed the issue of abuse in a facility (Harborage, West New York, NJ) that made recent headlines when family placed a “nanny cam” in resident’s room and discovered and aide hitting a resident. He stated that unfortunately, the facility failed to do an investigation when prompted by family. In our business, when one facility looks bad, we all look bad.

We are looking forward to a successful convocation; last year in Philadelphia was more accessible to us but this year, so far, there are 18 members from NJ who will attend convocation in New Orleans.

Michael turned the meeting over to Jim Berg to present the awards. We are proud to recognize these recipients for their achievements and commitment to our chapter and LTC industry:

- Student award and recipient of \$1,000 scholarship to Christopher Masterson (this year the award was modified to include annual dues for first year)
- New Administrator Award to Ben Kurland
- Distinguished Administrator to Doug Struyck
- Service to Chapter Award to Norda Bellantoni

In closing, Michael addressed the problems on Peer2Peer Network, the online national forum to share and discuss issues. In order to create more serious conversation, reduce chatting and number of emails throughout the day, Michael recommended that members sign us for P2P files to access policies, etc. Please contact him to sign up. Again, Michael encouraged all Board Members to pursue certification and then thanked all members for their participation.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:40 pm

Respectfully submitted by Helaine B. Ledany, CNHA, FACHA, Vice President