

Houston Texas Association of Occupational Health Nurses



HTAOHN Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2010

Meeting called to Order at 5:45 pm by President Pam Mason with 23 members and 3 student guests in attendance.

HTAOHN wishes to thank OMI from graciously providing our meal and Shell Oil and Denise Bach for our nice meeting accommodations.

Networking and games took place during dinner with prizes being won by J. Perkins, N. Hurst, N. Ashby and Willa Stark.

Drawing was held and two door prizes were awarded.

CE Presentation was “**Fit To A “T” Understanding Osteoporosis and Reducing Risks For Fractures And Future Health Problems**” by President Elect Melinda Harrison and Nominations Chair Carolyn Ebert.

President’s Report: President Mason began the meeting by restating the 2009 BOD Pillars of (1) Education, (2) Membership retention and growth (3) Awards and Recognition.

President Mason advised members that HTAOHN had 14 members at the state conference and only 2 HTAOHN members were going to the AAOHN conference in Anaheim when the group was asked. Poor marketing discussed as a possibly being the cause for poor registration numbers.

HTAOHN will not have mini conference in November of 2010 but would like to explore having one in the spring of 2011. It was suggested that HTAOHN open the spring mini conference to occupational medicine physicians. President Mason also advised the members that Shell Oil had offered accommodations for the 2011 mini conference. President Mason advised the HTAOHN members that AAOHN is looking for volunteers to serve on their committees and the committee structure can be found on the AAOHN website. President Mason advised the members that the CE approval process takes 30 to 45 days but the process is simpler. Also OSHA Form 300 is changing to add musculoskeletal disorders

President Mason reminded members that E.A.R. is holding a free seminar on March 10 at the Hobby Hilton Hotel with CE’s being awarded for attending the daylong session. Also OSHA is holding a free two-day seminar at the Hilton Houston Plaza on April 28 and 29.

There is an Occupational Medicine Conference scheduled for September 2010 in New Zealand.

President Elect Report – President Elect Harrison reminded BOD members to review the action item list and update her when items have been completed.

Secretary Report – Secretary Cole advised members that this would be the last time that members would be furnished a hard copy of the minutes at the meeting. Future meeting minutes will be posted on the TSAOHN website under HTAOHN. Members were advised to visit the website to review and print their own copies of the minutes. This is in keeping with one of our Chapter goals of moving to electronic recordkeeping.

Treasurer Report – To be furnished at next meeting.

Past President Report – No Report Past President Sandra Carson absent.

Director I Report – Director Lisa Pompeii advised members that the speakers for April and May were scheduled and are as follows: Dr. Delclos will present in April and the topic is “Occupational Asthma Among Healthcare Workers”. Dr. Gable will be presenting in May and the topic is “Elbows”. Director Pompeii advised that the September presentation is a “surprise” and the October presentation will be from Shell’s EAP. Director Pompeii advised that we will need a speaker for November since we will not be having a mini-conference in November.

Director II Report – Director Judy Perkins advised that she is still trying to resolve the issue of some members not being able to get her meeting notices etc. Director Perkins advised that members should go to the TSAOHN website for meeting notices and chapter news. She also advised members to communicate this to members that they know but who do not regularly attend the monthly meetings.

Director III Report – No Report Director J. Duty absent.

Director IV Report – Director M. Vanlandingham advised that HTAOHN was awarded the Chapter Award by TSAOHN. Members who received awards: Liz Lawhorn received the Philanthropic Award, Linda Walker received the Scholarship Award.

Congratulations to all.

Honorary members for HTAOHN are: P. Williamson, J. Williamson, C. Alleman, and most recently K. Moore.

Director Vanlandingham advised that a tracking sheet has been developed for members to list their volunteer activities.

Nominations Chair – Chairperson Carolyn Ebert advised members that it is time to consider the upcoming fall elections who they think might be interested in running for office or consider running for office themselves. Positions coming up are Secretary and two Director positions.

CE Presentation at 6:30 meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.