

HTAOHN October 2012 Meeting

9 October 2012

The HTAOHN March meeting was held at Shell Information Center Auditorium in Houston, Texas on 9 October 2012.

Today's schedule:

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| 5:00 -5:45 p.m. | Buffet Dinner |
| 5:45 – 6:30 p.m. | Business Meeting |
| 6:30- 7:30 p.m. | Presentation |

The meeting was called to order at about 5:54 pm by Chapter President Jackie Baker. Twenty-nine people were in attendance; nineteen members and ten visitors.

President Baker thanked Shell Oil Company for providing the meeting facility, and Select Physical Therapy for dinner and speaker. Select Therapy representatives attending included Sheila Marino, Brad Johnson, Natalie, and Karen Ray. A lovely buffet dinner that included barbecue, potato salad, baked beans and all the fixings, along with cheese cake was enjoyed by all. In addition, she thanked Karen Ray, Physical Therapist, Certified Ergonomics Assessment Specialist, and the Work Strategies Coordinator in Houston for tonight's presentation on "Implications of the Aging Work Force". All visitors were welcomed. A round table of introductions followed.

Committee Reports:

President –elect Dana Werner - See 'Volunteer Work' below.

Secretary Sandra Cole was absent. Dana Werner has been recording minutes in Sandra's absence.

Treasurer Terethia Walker was absent.

Director 1 (Education Programs) Denise Bach was absent. The November meeting will be hosted by New Dimensions; December will be our year-end dinner.

Director 2 (Communications) Judy Perkins stated that there was nothing new to share. Several positions are still posted on the TSAOHN website.

Director 3 (Meeting Arrangements) Cathy Henning reminded us that her term expires this year; she is looking for vendors to sponsor our meetings and programs for at least the first 3 months of next year.

Director 4 (Awards, Recognitions, Benevolence, Scholarships) Marsha Vanlandingham had nothing to share. She will have Judy forward to the membership award information.

Election Advisor Marsha Wood stated that elections are coming soon. It is important that we have a president-elect to keep the organization ongoing. See 'HTAOHN Elections' below.

Unfinished, Old Continued Business

Approval of September meeting minutes Marsha Wood presented the motion for the September meeting minutes to be accepted and approved; Janet Weaver seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Volunteer Work Dana Werner reported 247 volunteer hours noted by HTAOHN members from January 1 through May 8th. A spreadsheet was circulated for members to note their volunteer work. This information is gathered at each meeting to verify our chapter's work in serving our communities. Members may also send this to Marsha Vanlandingham.

Sunshine and Shadows A reminder to notify Judy Perkins of any communications in these areas; i.e. birth of a grandbaby, family graduations or achievements, etc.

TSAOHN Elections Jackie Baker stated that TSAOHN elections are around the corner. She encouraged all to vote. All were encouraged to cast their ballot for Melinda Harrison who is running for State Treasurer. Cathy Henning passed out first aid kits with "Vote for Melinda Harrison for TSAOHN secretary" noted on them.

HTAOHN elections Positions for this year include: President-Elect, Secretary and Directors of Education, Awards and Meetings. Marsha Wood requested nominations from members. It is important for all members to support the organization. Being on the Board is fun and fulfilling.

Community Support President Jackie Baker reminded the group of the upcoming American Diabetes Association "Step Out – Walk to Stop Diabetes" event scheduled for November 17th. She encouraged all to register on the 'Houston Occupational Health Nurse' team. Recruit others; share in the camaraderie. Information regarding the event will be sent via email monthly to all members, encouraging them and their families to participate.

AAOHN Check out the website for webinars and other interesting information about the organization.

Chapter Pillars Jackie Baker reminded the group regarding the chapter pillars: Education, Membership Retention and growth, Awards, and OHN jobs.

New Business

HTAOHN Mini-conference Jackie Baker proposed that the chapter have a mini-conference in spring 2013. The chapter, mostly Pam Mason with the help of Lady Ellen, had a successful mini-conference in 2010. Monies made from the 2010 initiative allowed the chapter to help members (membership scholarships) and also to give back to the community (microscope donated to San Jose Clinic). Assistance will be required from the membership, more than just the board working on it. Food and continuing education hours need to be available at an affordable cost for those attending. Instead of a silent auction, as done previously, maybe baskets could be provided as a fund raiser. There will be a 2013 TSAOHN fall conference. Jackie will keep the membership updated.

Reminders

- Note volunteer hours on sign in sheet or send directly to Marsha Vanlandingham
- Next meeting: November 13th at Shell Information Center

Meeting Adjourned Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.