

Houston Texas Association of Occupational Health Nurses



HTAOHN Monthly Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2010

HTAOHN monthly meeting was held on February 9, 2010 with 24 members and 2 guests in attendance.

HTAOHN would like to thank Denise Bach and Shell for providing such nice meeting accommodations.

Our thanks go to Health Screen Specialists for generously providing our meal and free carotid artery screening for those in attendance who wished to be screened.

Drawing for door prizes held at 5:45pm, the winners were: L. Means, L. Pompeii and C. Ebert.

The meeting was called to order at 5:55pm by President Pam Mason, who began the meeting with the introduction of members followed by the Board of Directors Reports.

Secretary - Sandra Cole reported that the minutes from January had been distributed but a correction would be made to reflect a change in the amount of profit made from the mini conference last November. The amount in the January minutes was stated as \$1,749.00 and was changed to read \$1,791.00. Secretary Cole advised that in order to update our members more efficiently, the monthly meeting minutes would be available on the TSAOHN website under Chapter news. The minutes will be available as soon as arrangements can be made with the TSAOHN webmaster to have the minutes posted.

Treasurer For inquiries to our current fiscal status and you are a HTAOHN member, please contact our Treasurer, Kathy Pierpoline.

Director I - Lisa Pompeii advised members that efforts were being made to transition our CE presentations from Type II to Type I and that two members had volunteered to assist in this effort. Ms. Pompeii also advised members that the January CE certificates will be distributed in March.

Director II - Judy Perkins advised members that she is still having some difficulty getting her notification emails to certain members. Not sure if the security firewalls are preventing the delivery. Members are advised to access the meeting notice and information that is posted on the HTAOHN section of the TSAOHN web site.

Director III - Jane Duty expressed her thanks to Ms. Pat Williamson and others for volunteering to assist her. Ms. Duty requested that those who can arrive early to assist with setting up for the meetings activities.

Director IV - Marsha Vanlandingham advised that she would like to collect information on any volunteer efforts in which our members may be involved. Ms. Vanlandingham also announced that the Sunshine and Shadows program will be implemented.

Nominations Chair - Carolyn Ebert advised that there was nothing to report at this time.

President - Pam Mason advised members that first meeting of Board of Directors for 2010 took place on February 6 and goals reviewed. Goal for increasing members was revised from 5% to 3% since we did not meet the goal in 2009. Our membership increased in 2009 by 3%. President Mason again asked for members to volunteer to assist the Directors in their programs. President Mason advised that the Board voted to not have a mini conference in 2010. Nominations and awards are coming up. TSAOHN Spring conference is coming up later in February. EAR will be having a free CE program in Houston on March 10th and OSHA will be having a free two day CE program on April 28 and 29. AAOHN national conference is scheduled for April in Anaheim, California. President Mason advised members that the debt at AAOHN increased by about \$100,000 due to finalizing everything. Thirty-nine percent of members had not re-newed. HTAOHN members reminded to get their membership updated if not already done. Information on volunteer efforts for Haiti available on the ABOHN website. New information is available on hexavalent chromium on the NIOSH and OSHA websites.

Old Business

Members were reminded to bring donations for San Jose clinic outreach program. D. Medina from Texas Children's Hospital advised that they would be donating extra syringes that were sent to them by the Texas State Department of Health that were to be used for H1N1 vaccinations. Ms. Medina advised that the state did not want them back so they are available for donation. Monthly donations also requested for Houston Area Women's center.

New Business

Denis Bach suggested that HTAOHN contribute to the membership dues for nurses who do not have their dues re-imbursed or subsidized by a company. Membership subsidies will be re-visited at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm

Next meeting scheduled for March 9, 2010.

Sandra Cole, RN, COHN-S/CM
Secretary