

# **Convention Committee Meeting Minutes**

PSSNY's Mid Winter Conference  
January 12, 2008  
The Saratoga Hotel, Travers Room

## **I. Call to order**

Joseph Navarra, Co-Chair called to order the regular meeting of the Convention Committee at 11:00 on Saturday, January 12 in the Travers Room located in The Saratoga Hotel & Conference Center.

## **II. Roll call**

The following Committee Members were present: Joe Navarra, Ellen Williams and Christine Trimarchi  
Guests Present: Khusbu Patel, Krutika Patel, Justin Jopson, Andrea Stigliano, Shannon Miller, Tanya Vadala, Eileen Slichko, Meagan Brown, Peter Sadek, Matt Jennings, Andy Flynn, David Stachnik, Ira Hecht, Judianne Slish, Dan DiCenso, Paul Hushin, and Roxanne Richardson

## **III. Summary of 2007 Annual Convention Budget**

The 2007 Annual Convention & Exhibition was the most successful convention to date. There was a Board approved budget of \$12,000 and we raised an additional \$6,000 in sponsorship money. We spent \$18,000. Joe will ask for a \$15,000 budget this year; Bellco has already agreed to be the Kids Program Sponsor/Grand sponsor at \$5,000-this does not count toward our above referenced budget monies.

## **IV. Open issues**

a) Theme for 2008: That 70's Convention

b) Agenda/Convention Schedule items:

- possible Wednesday Night Welcoming event sponsored by RDC – still in discussion phase, need to get a hold of RDC to see if they are interested, Keep Board Meeting on Wed. if possible
- Thursday CE, Awards Banquet & Exhibitors Set-Up: encourage exhibitors to do their booth with the theme in mind, Total Events to do decorations for exhibits and entry ways
- Friday: Sports Day, Exhibits, Photobooth, **Bocce**, Jon Gallagher Walk/Run, NP Mini Golf Fundraiser, NP Wine Social, Carnival for Kids, Chris to check on pricing for possible pony rides for the kids, BBQ-Make sure VEGGIE selections at BBQ!!
  - Try to schedule Walk/Run to end at Mini Golf location – check with Jon
  - vouchers will be available to purchase at the PSSNY Registration Desk for Mini Golf
  - NP's will be seeking hole sponsors at \$25/hole
  - **Bocce not to be scheduled with Board Meeting or Walk/Run & Golf, possibly later on in afternoon**
- BBQ: theme table decorations, everyone to dress up, casino night after bbq, 70's Best Dressed Award, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Best Booth Award to be given,
- Saturday Meetings, HOD & Installation Banquet: will utilize a DJ for the entertainment with Disco during the dessert reception, look into a 4-hour rental

## **V. New business**

- a) Check on possible option of double/room pricing – 2<sup>nd</sup> person in room just pay for meals option
- b) The video of Convention has been played by Students and Affiliates as an opener to meetings; Joe will present the next video at the next board meeting and copies will be made available to all who request a copy
- c) Note for future convention sites – please feel free to make suggestions for future meeting sites; two suggested at this meeting: Turning Stone and Syracuse OnCenter (not built yet); get contract options from The Saratoga for the 2009 & 2010 Mid Winter as well as the 2009 Annual Convention & Exhibition
- d) Check on ideas for themed give-a-ways
- e) Suggestion for Saratoga: place coffee stations in back of rooms or have coffee station in morning
- f) CE Discussion: try to get away from topics that have been repeated at convention: migraine, diabetes, insomnia
  - limit the amount of 2 hour programs
  - Immunizers Certificate program at Annual
  - tap into speakers we have as members (Slish, Galluzzo, Fiebelkorn, Demler) and faculty from the colleges
  - have Dennis Galluzzo get in touch with Barb regarding CE speakers and funding
  - will do Self Care Jeopardy again – have Craig get the information
  - if you already have a program for Annual – send Goals and Objectives, Speaker CV, and how the program will be funded to Barb at the PSSNY office
  - why do we not run programming concurrently like the NYSCHP: Hospital group receives more funding than PSSNY does, do not want to slight the sponsors we are able to get
- g) Craig to check on possibility of combining with NYSCHP our Annual Meeting
- h) Discussion of other possible themes:
  - Hawaiian/Beach theme - The Hang Five Convention
  - Medieval/knights theme - The Holy Grail Convention
  - Pirate theme - Yo Ho Ho and a bottle of PSSNY Convention
  - Sci FI theme - PSSNY in Outer Space Convention
  - What if you were not a pharmacist theme - The Who am I Convention

## **VI. Adjournment**

Joe Navarra adjourned the meeting at 12:00.

Motion to accept: P. Hushin, Second: R. Richardson

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Christine Trimarchi

### **POSSIBLE Future Dates:**

January 2009 Mid Winter, Dates 8, 9 & 10  
June 24-28, 2009 Annual Convention & Exhibition

January 2010 Mid Winter, Dates 7, 8 & 9  
June 23-27, 2010 Annual Convention & Exhibition

January 2011 Mid Winter, Dates 6, 7 & 8 (or MKL weekend: 13, 14 & 15?)  
June 29-July 2, 2011 Annual Convention & Exhibition