

RxPAC Meeting Minutes
Crowne Plaza Hotel – Capitol Room
Albany, N.Y.
January 13, 2007

1.) Call to Order at 8:10 a.m.

2.) Reading of the previous Minutes from the June 24, 2006 minutes

- The Policy Review of how RxPAC funds are distributed remained unfinished. This will be addressed at the next meeting when all of the leadership positions and chairmanships have been announced by the Legislature. It was stated at the meeting that the RxPAC prefers to use the “local option” of having a pharmacist from a Legislator’s district be the one to attend the local fundraiser;
- The resolution passed at the June 2006 meeting that “froze” all contributions unless they were first approved by the RxPAC chairman remains in affect.

3.) Treasurer’s Report given by RxPAC Treasurer Selig Corman.

- Mr. Corman reminded the meeting attendees that in order to be a RxPAC member in good standing, you only had to contribute \$100 to the RxPAC in the past two years;
- Mr. Corman presented the Balance sheet listing total contributions and total disbursements;
- Mr. Corman also presented a full listing of all contributions made by the RxPAC going back to through the previous two-year cycle (January 2005);
- Dennis Galluzzo requested that RxPAC should make every effort to approve contributions and have a local pharmacist attend “local fundraisers;”
- Ron DelGaudio questioned why the RxPAC had given so little to the Senate Democrats this past cycle. RxPAC Secretary Burridge responded that contributions were frozen at the June 2006 meeting and this hindered contributions to Senate Democrats;
- Chairman Nasir Mahmood requested that the RXPAC Secretary get a fundraiser letter out as soon as possible.

4.) Elizabeth Lasky (PSSNY Lobbyist) was asked to give the attendees an update on the new political landscape in Albany which she did. She explained that Pharmacy's early support of Governor Spitzer has put us on their radar scope.

- Elizabeth had requested that in the next RxPAC mailing, that we include an informational sheet that would allow the RxPAC to collect data on 'pharmacists' links with legislators;
- Elizabeth spent some time discussing the new dynamics of a Democratic leadership.
- Finally, Mrs. Lasky discussed new Gubernatorial appointments:
 - o Dennis Whalen – Governor's Chief Healthcare Advisor. Formally the Deputy Commissioner for Administration, NYS DOH
 - o Joe Baker III, Healthcare Counsel under Whalen
 - o Deborah Bacrak – Dep. Commissioner for Medicaid Management.
 - o Rich Nussbaum – Over Linda Jones in the Pharmacy Policy Office/Medicaid.