



Minutes from General Meeting
Holmes Regional Medical Center Auditorium
Wednesday, April 1, 2009, 6:30 p.m.

After refreshments, the meeting was called to order by President Jack Newcombe. Twenty three people were in attendance.

Distribution of 2009 Membership Directory:

Suzanne Jones gave everyone present a copy of the directory. The rest will be distributed to members as soon as possible.

Revisions to the By-laws:

Proposed changes to Article 3 of the By-Laws, Membership, were approved. They confirmed the life membership category with one-time dues of \$100.00 and added an institutional membership whereby an institution may pay the dues for up to eleven employees for \$100.00 annually.

In addition, a minor change to Article 9 allows the Membership Directory to be distributed at the March or April meeting.

These articles now read as follows, with the changed wording in italics:

BY-LAWS

Article III: Membership

Section 4

(a.) Annual dues for individual members shall be ten dollars. *A lifetime membership may be purchased for a one time payment of one hundred dollars.*

(b.) Annual dues for organizations shall be twenty-five dollars.

(c.) *An institution may pay annual dues for its employees at the rate of one hundred dollars for up to eleven members. Additional memberships will be at the usual rate.*

(d.) Honorary members of the Association shall be exempt from payment of dues.

Article IX: Official Publications

(b.) A Membership Directory shall be compiled and distributed to all members by the March or April meeting.

Election of officers:

New officers for 2009/2010 were elected as follows:

Vice President/President Elect: Richard Shea, Keiser University
Secretary: Ashley Romans, Florida Tech
Treasurer: Deborah Anderson, Brevard Community College--Palm Bay
Current Vice President Nate Hosburgh, Florida Tech, will become President.
Current President Jack Newcombe will become Past President.

The new officers will be installed and assume their duties at the annual banquet in June.

Introduction of members:

Jack welcomed new members and asked everyone present to introduce themselves.

Presentation:

Nate introduced Carol Crawford, medical librarian at Holmes Regional Medical Center. Carol has 22 years experience working in medical libraries at local hospitals. Carol showed some authoritative, free consumer health resources including the web sites of the U.S. Library of Medicine, PubMed, and MedlinePlus (which she considers the best consumer health site of all). She also demonstrated the paid resources Ovid and CINAHL, the Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature, which are accessible to all health professionals associated with the hospital.

Carol responded to many questions about her work, her clientele, and her efforts at outreach. In response to the great interest shown in her presentation, she will send the PowerPoint to Nate to post on the LAB website and also a list of 100 best medical websites. She also distributed a brochure, *Holmes Regional Medical Center's Medical Library*.

Adjournment:

Jack thanked Carol for hosting the group, for the refreshments, and for the presentation. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jean Sparks, Secretary.