

**CACCN Calgary Chapter "On the Road" Dinner Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2008
RGH Unit 46 Classroom**

Eleven (11) members present

1. Meeting called to order at 1635

2. Introduction of attendees- Dynamics presentations, Lois on Intro to Dynamics and Lorna Estabrooks on Cryptococcus Neoformans (variety gattii) in Immunocompetent Patients: A Northern Perspective and LV Hypertrabeculation / Non-Compaction - an Unclassified Form of Cardiomyopathy (with Paula Price and Susan Beischel).

3. Spring Conference

a. Volunteers- 4 so far, will put out the call for volunteers in the next newsletter

b. Who, What, Where & When- Care for the Caregiver theme.

Kathy with session suggestions on keynote speaker, aromatherapy, yoga/stretching, a comedian and Rev. Bob. Possibilities for keynote speaker include Kathy Leblanc, Bev or Heather from UNA with a general conversation about caring for the caregiver- not political, past AARN President Jan Besner, Joanne. Still reviewing venues and menu prices, date and time still to be determined but probably sometime between April 14-18, 2008. The date is important as must have the AGM according to the C&B.

Invitations to members could also include an invitation card to pass on to a friend or colleague. What about recognition awards or a Rising Star Award that could be presented during the dinner? Suggestion instead for a Star Award board where stars could be purchased for \$1 or \$2 as a fundraiser. Suggestions followed to move the board from hospital to hospital or find a home for it after the dinner i.e. MRC

Discussion regarding teaming up with the Cardiovascular Nurses. The Critical Care Educator Group has been formed again and meets quarterly, Mike Metzger is the Chair. CACCN Calgary wants to work together, not parallel with other nursing educator groups, build partnerships.

4. Membership drive- Twin and Win a good way to increase membership numbers. The \$300 Silver Anniversary award could go towards membership incentives i.e. during the dinner and AGM if a member brings a friend and if that friend buys a membership their names would be entered into a draw for a free membership.

5. Dynamics 2008 - abstracts due midnight January 31, 2008

6. Additions to the agenda- Trish will be participating in the National teleconference and will inquire if poster evaluations at Dynamics are really necessary per Lorna's question. Lois still hoping to have Critical Care nurses recognized as a Specialty Nursing Group.

7. Reports

a. Minutes of previous meeting- last held September 18, 2007 at the PLC

b. Secretary- Chapter currently with 68 members, would like to see membership >70, Twin and Win a good way to increase membership again. Also suggest we do another fundraiser basket for the spring with draw at Spring Conference. Kathy also suggested to take the basket from unit to

unit and have it outside the cafeteria for a day to increase ticket sales. The members from MRC would also like to have the basket visit for a Monday to Friday stint.

c. Treasurer- Available to members upon request. As there was no word on funding from CICF, the Chapter paid Kendy Bentley for her full amount of \$500. The fundraiser basket made \$605!! and cost only \$45.17 to make. Presented a list of venues, meal cost, etc. for city hotels for Spring Conference planning.

d. Past President- nothing to report

e. President Elect- nothing to report

f. President- Expressed thanks for basket fundraiser and Spring Conference planning.

Made mention of the \$300 Silver Anniversary award that could go towards membership incentives. Looking for feedback on the "On the Road" meetings, definite monetary savings as not paying out for meals at Joey Tomatoes, reaching different people, acknowledged that it is hard to work meeting into work/life balance. Dinner meeting format can be discussed further at AGM.

8. Next meeting- Discussion resulted in combining the next "On the Road" dinner meeting at the ACH with Journal Club on March 5, 2008. Still plan to have a speaker, originally planned to have Debriefing as the topic but Lorna will contact Brenda Paton whose work is entitled "Preceptors Matter" and have the Journal Club article on Mentorship, possibly tie in Horizontal Violence theme, promote the February 4 Preceptor Workshop.

Meeting adjourned at 1800.