

**University of Colorado School of Nursing
Alumni Association Board Meeting
February 28, 2005**

Present: Carol Alexander, Jana Berryman, Eve Hoygaard, Karren Kowalski, Clare Sandekian, Marlaine Smith, Mary McMahon (phone)

Staff: Wende Reoch

Location: School of Nursing: Dean's Conference Room

Called to Order: 5:30 pm by Karren Kowalski, President

President's Report Karren spoke at the January 2005 ND reunion and represented the Alumni Associations Focus on Scholarships. Jana attended the event. Recruitment will be initiated to this group.

Dean's Report Marlaine Smith presented for Dean Moritz who was not able to attend.

- (1) Reminder that the panel of Students needs to be recruited for the Alumni Reunion Events. Reunion Committee is working on this.
- (2) Awards being considered for the Reunion Luncheon Meeting. Clare and Karren are working on this. Names were discussed as options.
- (3) The Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) program has been approved. First class to be admitted in Fall 2005. Program will include a residency. Will be marketed to Nurses who currently hold a MS (about 42 credits needed for DNP) Post BSN option will result in MS with DNP (estimated 70-85 credits) and direct entry. The first class will be an accelerated program of 16 months followed by the DNP courses. Students currently in the ND program will have option of transferring into the DNP or completing their ND. There is a Position Paper that includes the entry into Advanced Practice be the DNP by 2015. Plan to provide information at the Alumni NPS event in July to provide information for current NP's regarding the DNP. It was also suggested that if possible, a flyer about the DNP be included in the NPS Registration Packet regarding a meeting at the NPS with Dean Moritz to provide information about the DNP /as a recruitment tool.
- (4) Current enrollment included a total of 620 students. This includes 308 BS, 175 MS, 112 ND, 41 PhD and a few special student including RN to MS. The plan is to admit some accelerated BS students in June and January (16 month program)
- (4) SON is considering participating in a Marketing program "soon" Would alumni Board members attend a focus group? All agreed that they would if time permits.

Reunion Brochures to printers soon. Draft was reviewed. Focus will be on the "milestone year classes (25, 50, etc.) Responses to be returned to the Alumni Office. To facilitate future contact with Alumni, Wende with Dean Moritz will work on a Class Representative" system. The speaker for the Lola Fehr Lectureship 2005 will be Bernadette Melnyk, ASU in Tempe AZ.

Membership Mary McM reviewed two draft letters for recruitment to the AA. She felt one had a focus on school loyalty while the other focused on Board roles. Wende will mail copies to the Board for review/comments. One use would be to include in the onsite packet for CU Alumni at the NPS.

The issue of contact information for grads from the CU Certificate NP programs was again discussed. CU coding for these grads is apparently not complete.

Mary Diaz is looking for ways to provide recognition for Hispanic Nurse grads. Clare will follow up with her and report back.

Military Nurses Group: not active for past few years. Clare has contact and will follow up. Question: Any member of (local) 5502 in Iraq at present?

Letters to graduates of the class of 2004 will be mailed out after June 2005.

Wende reported she is beginning to receive membership responses from the newsletter sent in January 2005.

Publications Eve met with Wende and Diane Lenfest to discuss. Plans are now for a fall (Sept-Oct) issue and then for a second issue in Jan-Feb. Deadlines for copy are not firmed up but probably it will be about August 1 for the fall issue.

Ideas for interesting stories about Alumni are needed. Please advise Eve or Wende if you have suggestions. Jana said one of the ND students she knows is going with the "Doctor's Without Borders" group. Jana will follow-up.

Reunion will be a major topic of the fall newsletter. Of interest is the fact that the class of 1956 is already actively making plans for their 2006 50th reunion! That deserves space too! Jana will check on an article about the Jan 2005 ND reunion. 2006 will be 35th grad class reunion for Karren and Carol B. They may be interested in setting up a first MS grad segment for reunion.

Student Activity Both Carol A and Kathy H are currently in "double roles" and have not been able to be actively involved. Karren spoke to CNM students (plus at the ND reunion). Marlaine will check with Dean Moritz about needs. One question/suggestion was having the Alumni Association get involved during orientation. Wende is currently looking into a "Careers Connections" on-line program and suggested the board think about how to provide this type of service to the students.

Treasurer's Report Carol Brautigam was not present so no report. Wende said that there were no major changes.

Alumni Office Regarding the Alumni Event at NPS. Space is being held. It will be a simple hosted with one beverage coupon. Budget at present is \$2000 maximum. Having signage around the room identifying different years of graduation is planned. Pins have been ordered by Dean Moritz. This event will be only for NP grads of CU and is not open to family/friends as it is currently planned. Karren, Clare, Eve and perhaps Carol B, Carol A and Jana will attend.

Nominating Karren Kowalski is willing to serve for a second term. Verification of an internal succession plan is needed (from Bylaws). Names of prospective Board members are needed. Discuss at next meeting.

Keystone Planning Committee :

Who were the early (first 10 years) faculty? Suggestions were to invite them to the AA reception. Names discussed were Ann Smith, Judy Igoe, Earnestine K-Burrell, and Marie Scott Brown (lives in Oregon). This will need to be discussed at the next meeting as invitations should be sent in time for people to arrange to attend.

Meeting Adjourned at 8 pm

Next meeting: March 21, 2005 5:30 pm

Eve Hoygaard, Recorder