

**RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING  
EDUCATION**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**OPEN SESSION**

**June 8, 2009**

**The Open Session of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was called to order at 8:34 am on the above date in conference room 401, Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Law, so called, and other applicable sections of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island as amended.**

**RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING**

**Jeannine Borozny, RN**

**Genevieve Rodrigues, LPN**

**Sandra Megerdichian, RN, MS**

**Sharon Smith, RN, MS, President**

**Theresa Jeremiah, RN**

**Peggy Matteson, RN, PhD**

**Joslin Leasca, RN, MS, RNP, Vice President**

**Catherine Rose, RN MS, Secretary**

**Ann Tierney, RN, CRNA**

**Peggy Matteson, RN, PhD**

**Catherine Rose, RN MS, Secretary**

**Cristiana Rosa, MS, RN, PCNS**

## **BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE**

**Michael Gerhardt**

**Kristen Maymon, LPN**

**Manuela Raposa**

## **STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

**Pamela McCue, Director**

**Linda Tetu-Mouradjian, RN, Compliance Officer**

### **1. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

**Sharon Smith called the meeting to order at 8:32 am. A quorum was established at this time.**

### **2. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF May 11, 2009**

**On motion of Joslin Leasca and seconded by Jeannie Borozny it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes with the following amendments.**

- Remove Peggy Matteson's name from the list of "Board members not in Attendance"**
  
- Under "New Business" correct the word "ensured" to read "ensured"**
  
- Under "Adjournment" please remove Ms Jeremiah's name and replace with Ms Borozny**

### **3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Ms Smith informed the Board that she, Ms TetuMouradjian and Ms McCue attended a NCSBN conference in late May held in Providence. Ms Smith stated that the conference was very informative and identified a session she found particularly helpful. It involved a case study of a RN with an excellent record who made a medication error one day at work. Attorneys presented the case both in defense and prosecution. Ms Smith stated that it generated much discussion among attendees and was very enlightening to see how decisions were being formulated based on the arguments and the patient outcome. Ms McCue informed the Board that this case presentation and any other conference session could be viewed at the NCSBN Learning Interactive site.**

### **4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Ms McCue reported to the Board that several members' terms will be ending this month, however she respectfully requested that if they are able, to continue to serve until September until a new Board member is appointed by the Governor.**

**Ms McCue informed the Board that the Senate Study Commission on the Nursing shortage has sponsored a bill that would provide tax credits for full time nurse faculty members teaching in RI nursing education programs. The bill scheduled for a hearing on Tuesday**

afternoon in senate finance committee. Ms McCue informed the Board that she will be in attendance. The Board unanimously voted to support this bill.

Ms McCue reminded the Board that at the July meeting, elections would be conducted for President, Vice President and Secretary of the Board. Ms McCue asked if there were any nominations for these positions. Ms Jeremiah nominated Ms Leasca for President. Ms Leasca accepted the nomination. Ms Leasca nominated Ms Megerdichian for Vice President. Ms Megerdichian accepted the nomination. Ms Rose nominated herself for President.

Ms McCue informed the Board that further nominations would be accepted via email. All nominees must send to Ms McCue a short bio, which includes length of service to the Board and attendance record at meetings as well as their resume. Ms McCue will email this information ahead of time to Board members for review before elections in July.

Ms McCue reported to the Board that the NCSBN Annual Meeting will be held in Philadelphia Pa August 12-14th. Ms Rose attended the conference last year and was voted to attend this year with Ms McCue.

The Board voted to change the time of the 2010 elections from July to September. This will ensure that newly elected leaders will be well

**informed to participate in the NCSBN Annual meeting and Delegate Assembly that is held each year in August.**

**Ms McCue informed the Board that she had been asked by Kathy Apple, CEO of NCSBN to accompany her and others to a meeting in Ottawa, Canada to craft a North American solution regarding competence assessment for initial licensure acceptable for both countries. Meeting is scheduled for September 2009.**

## **5. BUSINESS**

**No new business at this time**

## **6. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **7. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**On motion of Ms. Tierney, seconded by Ms Rodrigues it was unanimously voted to move into Executive Session pursuant to 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws for the discussion of job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licensees and for discussion of investigatory proceedings relating to misconduct by applicants licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. The Open Session adjourned at 9:10am.**

## **8. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS**

**Ms Smith called the Open Session back to order at 1:00pm.**

## **9. VOTE TO SEAL MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTIONS OF 42-46-5 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS**

**On motion of Ms. Rosa, seconded by Ms. Rodrigues, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in the Executive Session and to seal those minutes in as much as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.**

## **10. PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS**

**In the following cases were voted a finding of No Unprofessional conduct**

**RN09-01**

**RN08-011**

**PN09-037**

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion of Ms. Jeremiah, and seconded by Ms. Tierney, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 2:00 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted by,**

**Catherine Rose, RN, MS**