Chapter/Committee/SIG: Florida (1) GAPNA

Submitted By: Jo Ann Fisher

Date of Meeting: September 22, 2010 - Annual Education Conference & Business Meeting

Officers & Terms:
Jo Ann Fisher, President (February 2010 - January 2011)
Patricia J. Wallace, President Elect (February 2010 - January 2011)
Charlene Demers, Treasurer (February 2010 - January 2011)
Barbara Phillips, Director-at-Large (February 2010 - January 2012)
Karen Jones, Director-at-Large (May 2010 - January 2012)

Number of Members: 52

Number of Educational Meetings: 4 Number of Board Meetings: 2

Brief Summary/Progress to Date: Both Florida State Chapters will be represented at FMDA’s Convention October 28-31, with a joint meeting on Sat., Oct. 30th. I have obtained permission to exhibit for GAPNA at no charge. Both Florida Chapter Presidents’ will be exhibitors and will select other chapter reps. We will need to be sure we understand all of the information we would pass out and find out about purchasing items to raise money for the Foundation. Again, I have obtained a free booth and have contacted Michael and Sherry at AJJ. We request assistance from AJJ or GAPNA to supply a banner for display and membership information.

Accomplishments:
- Call for chapter formation from all of GAPNA members in FL.
- Recognition of nominations, election of officers
- Filed tax-exempt status with IRS and opened bank account
- Established outstanding web site with FL-GAPNA logo established
- Holding quarterly open meetings in moving locations to reach constituency
- Planning for supporting professional activities/participation for the gerontological nurse, student
- Collaboration with other health professionals with parallel interests/goals
- Building a state chapter formation, providing a strong web of advanced practice nurse clinicians, academicians and of all who support what we do.

Summary of Goals/Future Plans: To promote high standards of health care for older adults within the full spectrum of the healthcare continuum. Provide our members with the opportunity to grow personally and professionally through education, resources available to the organization and via professional networking.

We hope to increase "active membership", offer mentorship, networking and educational opportunities to working NPs as well as NP/DNP students. We also hope to have a CEU event in 2011 (possibly in conjunction with the Gulfcoast Florida Chapter). To offer GAPNA members in the FL-GAPNA Chapter’s geographical locations, an opportunity to attend as many meetings as possible. This will be accomplished by having quarterly meetings, which will be held in different locations throughout the state. Areas identified at this time are West Palm Beach (SE Florida), Daytona Beach (East Central Florida), St Augustine/Jacksonville, NE Florida and Orlando (Central Florida).

Identify Group Concerns (if any): Not having a display.