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President's Message

Happy New Year's everyone! Hope your holiday was great and the new year is starting out well for you. Since the last time I wrote we had our 2006 annual conference in Palm Springs. The conference was wonderful. All the speakers were excellent and the hotel beautiful. The Friday night event was spectacular and the speaker dynamic. However, I wish I could say it was a success for CSAOHN. Unfortunately we had our lowest attendance ever and we barely broke even. This is very serious for CSAOHN, since our conference is what keeps us going. I know you are thinking "what about those hefty dues I pay." Well, out of the total dues amount, CSAOHN only gets \$30 per member and with membership dropping that is contributing less and less to our bottom line.

The Board isn't idling sitting back at this time of financial turmoil. We have started to look at ways to reduce our expenditures. We have decided that since Board meetings incur a great deal of expense, we would reduce them to 2 times per year. We modified our travel policy to reduce some expenses. We hope to use other communication methods to do Board business throughout the year. We also reduced the BOD by 1 member through elimination of the Past President position, which is vacant.

This position is not nationally recognized and since its purpose was mentoring of the president, which is now accomplished through the Pres-Elect position, we don't feel it would have a great affect. Hopefully with us all working together we can get CSAOHN back on the great financial tract it has know for years. (P.S. don't worry we still have money.)

We are already planning for the conference in Monterey. Expect to see information popping up soon on the web site and a preliminary brochure will be arriving late April or early May. Speaking of the conference, we are looking for companies to assist us with some of the costs. First and foremost if your company has graphics ability and you'd be able to donate some for the conference logo development that would be great. We will also be looking for printing support as well as funding of speakers.

Not related to budget we also looked at our awards and decided to change submission dates to July. So plan accordingly

Monika

San Diego Chapter Update

Lots of exciting things are happening within our chapter. We had a slow start, but are now fresh with a new board, great ideas, and a new energy. We have revamped our meetings and will now meet every other month. At our January meeting we had a great presentation by acupuncturist Mark Kastner L.Ac., including a demonstration of acupuncture and its uses with many occupational injuries such as carpal tunnel syndrome, tendonitis and strains. It was an enlightening demonstration of East meets West in treatment of injured workers. Our next meeting March 21st, we will combine dinner at El Torito with a discussion of pandemic influenza preparedness. Our speaker, Jack Walsh is the Quality Assurance Specialist from the County of San Diego, Disaster Medical and Health Emergency Preparedness office. Leslie Thompson, our incoming president as well as the new board has expressed a desire to cater to the chapter. We have developed a chapter membership survey and will organize and plan around our member's needs and desires. Survey results should give the board information on meeting preferences, educational needs and membership interests. Our focus this year is on member retention and recruitment. Each board member has agreed to make outreach calls to current members as well as invite potential members to local meetings. We look forward to an exciting 2007-2008 year.

Join us at the AAOHN Symposium & Expo

The annual AAOHN symposium and Expo is quickly approaching. However, it's not too late to register! Visit the AAOHN website for more details on how you can become a part of this historic event at www.aohn.org

Join your California colleagues, enjoy new found friendships and experience the spectacular symposium in fabulous Florida April 13 – 20 2007.

CSAOHN Presents California Night

California State Association of Occupational Health Nurses is once again pleased to invite you to our annual California Night at the AAOHN Symposium and Expo in Orlando, Florida. It will be held on Monday, April 16, 2007 from 5-8pm at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort. Look for signs with room number on it in the Symposium registration area.



CSAOHN Conference Attendees: Mary Gene Ryan (President Elect), Monika Fischer (Current President) and Annette B. Haag (Past President)

Award programs for CSAOHN Members

The awards that are available for CSAOHN members have changed slightly over previous years. As our organization evolves, so does our Awards program. Budget challenges, coupled with waning numbers of applications for the individual awards have forced the Board of Directors to revamp and hopefully revitalize the Awards program for 2007 and beyond.

The **Sara Jenks Scholarship** and the **Joyce Simonowitz Scholarship** programs were disestablished since they are not supported by a grant or external benefactor. The names of our two late colleagues will now be attached as honorary presentation titles in the Annual Conference. Look for those titles included in the 2007 Conference program.

The **Medique Unique Leader Award** is sponsored by Medique Products, a long time supporter of Occupational Health Nurses and Physicians and their career activities. Learn more about Medique and their state chapter award program at www.mediqueproducts.com/award.html. It is a \$200.00 cash award.

The **Edwards Medical – Dave Matthews Scholarship** is an educational/professional improvement award sponsored by Edwards Medical Supply in honor of Dave Matthews and Edwards' activities on behalf of Occupational Health Nurses. Edwards Medical is the leading national provider of products and services to Occupational Health professionals.

They are a Gold Patron Member of CSAOHN. Visit them at www.edwardsmedical.com or www.myedwards.com. They provide a \$200.00 cash award.

The **Annette B. Haag Scholarship** provides an award to two separate candidates for furtherance of educational endeavors in Occupational Health Nursing via attendance at the Conference of Leadership Advancement (CLA). Annette Haag is an Occupational Health Nurse, nationally known speaker, successful entrepreneur, as well as a past AAOHN President and CSAOHN President. She produced our educational program for the 2006 CSAOHN Conference in Palm Springs. Learn more about her enterprises at www.dvdandhaag.com. Application for this scholarship must be received by 7/1/07 to coincide with the CLA. These are \$275.00 awards for each of the recipients.

Applicants can apply for multiple awards, or be nominated by a colleague for multiple awards. Only one award can be conferred to an individual recipient. The application is available via the CSAOHN web site, www.csaohn.org under the membership/awards button.

Applications can be submitted at any time throughout the year, but must be received before July 1, 2007 to be eligible for the 2007 award cycle. Contact Dawn Stone or Tim Brown further information.