

B. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Report on Board meeting outcomes: C. Sansom reported on outcomes from the September 2008, November 2008, and the January 2009 meetings regarding topics and issues related to nursing assistants and medication aides.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Legislative update: F. Olmstead informed the committee that there will be a Special Board Meeting on February 9, 2009 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm in both Board offices for the Board to discuss bills significant to nursing. Bills of interest to the committee include: AB106 regarding medication aides-certified; AB121 regarding nurse staffing ratios; and AB10 regarding whistleblower protections for nurses. The committee was given information on how to access bills on the legislative website.
2. Report on Nursing Assistant Training Program Instructor's Conference: C. Sansom and those committee members present at the conference thought it was a very successful day and recommend the Board continue to hold these periodically. C. Sansom publicly thanked R. Colosimo and P. Towler for organizing and contributing to the conference.
3. Report regarding the Prometric National Exam Council meeting October 27-28, 2008: C. Wright reported that she represented Nevada at the conference. Topics included test construction and how to write test questions. Those in attendance also wrote questions that will be incorporated into the current exam question pool. The committee thanked Carla for attending.
4. NATP Candidate Bulletin update: C. Sansom and P. Towler reported on the revisions to the candidate bulletin. The most significant change was the addition of the fee schedule table. The committee was also advised that the bulletin is available on Prometric's website, which has recently been revised, as well as hardcopy from the Board.
5. Quarterly program reports from Prometric: C. Sansom and P. Towler provided the report from October 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008, and discussed the pass rates. There was discussion regarding a previous recommendation to revise the next report to include the addition of the overall pass rate for each program. C. Sansom reported that R. Colosimo did not recommend combining the knowledge and clinical pass scores to obtain an overall score because the numbers would be skewed. The programs need to have an 80% pass rate for both sections of the exam. P. Towler discussed some of the technical issues related to publishing the reports for the programs. Those present from the programs indicated they would like the reports provided quarterly.
6. Discussion on certified medication aides: C. Sansom reported that AB106 a bill that would create Medication Aides-Certified has been introduced in the legislature. The current bill draft has been revised to include changes negotiated between the Nevada State Board of Nursing executive director and representatives from the Nevada Healthcare Association. Committee members were encouraged to attend the Board meeting or to submit comments for the record regarding their support or opposition to the bill.

7. Suggested items for future CNA agendas:
 - Report on legislative issues
 - Discussion of certified medication aides
 - Report on Board meeting outcomes

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.