

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Orientation of new committee members: D. Scott informed the committee that this agenda item would be included on future agendas when new members are appointed. She presented the statutes and regulations that allow the NSBN to do some of its work through the appointment and work of advisory committees—NRS 632.073, NAC 632.210-211. She also reviewed the NSBN policy and procedure for advisory committees which outlines the types of committees, the responsibilities of committee members and the procedure for conducting committee meetings. The committee members agreed that this is valuable information that should be included on a regular basis for education.
2. Legislative update: F. Olmstead gave a short legislative update, stating that the NSBN will not be sponsoring a bill during the 2011 Legislative Session beginning on February 7, 2011. D. Allen reported that the Nevada Healthcare Association will be sponsoring a bill to allow Medication Aides to administer medication in certain settings. Autonomous practice for APNs may be introduced, but the BDR may be amended to require national certification for APNs.
3. Review and discussion regarding allowing RN's to administer sedation and monitor patients for "short term" procedures: D. Scott introduced the agenda item with comments from S. Twedt who had received the original practice direction request from Thomas Danzinger from Renown Medical Center. He asked how the NSBN defines "short term" in their Procedural Sedation Practice Decision. This question was posed in reference to procedures being performed in ambulatory surgery centers. The committee members discussed the issues and chose to appoint a subcommittee to consider the current practice decision and to recommend revisions to the current decision or to craft a new decision for the Board to consider. The members who volunteered for the subcommittee are: Cathy Dinauer, Diane Allen, Cindy Gorham, and Judy Carrion. The committee expressed appreciation for the members willingness to work on this issue. The subcommittee will report their progress at the next NPAC meeting in February, 2011. D. Scott will provide examples of practice decisions from other state nursing boards to assist in the subcommittees work.
4. Suggestions for agenda items for next meeting: The committee suggested that the subcommittee's report be on the agenda for the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m.