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**CRNA BoD Meeting Minutes**

***Albany Public Library-Pine Hills***

***517 Western Ave, Albany, NY 12208***

***July 15, 2019, 6:15PM***

**DRAFT**

**Present:** Russ Myer, Rebecca Myer, Sue Spang, Lauren Hammont

**Absent:** Peter Brown, Curtis Schreiner (with regrets)

 **Accept and/or modify agenda:** Accepted

**Minutes of previous meeting:**  Approved

***Treasurer’s report:***

Kathy Harris has stepped down as treasurer. New candidates are being interviewed. Russ will keep the board informed. Russ has 2 good candidates.

Spent time reviewing the May end financials. Sue asked Russ to complete the break out of remaining VA funds by end of next week so she can finish the quarter end VA submissions.

Russ shared the situation with next years VA grant. Michael Welch has always been a huge CRNA advocate but his role has been neutered this year. So CRNA’s VA grant award is tenuous.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. DSUSA leadership conference in Rochester
	1. Mark VanLaeys-excellent spokesperson for CRNA-
	2. MicroSoft Soundscapes-will meet while Russ is at Micro Soft in late July-Trail O for the visually impaired
2. PAL – CRNA’s contract starts on Friday. PAL did not get their grant this year so they cannot pay CRNA as much as they have in the past but it is still a worthy venture and Russ has secured a new CRNA worker to help with PAL.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Stride Adaptive sports-Discovery collaboration (yr round)

Russ is talking to Mary Ellen Whitney and will visit Stride’s facility to see if there is a fit for CRNA.

1. NYS Chapter DAV-CRNA is working with DAV to implement a region then state paralympic sport program for DAV veterans
2. A new winter Nordic home (post Windham). Russ is exploring alternatives and will keep the board informed. Russ is in conversation with Town of Greenfield Supervisor/Parks and Recreation Director and plans to talk to Fairways CC and VanPatten CC
3. Fill vacancies on BoD
	1. Leaving/left: Stephen Wilson, Tom Wright, Kathy Harris
	2. Mark VanLaeys is also leaving as he and his wife Emily move to Wisconsin to be close to their children/grandchildren.
	3. Lauren Hammont will continue to do web site support in spite of starting her new education adventure. Thank you Lauren.
	4. Russ has identified another resource to help with contract work (Carleton McCarty)
4. Shore up fundraising to buffer VA grant – If VA grant does not come thru we will need to be more aggressive with fundraising. Russ will talk to Peter Brown (board president) and report back.