



Region IX MEETING  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida  
Minutes

Date: Sept 10, 2005  
Time: 4:30 to 5:30 pm  
Room #: 315

Called to order at 1630 hrs by Rose Clarke

- I Approval of Minutes Sept 18, 2004 (NSH Toronto)  
Accepted
- II Additions to the Agenda
- III Welcome and Introduction of Region IX Executive Committee – Rose  
Secretary Cheryl Clark absence – Heather Nymeyer recorder of minutes
- IV Treasurers Report – Prepared and presented by Michele  
Accepted

Motion made: ***To change the fiscal year to be Sept 1<sup>st</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>.***

Motion made by: Michele

Seconded by: Janet Tunnicliffe

Discussion: Presently, the fiscal year end occurs at the end of August, and this has caused difficulty for the treasurer to properly prepare the required statements for the next NSH meeting. The change to the fiscal end occurring July 31<sup>st</sup> would assist the treasurer in preparing the financial statement for the NSH meetings.

MOTION PASSED

Motion made: ***A third person to be given signing authority (possibly the Member at Large) and this person would only sign when the treasure or Region Director is not available. If passed this change would be reflected in the Region IX bylaws.***

Motion made by: Janet Tunnicliffe

Seconded by: Michele

Discussion: Due to geographical distances within our region, the two signing authorities could be at opposite ends of the region. Also, if one of the signing authorities becomes unable to be contacted then the region can not continue to meet its obligations. Possibly, the third person should be the Member at Large.

MOTION: **PASSED**

- V Elections: Nomination and elections of treasurer  
Treasurer: Michele elected by acclamation
- VI Region IX Update –  
NSH will permit State & Regions to use its name and logo for their local conferences with the requirement that the State/Region obtain liability insurance and that the NSH is listed as an additional insured for any meeting occurring on or after January 1, 2006.  
Any member(s) wishing to use Region IX's name to host an education day or event will require approval from the Director and the Region IX Executive committee. To be discussed with the executive.
- VII Region IX website –  
Region IX has put a proposal to obtain funding from NSH for the yearly maintenance of web host server and the domain name (cost for 2006 \$400.00 CDN)
- VIII Presentation of Revision of Region IX Bylaws.  
The meeting did not have a quorum; therefore the Bylaws could not be presented or discussed at this meeting. Some of the changes to the Bylaws involved:

- Deadlines date for nominations for committees
- The deadline for award nominations will be changed to July 31<sup>st</sup>
- Financial Year end changed to July 31<sup>st</sup>

**IX** Newsletter Sponsorship – Mark Elliott

There has been an interest from other vendors wishing to advertise in the Newsletter. Surgipath will remain the sole sponsor. This is to be re-assessed yearly.

**X** Education – Mark Elliott

Education Activities

Vancouver held a very successful Education day in June 2005 with 99 registered participants

Possibility of an Education day in Toronto in Nov 2005

Montreal tentative meeting along with the CALAS to be held in the spring of 2006

**XI** Awards:

Surgipath Award was presented to Bryan Hewlett

Malcom D. Silver award to Dr. John Kiernan (Bryan Hewlett accepted this award on behalf of Dr. Kiernan.

**XII** T-Shirt design winner was May Chin of Vancouver

**XIII** Membership Draw winner was Joanne Clark of Mississauga, Ontario.

Meeting Adjourned 1725 hrs.