



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I must take this opportunity to express a **BIG THANKS** to the NCAMSS Board, our co-hosts Gail Grady, Kim McCallie (NCPHP), vendors, sponsors, attendees, and the Breakers Beach Resort sales department and hotel staff, for the great success of the early NCAMSS registration social and the eighteen annual educational conference held May 9-11, 2007, at the Breakers Beach Resort in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Eighty-four medical staff professionals registered to attend, representing 53 hospitals (including some of our neighbors from Danville, VA), The Schumacher Group, Wake Radiology Associates, Coastal AHEC, and NCPHP. It is my personal opinion that the eighteenth annual NCAMSS conference would not have been as great a success without each of your contributions!

My personal thanks to our speakers: Gail Grady, Kim McCallie, Faye Owens, Bill Walker, Susan Lapenta and Renee Aird-Dengler, who were most informative and made our eighteenth annual educational conference informative, entertaining, and one of our best!

Our program evaluations, and the overall general consensus, is that the educational offerings, fellowship, and especially the food, was all a great success! It is noted, however, that one attendee had a little more "Salt, Salt, Salt," in her food than others. Others left perhaps "tooting their own horns," with a new-found appreciation for warm cookies, Betty Boop, "big-girl" panties, hand sanitizer abuses, how to formulate great *Jeopardy* questions, credentialing issues now and then, and all the good, bad, and the ugly news of the newly *revised* and misunderstood Joint Commission standards.

2007 DONNA MASHO AWARD WINNER

It was the decision of the voting membership to award the 2007 Donna J. Masho Award at the annual NCAMSS conference to Linda Waldorf, CPMSM, CPCS. Linda is employed as the Manager of Medical Staff Services, at Duke Raleigh Health in Raleigh, NC. Congratulations to Linda Waldorf, who has been a long-time service member to the NCAMSS, and is a most deserving winner.

NAMSS PRESENTS 20TH YEAR PLAQUE

Sue Westendorf, CPMSM, CPCS, our Southeastern Regional NAMSS representative, was in attendance at the eighteenth annual conference, to present a NAMSS service plaque in acknowledgement and appreciation to NCAMSS for 20 years of educational service to the medical staff service professionals of NC. I was extremely honored to co-accept this plaque with six of the past NCAMSS Presidents.

NCAMSS PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON

A luncheon was held in honor of all of the past NCAMSS Presidents. Seven of the past Presidents of NCAMSS were in attendance (Mary Lee Watkins, Cheryl Tant Triplett, Faye Owens, Linda White, Sandy Forkner, Brenda Lancaster, and Velvet Carroll), and co-accepted the NAMSS 20-year service plaque. Donna Masho was also acknowledged at the Past President's luncheon. Donna's seat at the table was filled by Linda Waldorf, the 2007 Donna Masho Award winner.

A SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to also express an extra special note of thanks to the Breakers Beach Resort Sales Department staff, our pal, Al, and Ms. Joyce. We appreciate their attentive service, and hospitality and look forward to returning for the 2008 annual NCAMSS conference.

NCAMSS CELEBRATES 20TH YEAR

We are so lucky and fortunate to have Tammy Davis, our current NCAMSS Program Director, and President-Elect, on the NCAMSS Board at this time. Tammy, who is our very own *Techno Wizo*, presented attendees at the annual conference with a power point presentation of the *NCAMSS Delorean Time Clock*. She hitched us a ride with Dr. Emmett Brown and Marty McFly, and took us back in time to re-live our NCAMSS 20-year history. Her power point presentation of "NCAMSS History in the Making," and "Faces of NCAMSS" is a real NCAMSS celebration of the past 20 years of service. If you didn't get to the annual meeting this year, we hope you will get to see these presentations at an upcoming NCAMSS meeting. I would like to also note that twelve of the original attendees at the organization meeting of the NCAMSS were in attendance at the eighteenth annual conference. Of course we were extremely honored to have Faye Owens, CPMSM, CPCS, our first NCAMSS President, present a brief NCAMSS history and "Credentialing, Now and Then." Thanks ladies for your time and attention to this great presentation of NCAMSS history!

NCAMSS ANNUAL MEETING PHOTOS

For all the photographic memories of the eighteenth annual conference and celebration of our 20th NCAMSS year as the NCAMSS, see Velvet Carroll's (NCAMSS Historian) photographic offerings at the "Annual Meeting," on the NCAMSS webpage at www.ncamss.org. Thank you Velvet for helping capturing all the precious NCAMSS photographic memories!

NCPHP EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

NCPHP awarded two educational scholarships for the eighteenth annual NCAMSS conference. The educational scholarships included the annual meeting registration and hotel fees. On behalf of the NCAMSS Board and membership, and the recipients of the educational scholarship winners, I would like to say "thank you" for making their attendance possible.

NCAMSS 2007 MEETING SCHEDULE

August 17, Biltmore Doubletree, Asheville

November 2, NC Medical Board, Raleigh

NCAMSS MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Rhonda Boyd, Treasurer, reports 155 members joined the NCAMSS in 2007. Please be reminded that membership dues and registration fees allow us to obtain great speakers for our educational offerings. Membership applications for 2008 will be mailed out during the last quarter of 2007. Please be reminded that you may also use PayPal to pay membership dues and registration fees online at www.ncamss.org.

NCAMSS AUGUST 17TH MEETING

Dr. Steve Dorman, former JCAHO Surveyor, will speak at the August 17th 2007 quarterly meeting in Asheville, NC. Dr. Dorman states: "now that TJC has rewritten MS.1.20 entirely, it's important to include this in the program, and there is a LARGE section at the end of Physician performance review design, and he encourages NCAMSS to bring their quality managers!" Don't wait, *and miss this great rate on this excellent educational offering!* Click on the scrolling meeting announcement online at www.ncamss.org and fax your meeting registration today to Rhonda Boyd and pay with PayPal online.

EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY

It is with great sadness that I inform NCAMSS of the passing of Ruth Buck. Ruth was the Manager of Medical Staff Services at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh, NC, and President of NAMSS in 1987. She was instrumental in the 1987 organization meeting at Rex Hospital of the NCAMSS. To those who knew her personally, she will be remembered with great fondness. I would also like to express our sympathy to Janice Berrier for the loss of her nephew.

VENDOR SPONSORSHIP

Thank you NCPHP, Certifacts Online, Credential America, Get Proof, First Point, Inc., MAG Mutual Ins. Co., Medkinetics, and the RadLinx Group Inc. for your vendor support of the NCAMSS eighteenth annual conference. Hope to see you in 2008!

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