

WVANA Board meeting  
June 13, 2010  
Charleston

The WVANA Board of directors held a regularly scheduled meeting on Sunday, June 13, 2010. Despite good weather on a weekend afternoon, attendance was near 100%. The board received reports of many association activities.

#### Greenbrier Bike Trek

Eight WVANA members participated in the Greenbrier Bike Trek, a fund raiser for the American Lung Association, which occurred May 14-16, 2010. Our riders were easily identifiable by their brightly colored tee shirts, which prompted a fair bit of curiosity. Of course, they were more than happy to provide an answer to "What is a CRNA?" no matter how many times they heard the question. In addition to the great PR opportunity, our team also raised over \$4,500 for the designated charity. WVANA members interested in riding in next years Trek should contact any board member for more information.

#### Meetings attended

Mike Frame, WVANA vice-president, attended an intense boot camp workshop on state government relations in May. The national AANA office sponsors expenses for one member from each state to attend this yearly event. Attendees become better prepared to be effective leaders in dealing with legislative issues relating to nurse anesthesia practice. Our association state government relations committee can always benefit from additional member involvement. If you would like to participate in these activities and be considered for attending next year's boot camp, contact any board member.

Spring is a busy time for government activities at the federal level as well. The national Midyear assembly (MYA) is held every April in Washington, DC. The West Virginia delegation to MYA doubled this year, with 4 CRNAs and 4 student nurse anesthetists attending. Our delegation met with the staff of West Virginia's 3 Congressional Representatives and 2 Senators. If you have never attended MYA, I urge you to consider including it in your next year's travel plans. Many CRNAs feel that MYA is the meeting to really experience our national association in action. Our state association officers would be happy to help guide you through the experience for you to get the most out of the meeting.

#### WVANA Website

The board is very interested in continuing to develop our association website into a valuable resource for our members and any others interested in our association. We welcome contributions of content from our members, if you have anything you think would be of interest, or ideas for development, please contact any board member.

Board transitions

Terms of office for WVANA Board and officers expire on July 31. The incoming board will have their first meeting in September, at a time and location still to be determined.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank 2009-2010 officers and board members for their service this past year: Kathy Newcome, Mike Frame, Tammy Cunningham, Vicki Haney, Jeff Greathouse, Anthony Thompson, Donna Bell Mary Ferrell Gannett, Marty Henley, Debbi Gibson-Arthur and Danny Pappas. It has been an honor to work with these great CRNAs and to serve the state as your President.

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