

## Mississippi Valley Chapter Meeting

5-19-10

Program: Bladder Cancer: CIS

Presented by Dr Michael Mastromichalis, St Louis University

Dinner provided by: Sara Post, Endo Pharmaceuticals

Attendees: 14, 1 non-member

1. Welcome: President Reggie Boon thanked Dr Mastromichalis for an excellent presentation to the group. She also thanked Sara Post for supplying the dinner for tonight's meeting. Beth Lonberger and Joyce Harter Wood drove from Columbia for tonight's meeting.
2. Committee reports:
  - Bylaws- no report
  - Programs and Education: Save the Date available, August meeting location TBA. Please give topic ideas to Gina or other members of the education committee. The Springfield area members held their first meeting with 47 attendees.
  - Membership: 13 members, 1 non-member at tonight's meeting
  - Nominating: one member has agreed to serve for President-elect and one for Treasurer, nominations will be accepted through August with voting at the August meeting. New officers begin terms at the September meeting. The chapter also needs a member to fill the Member at Large position on the board- this is a great way to learn how the chapter functions.
  - Social committee: Cathie Bub reported on the April 24<sup>th</sup> Operation Uplink Run, 5 attendees handed out water at the 1 mile marker. Proceeds went to purchase phone cards for soldiers. The chapter received a thank you note for their participation. Rick Hess provided information on an event planned for August 28<sup>th</sup> sponsored by the Black Men of Metropolitan St. Louis. We have a potential sponsor for t-shirts. The event is a fundraiser for disparity groups. Members sign up for the walk as a team and get sponsors- fee per person is approximately \$20 (paid by member not the chapter). A mass email with more information will be sent over the summer.
  - Committee membership- Reggie reviewed committee responsibilities and current members. The committee lists will be continued next year with sign-ups at the August meeting.
3. Mass email survey: thank you to those who completed survey. Most common reason for not applying for the membership drawing was distance (Boston) and travel expense.
4. Reggie thanked members for participation and encouraged everyone to consider running for an office next year. The chapter needs everyone's participation to remain active.
5. Treasurer- Rosa Williams gave reports from the spring seminars in St. Louis and Iowa- complete reports on file. Treasurer's balance is approximately \$15,000.
6. Free registration for Boston 2010 conference winner was Rick Hess.  
Congratulations!

7. Attendance prizes: Free 2011 spring conference registration- Cathie Bub, Liberty Tote bag: Joyce Harter Wood, Foundation bag and pen: Rosa Williams, Candle: Mary Campigotto. 50/50 winner was Joyce Harter Wood- \$4.50
8. Misc: Debbie Buback provided members with information on member awards (including the Regional Member of the Year) and education scholarships available through the SUNA Foundation and the National office. Information and applications can be found at [suna.org](http://suna.org). Please consider applying. Most applications are due June 1<sup>st</sup>.
9. Reggie encouraged members to consider running for the non-voting position on the Board of Member at Large.
10. Meeting adjourned

Minutes submitted by: Debbie Buback ANP for Secretary Gina Powley  
5-21-10