

Pennsylvania Reflexology Organization Meeting Minutes April 13, 2014

Attendance: Gabriele Cippolone, Susan Boland, Lynn Diehl, Marianne Roche, Peggy Moore, Patty Fedirko, Kevin McPherson

Meeting was held at 2 pm at Marianne Roche's home. Delicious food and lively discussion on a variety of topics, most related to Reflexology, were had by all! Thank you Marianne!

Minutes from our last meeting were read.

Discussion during the meeting focused on membership and how to determine Professional versus Associate status. The issues of consideration included:

- *ARCB now requires 300 hours for certification -- both individuals and schools.

We discussed requiring 300 hours as of July 1, 2014, our, PRO's, new year.

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Question was raised as to when ARCB started requiring 300 hours.

RAA requires 300 hours; if we want our organization associated with RAA, we must require 300 hours.

Gabriele will talk with Christine Issel and other national representatives when she is in Santa Fe to get more information about the new requirements and how RAA determines professional vs. associate status.

Grandfathering in those who graduated prior to 300 hour requirement.

Goal: insurance reimbursement for reflexology down the road.

How to deal with life experience in regards to credits towards 300 hours.

We would like our standards similar to national level standards and prep ourselves for licensure.

Concern to not leave anyone out and prepping for moving toward our future participation in health care in PA.

Finally tabled our lengthy discussion, deciding we will wait until our delegation returns from Santa Fe. Also, Susan is going to Spain this month to study further with Lone Sorensen. She will talk to therapists from other parts of the world and learn about their educational and accreditation requirements and report back next meeting.

Next meeting was set for September 7th. Time and location TBA. Stay tuned.

Meeting adjourned at 5pm.