

# Minutes



February 3, 2011

The meeting began at 6:00 pm. Bonnie Ivler welcomed all members and their guests in attendance, and wished everyone a happy Chinese New Year, the Year of the Rabbit. She congratulated our two newest coders, Joy Fox, and Kathleen Fox-Stuphin and pins were distributed by Denise Sikora.

It was announced that there would be a planning meeting for May Mania, immediately following the meeting, any members interested in getting involved, would be welcomed and much appreciated.

Minutes for January's meeting were approved and seconded. Treasurer Addie Hart reported that all bills were current, with a total of \$5,492.30. She also announced that she was accepting checks for May Mania now.

Members were reminded that, in an effort to 'go green' and save money at the same time, we will no longer be printing handouts of the power point presentations for each meeting. These will be available at the AAPC website, one week before a scheduled meeting, and can be downloaded from there.

Members were also reminded to sign up before meetings at whoscoming.com, so that we may have an accurate head count for ordering dinner.

The Membership directory was available for all to review and correct if necessary, so that we have the most current information for each member before going to print.

It was announced that the purchase of a laptop has been put on the back burner for now.

Ginny Nordgaard presented a proposal for an ICD-10/EMR Implementation Forum, wherein a set portion of our monthly meetings could be used as a forum to discuss implementation issues pre and post adoption of Version 5010, ICD-10 and EMR. The purpose would be to find common ground to help each other through these changes, and make the rough spots easier by sharing such things as training approaches and materials, forms design, workarounds, and experiences with vendors.

Addie will look into EHR vendor to speak to the group after a show of hands suggested an interest.

Alice LaBruzza notified the group of a job opening in East Brunswick, and had very kindly

printed up the job description to pass around. Members were reminded that any job opportunities can also be posted in our newsletter, and to provide Kathy Wright any information in that regard.

Claire Bartkewicz also mentioned a coding position in Holmdel, and to see her for further information. She also discussed *Project AAPC, and fundraising as a chapter, to provide funds for HUNGER IN AMERICA, and that any ideas or suggestions for ways to raise funds as a group can be submitted to her.*

At the conclusion of announcements, Bonnie welcomed and introduced Terry Kelly, RAC Coordinator, Meridian Health System, who presented the evening's topic: "Let's RAC and Roll; All about the RAC."

At the conclusion of this very informative presentation, there was no further business to discuss, and the meeting was adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Kathleen Wright, CPC  
Secretary*