B-IACRN JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year! I hope all of you had a lovely holiday season and I wish all of you the best in 2015.

The November, 2014 Chapter Meeting was held during the International Meeting in Boston. Results of the election were announced and I am happy to share with all of you that Andrea Hale is the Chapter Secretary, and Courtney Balliro and Kerry Milaszewski are our two Members at Large. Thanks and recognition must be given to the Nominating Committee, which consisted of Linda Godfrey-Bailey, Shelia Driscoll (chair), and Catherine Riccardi. They did a great job!

One of the questions the BOD has been struggling with has to do with Chapter Dues. After a long discussion, the BOD at their January 2015 meeting voted to have all Boston Chapter dues payable on June 1st. Dues for the chapter are now $25.00, and you must have current membership in the “parent” IACRN in order to join the chapter. Paying dues to the International Organization and paying dues to the Chapter do not have to be done at the same time. There may come a time in the future when the two will be linked, but that time is not now.

The reason we decided to try this has to do with determining our voting members. The last election was held in October, 2014. Trying to decipher who had paid dues, who was eligible to vote and chasing people down was too time consuming for our all-volunteer team and we are making efforts to streamline our efficiency. We will see how this goes and if it is problematic, the BOD will re-evaluate. In the meantime, if there are questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Our March meeting will be held on 3/5/2015. Dr. Kamil Jethwani will be speaking to us about using social media in clinical research. The meeting will be held over at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center’s Kirstein Living Room. The directions will be in the meeting announcement coming your way soon. For those that like to plan far in advance, the June meeting will be held on 6/4/15 at the Countway Medical Library at Harvard Medical School.

Hope to see all of you in March.

Linda