

Professional Development Committee Report  
Fall 2008

The Professional Development Committee organized the annual CE only meeting. The group met approximately once a month via conference call for the past year. Members and responsibilities are:

Joan Wilson  
Beth Hill  
Michelle Goodwin - Publicity  
Janet Tapper - Course support  
Sally Bremner - Registration  
Pat Devine - local arrangements  
Maryanne Blake - local arrangements  
Carolyn Adams - Chair

Four courses were offered, one was canceled. Attendance for the 3 remaining classes was high by prior standards. The Electronic Medical Record Forum offered by the RML filled to capacity (35), Greg Notess's Web 2.0 also reached maximum (24) and there are 32 registrants for Mary Ellen Bates' Value Added Searching class. These are high numbers by PNC standards. We will send final budget figures and attendance to the board in a few weeks.

40 people registered for the Welcome Reception. The committee, approved by the board, chose to host a no cost Welcome Reception with wine, beer and substantial hors d'oeuvres. It seemed to be very well received and was a good opportunity for networking. Ebsco provided the wines and NEJM offered a \$1000 subsidy which contributed substantially to the total cost.

PNC used RegOnline for online registration, ably managed by Sally Bremner. Sally reports that the system worked well and received positive comments from many registrants. Software features of class maximums (for courses filling to capacity), and visa refunds for classes were particularly helpful for this year's meeting. Most members paid via credit card.

The Watertown Hotel and its Portage Bay Cafe affiliate were very easy to work with and much less complex than other hotels. Gail Kouame managed the contract. Many thanks to UWHSL for offering the use of a computer training room at no cost, arranged by Leilani St Anna.

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