



Commissioned Officers Association  
U.S. Public Health Service

Fort Detrick Branch

Fort Detrick COA Branch  
Meeting January 30, 2007

**Members Attendance**

LCDR Rick Gussio, President, (NIH)  
LCDR Candido Alicea, Vice President, (NIH)  
LT Sean Byrd, Member (FDA)  
LCDR Cynthia Rubio, Member, (FDA)

- I. Introduction of Members Attending.
  - A. New member LCDR Cynthia Rubio welcomed/introduced.
  
- II. President's Report/Announcements:
  - A. LCDR Gussio announced:
    1. Anne Kenny will be the guest speaker at March 6 meeting to provide advice for officers planning to take the April PT test
    2. PT testing will be likely held on Friday, 4/20/07 at 1700
    3. Picnic will be July 28<sup>th</sup> at Nalin Pond, Space-A talk (May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting) will be presented by CAPT Richard Potter (ret.), CAPT Jerry Farrell will be the speaker at the September 11 promotion ceremony
    4. Elections will be held in October, November's meeting will be to announce the New Executive Committee for 2008, and organize the awards for 2007, there will be a new activity geared towards children this year (Santa Claus Pizza and Bowl) to be held on December 8, the Dining-Out will be held on December 15 (tentatively planned for the Brewer's Alley Pub)
  
- III. Administrative and Committee Reports:
  - A. Treasurer's and Fund Raising Activities
    1. No updates to report.
    2. Suggestion this meeting to donate \$250.00 to the Commissioned Officers Foundation scholarship fund.
  
  - B. Social Activities: We will conduct 4 events this year.
    1. Picnic Subcommittee: date remains July 28<sup>th</sup>. No other report.
    2. Santa Pizza & Bowl Subcommittee: no report
    3. Dining Out Subcommittee: Dress will be SDB with Dinner Dress optional if officers express interest.



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4. Need Chairs and Vice Chairs for all
  - C. Membership:
    1. Membership numbers: no report
  - D. Professional Committee:
    1. LCDR Rubio has volunteered to take the Professional Committee Chair
  - E. Awards Committee: Chair and Vice Chair positions vacant.
  - F. Resolutions Committee: CDR Thomas L. Doss, Chair. LCDR Alicea proposed a Hazardous Duty Award for BSL3, BSL4 assignments to the National COA.
  - G. Fundraising Committee: LCDR Leigh Ann Matheny, Chair (absent).
    1. LCDR Gussio suggests that raffles be planned for every event.
  - H. Community Activities Committee: Chair: CDR Jeff McKinney;
    1. no report
  - I. Election Committee: Chair: LCDR Rick Gussio;  
Vice Chair: CDR Amy Anderson (tentative)
- IV. New Business
- A. LCDR Rick Gussio: 2007 meeting dates/times discussed; to be posted on website.
  - B. LCDR Rick Gussio provided a brief overview of the plan for Officer Deployment Experiences to be presented at the 11 September 2007.
- V. Round the Table
- A. Final Comments from Members and Attendees
    1. No comments.
- VI. Planning and Organization meeting concluded
- VII. Date and Time for Next Meeting:
- VIII. The next Fort Detrick COA Branch Meeting will be March 6, 2007 from 1900-2000. Guest Speaker: Anne Kenny, "Tips for passing your APFT".
- A.

If you have questions or comments, please contact:  
LCDR Rick Gussio



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