

Pikes Peak Ostomy Association
Ostomy Support Group Meeting
November 12, 2019

Meeting minutes taken down by hand by Sandy Ascarelli, transcribed by Cara Jean Reimann

VeEtta brought the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Group needs to get by-laws and constitution voted on as referenced on the website. Biggest change throughout is to update communication from US Mail, which we no longer do, to electronic access through the website.

December 14th at 11:30 is the annual holiday lunch at Edelweiss. A sign-up sheet was passed around for RSVP and reservation purposes.

4 officer elections this evening: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Elected officers must be ostomates.

People who assume the role of visitation training facilitator do not need to be ostomates, but are required to go through training. For example, a nurse, doctor, care facilitator, with knowledge of ostomies, would be good candidates. These people don't need to be ostomates. New ostomates go through the stages when dealing with their surgery, including denial, grief, acceptance. There is a process to learning how to go on with ostomies, and these people are a critical link.

PPOA is an all-volunteer organization, and tonight we are accepting nominations for officer positions from people directly and indirectly, as long as the nominees have consented to be considered for the position.

Justus Anderson: President
David Ascarelli: Vice President
Cara Jean Reimann: Secretary
VeEtta Bradley: Treasurer

Stan Feldman and Gary Ellis are outgoing officers, and their signatures need to be switched out. That's the reason why we need minutes tonight.

VeEtta reassured the new officers that if for any reason they are unable to fulfill their duties, to let her or someone else know and we'll make arrangements.

John made a motion for these 4 people to be voted in as officers, and they subsequently took their oaths of office and are now ready to move forward in their new positions.

Diana from Convatec gave a presentation about products and services her company offers, including their Me+ Program, which provides personalized responses to ostomates, and their line of undergarments and wraps designed to improve ostomates' confidence.

Also in attendance was Samantha from Ostomy, Inc, in Colorado Springs.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.