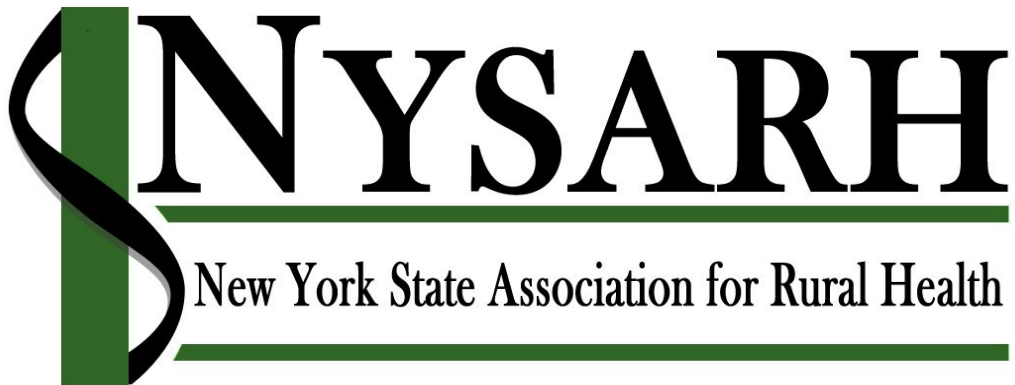


2009 NYSARH Annual Report



“All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them.”
Walt Disney

In August 2001 a group of individuals gathered in Syracuse to discuss the founding of this Association and dream of the day when NYSARH would be recognized on a State and National level— it is my belief that day has arrived.

Along the way we have made many friends, some of which are now realizing their own dreams. Our dear friend Congressman John McHugh will soon become Secretary of the Army, we will miss him during the NRHA Hill visits; he willingly would spend an hour or more with the NY delegation discussing issues important to NYSARH members and treat us all to a lesson in civics (which we will treasure always).



This year the NY Delegation experienced unique challenges: the Institute came just days after the inauguration of President Obama, Senator Hillary Clinton was appointed as Secretary of State with Congresswoman Kirsten Gillibrand being sworn in during the Policy Institute (several members of the NY Delegation were able to witness the swearing in), and, several new Senators and Congressional leaders were getting settled into their own offices. Despite the challenges, members found the trip to be extremely worthwhile, educational, and exciting.

The second NYSARH Legislative Advocacy Day on February 10th had its own challenges with numerous new Senators and Assembly members. Fred Heigel, Chair of the Legislative Committee did an outstanding job organizing both the Policy Institute visits and the NY Legislative Day. Assisting Fred, was the Legislative Committee and Tracy Lenoard, a staff member of the NNY Rural Health Care Alliance.

The NYSARH Legislative Advocacy Day became a reality with the help of Ron Brach and his staff, in particular, Laura Barber, who remains an active NYSARH member but has started a new career. Since our inception, Ron Brach has served as a Board member. In March, Ron retired from his position as Executive Director of the Rural Resources Commission. His wisdom, dedication, and sincere commitment to NY rural residents proved invaluable to the NYSARH Board and Association.



Ron is not the only one that will be missed come September— Sharon Mathe, Carrie Whitwood, and Diane Albrecht have reached the end of their board commitments as well. All three have served as Co-Chairs of the Annual Conference in the past and will be difficult to replace.

A legacy of Sharon's and Carrie's is the strength of our Membership committee. Carrie continued the progressive direction and served as mentor for Judy Bailey, who took over for Sharon last fall. The recruitment of new members, and retention of our existing members became a priority for the Membership Committee this year.

The committee has developed a new membership brochure that will be unveiled in the next few months and began an innovative recruitment plan offering select organizations and individuals “honorary” memberships for one year.

Working with the Membership Committee, and an integral part of all the Committees' work, has been the Finance Committee with Jim Sinner as Chair and Treasurer. Jim, and our former Treasurer Diane Franzman, have guided the Association through an unpredictable year and advised us on the best course for the future. Please review our financial statements on page 4; the Finance Committee and Reid Perkins deserve the credit.



Several years ago, then President Barry Brogan, initiated steps to prepare NYSARH for its first Executive Director—Barry's dream for the Association came true this year through the Organizational Development committee's efforts. Andrea Haradon, Chair of the committee, coordinated the RFP, oversaw the selection, interviews of candidates, and drafted the contract for NYSARH's first Executive Director, Reid Perkins.

Reid has spent her first few months as Executive Director assisting with the Annual Conference; drawing on her experience from the 2008 Conference and the success of co-chairs Jackie Carlton, Diane Albrecht, and Karen Mastronardi. My fellow co-chair of this conference, Patty Bishop and I are indebted to Reid for all the hours she has spent organizing, researching, coordinating, and working with committee members, exhibitors, speakers, and sponsors.

Our dream of offering our members educational sessions and networking opportunities would never be possible without the help of our sponsors. Sponsors like Excellus, HANYS, the Home Care Association of NYS, Iroquois Health Care Association, NYSDOH, Charles D. Cook Office of Rural Health, NRHA, and many others continue to allow us to host an Annual Conference, and, in recent years, a Quality Conference as well. This year's Quality Conference was held in Geneva, NY with keynote speaker Dr. Richard Daines, NYS Commissioner of Health. The Quality Committee, under the direction of Beth Barnes and Dr. Buddhi Shrestha, delivered an exceptional day focused on the Commissioner's Prevention Agenda and the benefits of working as partners with other organizations.

It is due to NYSARH's partnerships and alliances with other organizations that we have achieved so many of our dreams and grown to where we are today. Growth that came with a few setbacks, such as bylaw revisions, again, and again, and yet again this year, until we get it right and govern your Association in the best possible way we can. Few realize the awesome responsibility you have when you serve as Chair of the Bylaws Committee, Beth Barnes has a better understanding today after holding that position for the past year. Beth and Pat Rogers did their best during the past year to provide the Board with fair and reasonable interpretations in a manner comprised of integrity.

Integrity...Fred Heigel, Andrea Haradon, Karen Madden, Judy Bailey, Gail Furst, Diane Albrecht, Jim Sinner, Sharon Mathe, Karen Mastronardi, Cathy Feuerherm, Patty Bishop, Ron Brach, Donna Kahm, Pam Hildebrandt, Laura Gustin, Dr. Buddhi Shrestha, Carrie Whitwood, John DelGrosso, Don Rowe, Patrick Rogers...these are the NYSARH Board of Directors. Along with people like Art Jones and Betty Wattenberg, who have worked tirelessly to establish our EMS Committee, Tricia Clark assisting with the Annual Conference, and the staff of many of our board members who rarely get mentioned but often are the reason things happen—like Sandy Hazen, Christine Pentecost, Joan Martin, Bob Usis, Michael Sciortino, Nancy Black and Betty Accordino to name just a few; and so many of you, who volunteer to serve on our committees and participate in our events.

Thank you, it was an honor to serve as President of NYSARH.

Collene Dare Alexander



Financial Statements

For the Years Ended December 31, 2008 and 2007

Statements of Financial Position

	Assets	2008	2007
Cash		\$ 82,071	\$ 61,256
Accounts Receivable		18,930	5,386
Prepaid Expenses		660	500
Total Assets		\$ 101,661	\$ 67,142
	Liabilities and Net Assets		
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable		\$ -	\$ 159
Deferred Revenue		13,305	2,730
Total Liabilities		13,305	2,889
NET ASSETS			
Unrestricted Net Assets		88,356	64,253
Total Liabilities and Net Assets		\$ 101,661	\$ 67,143

Statement of Activities

Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets	2008	2007
SUPPORT and REVENUE		
Grants	\$ 13,800	\$ 12,000
Membership Dues	13,843	14,000
Conference Fees	65,578	83,171
Interest Income	438	741
Miscellaneous Other Revenue	2,099	-
Total Support and Revenue	\$ 95,758	\$ 109,912
EXPENSES		
Program	60,087	71,253
Management & General	11,568	13,052
Total Expenses	71,655	84,305
Increase in Unrestricted Net Assets	24,103	25,607
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	64,253	38,646
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 88,356	64,253

Audited Financial Statements prepared by Joseph H. During, Jr., CPA, P.C.