



## NACN-USA Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, February 8, 2024 7:30PM Eastern Time

### MINUTES

February: Month of the Holy Family



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#### **Roll Call:**

**Present:** Voting Board Members: Patricia Sayers, Maria Arvonio, Anne Reeser, Bonnie Blachly, Susanne Staiano, Renee Frost, Kim Wohead, Sylvia Suarz-Ponce, Linda Lopp, Zachary McAllister, Lisa Fuchs (post swearing in)

**Absent:** Rosalinda Jimenez, Brian Schuster, Theresa Newlin

**Guest:** Suzanne Gullatto, Janet Munday, Lisa Fuchs

**Quorum:** 7 required, 10 present (Post swearing in of Lisa Fuchs as Corresponding Secretary a quorum will be “8”)

#### **Opening Prayer to the Holy Family**

Pat Sayers began the meeting at 7:30 PM EST with a prayer to the Holy Family (excerpts) followed by an Our Father.

#### **1) Approval of Minutes for: January 11, 2024**

Minutes submitted for review and approved as corrected

#### **2) Treasurer’s Report- Anne Reeser**

A Treasurer’s Report for February 2024 was submitted. Our actual balance as of 2/5/2024 is 26,200.58.

#### **3) Regional Director Reports**

##### **Region 1 Director**

A report has been submitted by the Region 1 Director.

##### **Region 2 Director**

A report has been submitted by the Region 2 Director.

##### **Region 3 Director**

A report has been submitted by the Region 3 Director. The Director reports there were two renewals and one new member.

##### **Region 4 Director**

A report has been submitted from the Region 4 Director. A regional meeting was held on February 7<sup>th</sup> and it went very well. Next week the region will sponsor an exhibition booth at the Conference for Catholic Medicine and Secular Society hosted by St. John Paul II Foundation. The Director was also offered the opportunity to sponsor an exhibition booth at an upcoming conference in North Carolina.

### **Region 5 Director**

A report has been submitted by the Region 5 Director

### **Region 8 Director**

A report has been submitted by the Region 8 Director. There is potential for a new local council in New Mexico

### **Region 9 Director**

A report has been submitted by the Region 9 Director. The Director will be meeting with Providence Hospital per their request.

## **4) Committee Reports**

### **By Laws Committee**

The recent board approved bylaws have been sent to communications for distribution to NACN-USA members for approval. It was suggested by the communications chair that the present bylaws be available with the revised bylaws so that members can compare the two versions. New bylaws will be highlighted.

The section for hospital and health care facilities is pending

Motion by Maria Arvonio to amend the recently approved bylaw regarding the annual report to the bishop to read, the President's annual report should be reviewed and accepted by the board prior to submission to the bishop

Second-Renee Frost

Lost after debate- (4 yea, 5 no, 1 abstain)

### **Communications Committee**

A report was submitted by the committee chair.

### **Ethics Committee**

The committee chair gave a verbal report that we have signed on to the document prepared by Dr. Eble regarding brain death.

The Chair will be forwarding an article written by Dr. Eble about the difference between absolute and moral certainty.

There are two other documents pending which we will be signing. The documents are on the use of EMTELA in the ER as a way to obtain an abortion and the use of over-the-counter abortion medication without a physician's order.

### **Oremus Ad Hoc Committee.**

The committee chair reported one more meeting is needed to complete the prayer book

### **Scholarship Committee**

The President reported the committee chair has proposed that we raise the amount of the scholarship award to \$2,000. The chair will be submitting a written report. We will continue the discussion next month after reading the report.

## **Old Business**

### **Eucharistic Congress Update**

The eight rooms we had reserved for the Eucharistic Congress from July 16<sup>th</sup> to July 21<sup>st</sup> are currently filled.

### **Lordes Faith Journey**

Pat Sayers has been invited to participate on EWTN's My Lordes Faith Journey. The program will be on Catholic Nursing. The focus will be on our commitment to Mary. Filming will be on February 17, 2024.

Motion by Zachary McAllister to approve Pat Sayers to participate in a program on Lord's Faith Journey on Catholic Nursing.

Second- Kim Wohead

Adopted (10)

### **Conference at St. Joseph's Hospital Long Island, New York**

Conference at St. Joseph's Hospital Long Island, New York will not be able to offer CEU's. Pat Sayers will ask if we can connect with one of the other hospitals within their system to see if they can do the CEU's.

Valeria Kubanick went over a draft outline with Pat Sayers and Maria Arvonja. They were both comfortable with the outline.

Pat will be sending the conference flyer to Janet to post on our website.

### **African Regional Congress**

Please let Pat know if you are interested in attending the Congress. All those interested should let Pat know by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **2024 NACN-USA Elections**

There are five positions up for election in June 2024. The positions include the President Elect, and regional director positions for region 2, 4, 6 and 8. A ballot should be available for our next meeting.

NACN-USA members can put their own name on the ballot. You do not need to be nominated.

Call for nominations will be put on our website.

### **2024 CICIAMS/NACN-USA Elections**

NACN-USA has nominated Iveth Mavarez de Tarantino for Pan American President.

Members can make a nomination for any of the open positions on CICIAMS committees.

The nomination will need to be voted on by the Board before submitting to CICIAMS.  
Pat Sayers will make available the job description for each of the open committees.

### **School Councils**

Molloy University and Benedictine University are still interested in meeting with NACN-USA and participating in the school zooms.

### **New Business**

#### **Swearing in new Corresponding Secretary**

Motion by Sylvia Suarz-Ponce to nominate Lisa Fuchs to hold the position as the corresponding secretary for NACN-USA for the remainder of this term.

Second-Zachary McAllister                      Adopted (10)

Lisa Fuchs was sworn in by Patricia Sayers as the new Corresponding Secretary

#### **Ad Hoc Committees**

Discussion postponed until next month

#### **Robert's Rules of Order regarding discussions and motions**

Deferred until our next meeting.

#### **Web update requests**

Will need to develop a protocol for web update requests

### **Closing Prayer:**

Closing prayer was an Our Father and Glory Be said by Pat Sayers

### **Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 pm. The next regular board meeting will be held on March 14, 2024 at 7:30 PM ET

Respectfully submitted,

Susanne Staiano, MSN, RN  
NACN-USA Recording Secretary