



NACN-USA Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, March 14, 2024 7:30PM Eastern Time

MINUTES

March: Month of St. Joseph



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Present: Voting Board Members: Patricia Sayers, Maria Arvonio, Anne Reeser, Susanne Staiano, Lisa Fuchs, Kim Wohead, Sylvia Suarz-Ponce, Linda Lopp, Renee Frost, Zachary McAllister, Brian Schuster, Kim Wohead, Bonnie Blachly

Absent: Rosalinda Jimenez

Guest: Suzanne Gullotta, Janet Munday

Quorum: 8 required, 13 present

Opening Prayer

Pat Sayers began the meeting at 7:35PM with an opening prayer for Fidelity to Work followed by an Our Father

1) Approval of Minutes for: February 8, 2024

Minutes submitted for review and approved

2) Treasurer's Report

A Treasurer's report was submitted for March 2024. Our actual balance as of 3/4/2024 is 27,149.15.

3) Regional Director Chair Report

Verbal summary given by Regional Director Chair. Suzanne Gullotta will attend regional director meetings as she helps maintain and recruit new members. Regional directors shared questions with communication chair about rearranging things on the website. The next meeting will focus on councils. New regional directors should be given a Roberts Rules of Order book and \$250 for regional costs. Please send all receipts to the Treasurer. Regional directors who leave must return any unused money.

Region 1 Director

A written report was submitted by the Region 1 Director.

The Regional Director reports she met with St. Anselm College about NACN having their own webinars and the college would be willing to provide the CEU's.

Motion by Region 5 Director to further discuss St. Anselm College as a CEU provider for NACN webinars.

Adopted (7 yes, 1 no, 1 abstain)

The President will reach out to the Education Chair to confirm her interest as the Chair. Renee Frost and Linda Lopp will further explore this idea with the college.

Region 3 Director

A written report was submitted by the Region 3 Director.

Region 4 Director

A written report was submitted by the Region 4 Director. The Director reported she did not attend the conference in Charlotte, NC as they did not have exhibition space for them.

Region 5 Director

A verbal report was given by the Region 5 Director. A member of Region 5 is interested in developing a council in her area.

Region 6 Director

A written report was submitted by the Region 6 Director.

Region 7 Director

A written report was submitted by the Region 7 Director. A member in Wyoming is interested in obtaining more information on establishing a council in her area.

Region 8 Director

Region 8 Director suggested having a main location where directors can go to purchase supplies.

The Director introduced “It Goes Too Far.” initiative. This is an organization promoted by Arizona retired Senator Nancy Barto. She has requested our support. NACN-USA is only able to support the organization through prayer at this time as there is compromise of life in their position on abortion. It was suggested that, as the Regional Director for Arizona, the Director work on a statement as a Catholic nursing organization supporting life. The letter must be board approved before sending out to any organization.

Committee Reports

By Laws Committee

The bylaws that were to be sent to the general members were not sent. The bylaws were identified as amendments and not revisions.

Region 1 Director presented her concerns regarding voting and bylaw discrepancies. Board members should be familiar with the bylaws. Fiduciary duties of nonprofit organizations were then reviewed. There was an inconsistency found in the bylaws related to dues. There are videos available online which review responsibilities of board members.

Motion by President-Elect to hire a Parliamentarian for a one hour zoom to discuss our present bylaws and responsibilities as board members for the cost of \$120 for a one hour educational presentation and provide the Parliamentarian with our present bylaws.

Adopted (11)

The presentation will be given on March 18th or 19th at 7:30 PM EST. The presentation will be recorded for those who cannot attend.

The Parliamentarian will be available to review our bylaws once they are completed. The entire bylaws should be reviewed as one complete document and not in sections.

The President approved that the Parliamentarian cost will come from our general funds.

Communications Committee

The Committee Chair reports it took a lot of work to change the membership dues from 50 to 75 dollars. The committee has been working on the March E-News. If you did not receive the January and February E-News, please notify the Committee Chair. Work is also being done to update our website.

The Chair has been in touch with Susan Bergman. She has some good ideas to help us with campaigns to increase membership.

Ethics Committee

The Ethics Committee has been doing more than usual. We have been given more opportunities to defend life as a professional organization. Maria Hilliard from NCBC will send NACN revised documents that we often only have two days to respond. We recently signed a document against the use of teleconferencing for the prescription of an abortion pill. A new document from NCBC to OPTC has not been signed by NACN. The reason is we do not support irreversible brain death to determine whether it is appropriate to take someone's organs.

Motion by Region 7 Director to send the letter written by NACN to NCBC regarding their response to OPTC policy on irreversible brain death.

Adopted (9 yes, 1 abstain)

Motion to extend the meeting by 30 minutes.

The President suggested that if she is not available to review a time sensitive ethical concern, and the ethics committee has been and continues to be in full agreement regarding the ethical concern, the ethics committee recommendation can stand. Maria suggested also using the executive committee for review.

Nominations Committee

The Committee Chair reports nominations for this year's election closed yesterday. There are two nominations for President-Elect, two nominations for Region 2 Director, one nomination for Region 4 Director, three nominations for Region 6 Director (2 have not completed their volunteer forms), and one nomination for Region 8 Director.

Oremus Ad Hoc Committee.

The Committee Chair has submitted a report. The committee has requested feedback from the board regarding the prayer booklet. The prayer booklet will then be sent to the Communication Committee for review prior to web posting.

Scholarship Committee

Motion by Treasurer to increase the student scholarship award to \$2,000.

Adopted (8 yes, 2 abstain)

Motion by Zachary McAllister to rescind the October 2023 motion associated with the NACN scholarship.

Adopted (9)

Pat will contact the scholarship chair, the communications chair and our webmaster to develop a recommendation for the scholarship application deadline which will then be shared on the website. The deadline should leave a reasonable amount of time for students to apply for the scholarship. The recommendation should then come back to the board for a vote.

Unresolved Business

Eucharistic Congress Update.

The Eucharistic Congress Chair has met with the Communications Chair a few times. The Congress Chair has been working on identifying items needed for our booth, including logo apparel. The Chair is also coordinating the Fatima retreat center for 8 people with reservations and he is hoping to identify an end date for sponsorship group passes.

Will continue this discussion at our next meeting.

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

Motion by Region 1 Director to rescind the October motion to engage in the April 9, 2024 conference at St. Joseph's Hospital on Long Island.

Adopted (11)

The President will get in touch with Valeria to let her know that we cannot go forward with the April 9th conference.

Discussed a possibility to establish a committee to investigate future program with the Catholic Health System. This committee should include an NACN representative and a CHS representative at the administrator level. This could be an initiative of our Education Committee.

There were several people who donated money as a contribution toward the conference

Motion by Region 1 Director to return any money related to the conference.
Adopted (11)

African Regional Congress

Discussion deferred until March 21, 2024.

School Councils

Discussion deferred until March 21, 2024.

New Business

Robert's Rules of Order regarding discussions and motions.

Discussion will be deferred until our next meeting.

Closing Prayer:

Closing prayer an Our Father led by Pat Sayers.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 10:16 pm. An additional board meeting will be held this month on March 21, 2024 at 7:30 PM ET.

Susanne Staiano, MSN, RN
NACN-USA Recording Secretary
Submitted via email March 28, 2024