



NACN-USA Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, August 17, 2023 7:30PM Eastern Time



MINUTES

Nineteenth Week in Ordinary time

Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Meeting on Zoom Link

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83008495306?pwd=Zi9QTzFoVnB5QWVpQXZxdko0djB1dz09>

Roll Call:

Present: Voting Board Members: Patricia Sayers, Maria Arvonio, Bonnie Blachly, Sue Staiano, Brian Schuster, Linda Lopp, Theresa Newlin, Sylvia Suarez-Ponce, Cynthia, Renee Frost

Absent: Anne Reeser, Rosalinda Jimenez, Kim Wohead

Quorum: 7 required, 10 present

Opening Prayer – Pat Sayers began the meeting at 7:33 pm with two opening prayers to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

- 1) **Approval of Minutes for:** July 20, 2023
Approval deferred until September meeting
- 2) **Treasurer's Report- Anne Reeser**
A Treasurer's Report for August 2023 was submitted. Our current balance as of 8/5/23 is \$28,289.90
- 3) **Regional Director Reports**

Region 1

A report has been submitted from the Region 1 Director. The Director verbally suggested we look at the possibility of an NACN prayer that is posted on our website. This idea will be placed on the September agenda for discussion.

Region 2

Region 2 Director verbally reported that a new student member has joined NACN and a few members have renewed their membership

Region 5 Director

A report has been submitted from the Region 5 Director.

Region 7 Director

Region 7 Director verbally reported that an email was sent to each of the region members, but there has not been any feedback from them.

Region 9 Director

A report has been submitted from the Region 9 Director.

4) Committee Reports

Scholarship Committee- The committee has received three incomplete applications this year. The deadline for applications has again been extended until August 31, 2023

Ethics and Spirituality Committee- Report submitted by committee chair

Right of Conscience and Mandates-Report submitted by committee chair

Old Business

1. **2023-2024 NACN-USA Anniversary Celebration-**Pat would like to do something for our anniversary this Fall. Minimally, it could be a poster that we put together by mid Fall. At our September meeting we can talk about this in more detail. In December, on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, maybe we could have some type of celebration.

Motion by Maria Arvonio to gather an ad hoc committee together and which will come back with ideas on what we should develop and then bring this to the board for approval.

Second-Sylvia Suarez-Ponce Vote- Adopted (10)

Please contact Pat Sayers if you would like to be part of the ad hoc committee.

2. **Corresponding Secretary and Communication Committee Chair-** positions are still vacant
3. **Prep for School Councils-** Board members should start to think about what they might want to have in our guide for schools. We will have general guidelines from our by- laws, but would like to have specific information available for school councils. Please bring your thoughts to the next meeting.
4. **Conference at CMA-** Pat asked that we have a brief discussion on the conferences that NACN USA can financially help people with in the coming months.

Maria Arvonio made a motion to discuss which conferences NACN USA board will agree to financial support Second- Renee Frost

Discussion included, what do we mean by support, what type of support (hotels, airfare, conference cost), where are we going to focus, how many conferences a year will someone be able to attend and how much can we spend.

Members also discussed that conferences should represent nursing and the value it brings to nursing vs what is most affordable. Money spent on conferences should be strategic for NACN USA exposure and membership.

Pat recommends that we attend CICIAMS VII African Regional Congress and the Eucharistic Congress this year,

Sylvia requested Pat develop a list of eligible conferences. Pat agreed to make a list of available conferences for board member review.

Further discussion to be held at our next meeting.

5. **Kits for Regions-** Discussion postponed until September

New Business

1. Our annual payment to CICIAMS for our international membership is due. In the past, we had agreed to help a struggling country with their dues. Our annual dues are \$690. CICIAMS has asked us to help Croatia pay their dues this year. Their dues are \$420.

Motion by Theresa Newlin to pay dues to CICIAMS before October and to also pay for Croatia dues as they are in need of assistance Second- Brian Schuster

Motion by Sylvia Suarez-Ponce to vote to pay our 2023-2024 membership dues to CICIAMS and the 2023-2024 membership dues for Croatia. Second-Sue Staiano

Vote to pay our membership dues- Adopted (8)

Vote to pay Croatia dues- Adopted (7) Abstain (1)

2. Fund Raising

Pat discussed the possibility of fund raising to help support NACN USA activities.

Maria Arvonio made a motion to discuss fund raising

Maria asked if anyone is interested in fund raising activities

Renee has volunteered to explore fund raising activities. Discussed the possibility of offering CEU's to justify an increase in dues and help increase membership.

Bonnie mentioned raising the cost of our annual dues. Pat suggested offering lifelong memberships.

Maria Arvonio made a motion to get a group together who are interested in exploring how much offering CEU's will cost, what's involved and reporting back so we can make a better decision with information. Bonnie has volunteered to help investigate offering CEU's. Brian suggested Valerie may also be interested in working with this group. Theresa is also interested

3. Pat asked that we please read the NACN-USA annual report (see attached) and several other attached documents.

By Laws Update

Section 5

A. General Council

1. Exploratory Phase

- a. Nurse member of NACN USA who volunteers and is recognized by the Regional Director to be the contact person.
- b. Point of Contact person will serve as liaison between anticipated local members and the Regional Director
- c. Exploratory meetings ie. Meet & Greet, can be either in-person or virtual.

Motion by Maria Arvonio that we vote on the exploratory phase of general council
Second – Renee Frost Vote-Adopted (10)

2. Formation Phase (Council Lead Facilitator)

- a. Nurse member of NACN USA who volunteers and is recognized by the Regional Director to be the main lead facilitator during the formation phase
- b. Council Lead Facilitator will serve as liaison between anticipated local members and the Regional Director

Motion by Renee Frost to approve Formation Phase a and b
Second-Maria Arvonio Vote- Adopted (9)

3. Established Phase (Elected Council President)

- a. Nurse Member of NACN USA elected Council President by their council membership.
- b. Elected Council President will serve as liaison between the established NACN USA local council members and the Regional Director

Motion by Renee Frost that Established Phase a and b are accepted for our by-laws
Second- Maria Arvonio Vote-Adopted (9)

B. School of Nursing

1. Exploratory Phase (Nurse Faculty)

- a. NACN USA nurse member, who is a school of nursing faculty, designated by their Dean/ Director, to serve as point of contact.
- b. Nurse Faculty will serve as liaison between anticipated student nurse members and the Regional Director

Motion by Pat Sayers to approve Exploratory Phase a and b
Second- Sue Staiano Vote-Adopted (9)

2. Formation Phase (Nurse Faculty)

- a. Nurse member of NACN USA who is a school of nursing faculty, designated by their Dean/ Director, to serve as point of contact.
- b. Nurse Faculty NACN USA Member will serve as liaison between anticipated student members and the Regional Director.

Motion by Pat Sayers to approve Formation Phase a and b
Second – Sue Staiano Vote-Adopted (9)

3. Established Phase (Nurse Faculty)

- a. Nurse member of NACN USA who is a school of nursing faculty, designated by their Dean/ Director, to serve as point of contact.
- b. Nurse Faculty NACN USA Member will serve as liaison between established NACN USA student council members and the Regional Director

Motion by Pat Sayers to approve Established Phase a and b
Vote- Adopted (8)

Closing Prayer: Closing prayer by the President.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned 9:44 pm. A special by-laws meeting will be held on September 5, 2023 at 7:30 PM EST during the regional directors meeting. The next regular board meeting will be held on September 21, 2023 at 7:30 PM ET

Respectfully submitted,

Susanne Staiano, MSN, RN