



NACN-USA Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, September 21, 2023 7:30PM Eastern
Time
MINUTES



**Ordinary Time: When Catholics are to grow and
mature in expressions of their faith.**

Feast of St Matthew-From Tax Collector to Apostle
Meeting on Zoom Link

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83008495306?pwd=Zi9QTzFoVnB5QWVPQXZxdko0djB1dz09>

Roll Call:

Present: Voting Board Members: Patricia Sayers, Maria Arvonio, Anne Reeser, Bonnie Blachly, Sue Staiano Linda Lopp, Cynthia Thelen, Renee Frost, Kim Wohead

Absent: Brian Schuster, Theresa Newlin, Rosalinda Jimenez, Sylvia Suarez-Ponce

Quorum: 7 required, 9 present

Guest: Jamie Shepard

Opening Prayer – Pat Sayers began the meeting at 7:39 PM EST with a reading from Matthew 9: 10-13, followed by an Our Father and Hail Mary

Guest Presenter Jamie Shepard

Jamie Shepard has agreed to be the National Eucharistic Congress chair for conference attendance and coordinator of conference activities for July 2024. Jamie is a member of NACN-USA and has submitted a proposal to NACN-USA which is attached to our email agenda. The proposal was read to all members by Pat Sayers during our meeting.

Jamie's proposal includes having an NACN-USA team of members who have a few onsite computer tablets that will allow easy access to complete a membership application and join NACN-USA at the conference. The team should wear easily identifiable polo shirts, aprons or other like clothing. The team member would be able to assist with the onsite membership filing. The team members should have material available to hand out to new members and associate members as they join.

Jamie has also volunteered to coordinate any NACN-USA activities related to and during the National Eucharistic Congress. He recommends that registration for the conference needs to be soon. A group of 15 people or more will be \$295.00 per person. Less than 15 people is \$350.00 per person. Rooms located near the event are going quickly and are now up to \$800.00/night. The conference date is from July 17th-July 21st.

Pat Sayers asked board members to think about Jamie's proposal. If you are interested in going to the conference and being part this team, please contact Jamie via his email. Pat has also submitted a request for NACN-USA to do a breakout session, but is still awaiting a response.

Maria Arvonio asked Jamie if he had any ideas or any connections which would help us find out how an NACN-USA representative can be part of a procession at the Congress. This would be a way to help our organization become recognized.

During our October meeting, we will discuss who is interested in going to the conference and who is willing to be part of Jamie's team. There are many things to consider, such as the huge cost of housing and registration, time away from work, time away from families and how much money should NACN-USA contribute toward members attending. We should have a plan in place, including registration and housing, by October.

Maria Arvonio made a motion that we accept Jamie's proposal as far as NACN-USA having an interest to be represented during the Eucharist Congress and that we request Kim send out a MailChimp as soon as possible to NACN-USA members with a date of a return answer no later than November 2nd

Second- Anne Vote- Adopted (9)

1) Approval of Minutes for: July 20, 2023 and August 17, 2023

Maria Arvonio made a motion that the board agrees to review the minutes of July and August and email their vote of approval to the whole board by September 29th.

Second-Anne

Vote- Adopted (9)

2) Treasurer's Report- Anne Reeser

A Treasurer's Report for September 2023 was submitted. Our actual balance as of 9/21/23 is \$27, 996.38. Our 2023-2024 CICIAMS dues have been paid as well as the CICIAMS dues for Croatia.

Kim Wohead had a question regarding who does the NACN-USA taxes. The President responded that we are tax except. Kim asked if we are federal and state except and if we filed a 990N.

Pat Sayers responded that our taxes are paid through the Diocese. We have our Statement of Good Standing in the State of Illinois. We have a separate incorporation as NACN-USA and our tax exemption is under the Diocese of Joliet and goes through the Conference of Bishops.

We do not need to file a 990N because we are under the umbrella of the Church,

Pat Sayers will confirm whether we need to file any other tax forms.

3) Regional Director Reports

Regional Director Chair requests that the President reach out to board members who have not been able to attend several meetings. Regional directors should submit their monthly reports to all board members.

Region 1

Region 1 Director verbally reported there was one new membership this month.

Region 3

A report has been submitted from the Region 3 Director.

Region 4 Director

A report has been submitted from the Region 4 Director.

Region 6 Director

Pat Sayers reported the Region 6 Director has submitted a report.

Region 8 Director

Region 8 Director verbally reports that she is unable to get into our email via network solutions. Our two email addresses are billing@nacnusa.org and catholicnurses@nacnusa.org. The treasurer will contact Go Daddy for help in resolving this issue

- 4) **Committee Reports-** The President has requested that all committees provide their recommendations and roles. If you want to see changes in the committee roles, recommendations need to be submitted before our next meeting.

Fund Raising- Renee Frost shared several ideas for fund raising. She will be sending out a document listing her ideas.

Prayer Ad Hoc -Renee Frost submitted many NACN Prayer Resources for board members to review.

Anne Reeser inquired how the prayer ad hoc committee evolved and if we had separated ethics and spirituality. Maria Arvonio responded that it came out of the bylaws committee. It was agreed that separating the two would be difficult because spirituality does not really promote religion. It was decided that we have an ad hoc religious catholic committee. A Prayer ad hoc committee was formed.

By Laws- Report submitted. This report includes areas we have not addressed yet

Ethics Committee- Determination of Death (criteria for death) concerns are still ongoing. Continue to share and educate everyone you know.

Scholarship Committee- The committee has received four incomplete applications this year. No scholarships will be awarded this semester. Missing information from the applicants included pastor acknowledgement and references. According to Pat Sayers, Kathryn recommends that we resend out the information during Fall semester. The students would then submit their application in the Spring when advisors are available to encourage and assist the students with the application process. The scholarship would be awarded for the Fall.

Renee Frost asked if the scholarship was open to high school seniors who are entering into a nursing program. After a brief discussion, this possibility was deferred to the scholarship committee for further consideration.

Old Business

1. **Kits for Regions-** Discussion postponed until October. Pat Sayers would like to have Janet Munday at our October meeting to discuss what items should be in the tool kit for the regional directors. If Janet is unable to attend, Pat will ask her for a wish list of what she would like in a tool kit. Pat will ask Janet to send pins to the new directors for Region 1 and Region 3

The previous directors for Region 1 and Region 3 were each given a check for \$250.00 for regional expenses. The balance of the money for the remaining year should be returned by mail to the Treasurer. This money will then be redispersed by check to the new directors of Region 1 and Region 3.

Printing has become very expensive. Several ways to save money when printing brochures were discussed. These ideas include large bulk printing or business cards with QR codes on the back that bring you to the website where you can sign up for membership. This idea will be further discussed at our next meeting

2. **2023-2024 NACN-USA Anniversary Celebration-** Pat Sayers will be sending out information and recommendations about the anniversary celebration. Pat will be reaching out to several members who have expressed an interest in working on the celebration

New Business

1. **NACN-USA Nomination for CICIAS International President**

There is an open position for the CICIAS International President. Pat Sayers is recommending that Dr. Khosi Mthethwa be nominated for re-election to this position. Her CV is attached to our agenda.

2. **NACN-USA Nomination for CICIAMS President, Pan American Region**

Pat Sayers has attached the CV for Iveth Mavarez de Tarantino. She has extensive experience in health care, is multilingual and has an interest in human fertility and bioethics. Pat is recommending Iveth Mavarez de Tarantino be nominated for CICIAMS President, Pan American Region.

Maria made a motion that we vote to approve the two nominees that Pat Sayers has recommended.

Second- Cynthia

Vote- Adopted (9)

Closing Prayer: Closing prayer by Maria was a Prayer for Technology

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned 9:41 pm. The next regular board meeting will be held on October 19, 2023 at 7:30 PM ET

Respectfully submitted,

Susanne Staiano, MSN, RN