

International Organization of MS Nurses
Friday, January 11, 2019
3-6pm Conference Call
Minutes from the Full Board Committee call

Item	Discussion	Outcome
Call to Order	<p><u>Present:</u></p> <p>Patricia Pagnotta June Halper Megan Weigel Marie Moore Cheryl Blaschuk Stephanie Agrella Denise Bruen Marie Namey Bev Layton Colleen Harris Carol Chieffe Bonnie Blain Maureen Mealy Connie Easterling Rachael Stacom Lisa Mitchell</p> <p>Excused</p> <p>Jong Mi Lee Pamela Newland Lynn Stazzone Marijean Buhse</p> <p>Staff:</p> <p>Marguerite Herman Leny Almeda</p>	Called to order by Patricia at 4:04 pm.
Review of previous minutes March 22, 2018	The EC reviewed the minutes. There were no edits or changes.	<p>Minutes were approved as submitted.</p> <p>Motion to approve: Carol</p> <p>Second: Megan</p>

<p>Executive Director's Report and Needs Assessment</p>	<p>For 2019, we plan to have 10 regional programs (based on funding) which consist of ½ day for nursing professionals, lunch break with faculty, then half day for patients and families with similar curriculum.</p> <p>We received a \$10,000 scholarship from an anonymous donor for the CMSC Annual meeting.</p> <p>Working on a 6-month fellowship with Stony Brook Medical Center. Marijean Bushe, Pat Melville and Pat Coyle working with June to develop the curriculum.</p> <p>June reviewed the needs assessment survey. Board suggested we send out another email survey. Results should be a Poster at the AM.</p>	<p>June will continue to update the board about funding. At this point, we only have funding for 1.5 meetings.</p> <p>A second survey will be sent shortly and the board updated with the results.</p>
<p>Treasurer's Report</p>	<p>Marie Moore reviewed the report. IOMSN is at a \$217,000 deficit. There was a significant drop in regional meetings in 2018. CMSC has designated \$100,000 to IOMSN for 2019 budget. There was a suggestion to do a Regional program on Primary/Progressive MS. Marie Namey suggested we bring back the Council of Sponsors for IOMSN.</p>	<p>June reminded the board that the Council that the meeting costs \$20,000 and generated very little support since the reps at the meeting were not the people who approved grants.</p>

<p>By-Laws Committee</p>	<p>Amy is reviewing the Bylaws, SROP and Terms of Reference with Cheryl Blaschuk and Lynn McEwan.</p> <p>Based on EC and Executive Director input, place any suggested changes to the ByLaws on the Spring 2019 Ballot for membership vote.</p>	<p>Changes will be implemented and sent to the membership for approval</p>
<p>Education Committee</p>	<p>Held eight successful Regional Nursing Programs. Attendance was lower than expected in some cities. A variety of nurses participated; they were not all MS nurses.</p>	<p>Strategies to increase attendance were discussed. The committee will consider those when planning.</p>
<p>Communication Committee</p>	<p>Continue the “Caught you Caring” campaign.</p> <p>Collaborated with CMSC (Colleen and Francois) and the IOMSN education committee hosting a webinar series on writing for publications.</p> <p>Suggestions to do a webinar on Abstract development.</p>	<p>The board felt that this committee is extremely successful and innovative and the plan for collaboration is unique.</p>
<p>Membership Committee</p>	<p>IOMSN membership renewal for 2019 to date is 316 out of 1,077 invoiced.</p> <p>There will be a membership contest in early 2019 with emphasis on reaching nursing students.</p>	<p>Paper invoices were sent and hopefully will generate more renewals.</p>
<p>Academic Outreach Committee</p>	<p>The committee focus is to develop relationships with various schools of nursing to</p>	<p>Marijean and Bev will</p>

	provide information about MS as a field for nurses. Poll IOMSN members and ask them for ideas on how to approach nursing schools	continue their outreach efforts.
Fellowship/Scholarship Committee	IOMSN will announce that Scholarship applications are open. Request for funding are due by April 15. Potential support from EMD Serono for the June Halper MS Nursing Scholarship award.	No comments or further discussion
Research Committee	IOMSN surveyed 1425 nurses from IOMSN membership who have previously attended IOMSN sponsored educational events. 86 nurses returned the survey.	It seems that educational activities in the area of research are warranted.
Annual Awards Committee	Connie presented the winners of the 2018 Annual awards. The process will move to Megan who will put together a committee for 2019.	Megan will follow up.
Grants Update	All the IOMSN grants have been submitted.	Awaiting word on the funding decisions
General Discussion	Elections will be held in March along with nominations for awards. Tricia discussed the category of associate membership and felt that PA's who have indicated an interest in membership should be allowed to join IOMSN. There was a great deal of	Amy and Tricia felt that she must leave the board. Subsequently, there was discussion after the meeting and it was decided that Maureen could remain on the board until she leaves Hopkins. If Hopkins has no concerns, IOMSN should not be concerned about COI either.

	<p>discussion on how to do this; how to reach out to them; how to increase in involvement by RN's who are not necessarily APNs. Several ideas were put forth and will be discussed at the full board meeting in March.</p>	<p>In the interim, the bylaws committee will work on the bylaws and the SROPs to make them consistent with the needs of the membership now and in the future. It was also suggested that board descriptions, how to become a board member, etc. should be posted on the website for the sake of transparency.</p>
Adjourned	<p>Motion: Megan Weigel Second- Stephanie Agrella</p>	Adjourned:5:47

Submitted by Marguerite Herman

Approved by Cheryl Blaschuk