IOMSN EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

January 15, 2018

Present: Megan Weigel, Connie Easterling, Aliza Ben Zacharia, Tricia Pagnotta, Cheryl Blaschuk.

Staff: June Halper Roberta Elwell, Leny Almeda.

A. Call to order: 6:04 EST  
   June Halper

B. No December minutes to approve  
   June Halper

C. Executive Director’s Report  
   June Halper
   a. December 18, 2017 - 1st Genentech Quarterly Update w/ MSL
   b. IOMSN Board Mtg March 22-23rd, 2018 & concerns for cost need to discuss who should attend.
   c. Discussed Council of Sponsors Reception on March 22, 2018 – will discontinue this event and cancel for 2018.
   d. Many long time members of IOMSN have moved to industry in the past year.
   e. Regional meeting and Mentorship programs – no funding available at this time.
   f. Need to think about more cost effective ways to educate nurses i.e. webinars
   g. Current trends in MS care- more Medical Assistants are being used, emergence of Physician Assistants. (PA’s)
      i. Megan – reports RN recently let go from her practice
      ii. Aliza- would keeping the Council of Sponsors still be valuable for obtaining funding for our educational programs?
      iii. Connie- should we Skype our Executive board meetings vs air travel/hotel etc.
      iv. Tricia- there is a Wi-Fi fee of around $500 to set up Skype and International calls may not be included

D. Webinar Ideas  
   All Members
   a. Aliza- DMT’s – Need workshop on generics.
      i. Nurses tool kit re: oral and infusions
      ii. Update & in-depth explanation on phenotypes
      iii. Long term use of steroids as band aid: relapses vs pseudo relapses, neuro imaging- the basics
      iv. Mental Health issues in MS
   b. Megan- Nurses Wellness Focus
   c. Cheryl- Aging with MS: Do DMT’s matter?

E. Regional Meetings Update  
   June Halper
a. Teva had been very generous in the past for RN education but w/ introduction of
generic versions of Copaxone (20 mg & 40 mg) they do not appear to be able to support
IOMSN as in the past
b. 15 grants that have been submitted and no commitments yet.
c. Is there another focus other than RN education?

F. Membership

   Roberta Elwell

   a. Have 59 recent new members but again we have lost large #'s of long-term members to
      industry
   b. Rachael (Facebook/Social Media Committee) notes increased “hits” on our Facebook
      page.

G. Meeting adjourned 6:33 EST

   Cheryl Blaschuk 2nd it.