

**International Organization of MS Nurses**  
*Monday, September 17, 2018*  
*6pm Conference Call*  
**Minutes of the Executive Committee**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Call to Order	<p><u>Present:</u></p> <p>Patricia Pagnotta  Megan Weigel  Marie Moore  Cheryl Blaschuk</p> <p>Staff:</p> <p>June Halper  Leny Almeda  Roberta Elwell</p>	Called to order by Patricia at 6pm.
1. Review of previous minutes 08-20-18	The minutes were reviewed by the EC. There were no edits or changes.	Minutes were approved as submitted.
2. President's Report	<p>Patricia reported that she is pursuing the inclusion of PA's into IOMSN by inquiring how other nursing organizations have moved ahead with this directive. She and Megan discussed the need for bylaws/SROPs updates. There has been some discussion with Amy Perrin Ross and final disposition is still pending since Amy was traveling recently. June suggested that a discussion with our attorney, John Edwards, might be warranted. There was discussion about the process to update SROP's versus bylaws since the latter would be a much more complicated process. There</p>	Patricia and Megan will follow up regarding nominations, elections, bylaws or SROP updates.

	<p>is a need to fill the president-elect slot during the next election so these changes must be made first and carefully thought out. There was also some discussion about how often an officer may be nominated for his or her previous office.</p>	
3.Regional Meetings	<p>Leny and June reported on the meetings from the previous Saturday. The Maryland meeting was rescheduled due to threatening weather. The Chicago meeting was successful. Cheryl reported that the attendance was good and the content well received. Amy reported that the learners appreciated the level of evidence presented throughout the meeting. A needs assessment was sent out to IOMSN members and other nursing professionals. There was a good response. The results will be tallied and a proposal developed for 2019 in which there will be a one-half day for nursing professionals and an afternoon session for patients and families.</p>	<p>Upcoming meetings are scheduled with good registration numbers.</p> <p>June will summarize the needs assessment with Laurie Scudder and will share the results with the EC.</p>
Membership Update	<p>Marie reported on a program that will be held in collaboration with NMSS to facilitate more nursing professionals sitting for certification. Roberta reported that in 2018 there were 107 new members; for 2019 - 14.</p>	<p>Marie and the administrative office will continue to report on membership activities to the EC.</p>

	<p>There was some discussion about whether the forum was active in a positive way and the EC was assured that it was “business as usual” with no disruptive conversations or problems online. The forum is being used in a positive fashion.</p>	
<p>Schedule for the full Board Conference Call and other calls</p>	<p>There was discussion about the best dates/times for this call. The most recent board call was held on a Friday afternoon late in the day since it seemed that was a well-attended call during the summer. The members of the board will be surveyed as to their availability on Friday December 7<sup>th</sup>. Patricia indicated she did not want the call too close to the holidays. On another note, June reported that she will not be available for the October 15<sup>th</sup> EC call and requested the call be held the following week.</p>	<p>Leny will survey the board and will report back soon.</p> <p>There were no objections to this change. Next call will be October 22<sup>nd</sup>.</p>
<p>MSNICB Update</p>	<p>June reported that the recertification guidelines along with a personal portal for each certified nurse is now posted on the MSNICB website along with a link to the site on ptcny.com. She reported this technology was well-received by certified nurses and will probably be available for MSCS professionals as well as those with MSHA credentials.</p>	
<p>General Discussion</p>	<p>There was some discussion recapping the events of the past two months. There were</p>	

Call to adjourn	The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.	
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Submitted by Cheryl Blaschuk, Secretary