

International Organization of MS Nurses

Date: April 23, 2020

2pm Conference Call

Minutes of the Board of Governors Conference Call

<b>Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Call to order	<b>Present on Call:</b> Patricia Pagnotta June Halper Marie Moore Denise Bruen Megan Weigel Rachael Stacom Marie Namey Carol Cheiffe Marijean Buhse Pamela Newland Bev Layton Amy Perrin Ross Lisa Mitchell Connie Easterling Bonnie Blain Walette Widener Staff :Marguerite Herman Leny Almeda Elizabeth Porco <b>Regrets:</b> Stephanie Agrella Lynn Stazzone Therese Burke Del Thomas	Called at 2:04 pm EDT Patricia
Approval of Minutes -	The minutes of the March 28th Board Meeting were not available.	Tabled until next meeting

CEO's update - June	<p>IOMSN's agenda has been impacted by COVID. The nursing fellowship is on hold.</p> <p>Regional Meetings - Have 6 planned for the spring but will likely move to the fall due to COVID. Grants will need to be rewritten to change the scope to fit web based programming and change dates.</p> <p>National Nightingales were very successful June has submitted for a grant for global Nightingale Awards from Merck.</p> <p>Leny is keeping the website up to date.</p> <p>CMSC - Is being presented virtually by Neurology Live. They will present lectures, satellite symposia, virtual exhibit hall, poster, and product theatre.</p>	<p>11 National Nightingale Awards were presented.</p> <p>CMSC will be presented virtually May 27 - 30, 2020 due to COVID</p>
President's Report - Patricia	Patricia has been attending committee meetings as much as able. No changes are planned for now.	Patricia thanks each member for his or her resilience over recent months.
Financials 2019 June and Marie	The Finance committee feels it is premature to talk about finances, as the situation is unsettled due to COVID.	Tabled
Academic Outreach - Marijean Buhse	The Nursing Fellowship Program RN is almost completed her fellowship.	The committee is continuing its work to collaborate with nursing schools.
Awards Committee - Connie Easterling	<p>There has been a delay in sending a call for Nominations for awards due to distraction of the pandemic. Need to make a decision about where awards may be presented- ACTRIMS or CMSC 2021?</p> <p>We could possibly have a conference call at CMSC or late summer/fall</p>	Send out a call to IOMSN members for annual awards.
By Laws – Amy Perrin Ross	By Laws were reviewed and updated last year. Work this year-entailed interpretation.	
Communications Committee – Rachael Stacom	<p>Has started a new initiative to increase social media presence to draw new nurses in. Posting articles and other interesting subject material weekly.</p> <p>Committee members work quickly to try to post current information and share with other organizations.</p>	Increasing social media presence.

Research Committee – Pamela Newland	Currently there is no money to fund nursing research. The committee is actively searching for ideas for research.	Poster was created for CMSC 2020 in attempt to empower nurses to pursue research.
Education Committee - Carol Chief	6 Regional Programs planned for spring will be delayed until the fall due to COVID. The MSCN Exam is in need of questions. Discussion regarding development of patient self- assessment scales for future use.	Everyone encouraged to submit exam questions.
Membership - Marie Moore	A panel using a scoring matrix decided US Nightingale winners. Letters have been sent to all the applicants. Each of the successful candidates will receives \$5000. The winners are dispersed across the US and are involved in a variety of projects. EMD Serono is very pleased	11 US Nightingale Winners chosen. Celebrations for the successful candidates will be determined with EMD Serono.
MSNICB Liaison – Therese Burke	The exam this year will be the same due to the pandemic. There is a Board vacancy.. Bev Layton reported that testing centers have pushed the May exam until November due to Covid and recertification has been extended for 6 months.	Therese Burke to fill Board vacancy.
Nominations – Megan Weigel	Board turnover will be virtual this year. President Elect position must be filled.	President – Denise takes over as President June 1 President Elect – Nominations to be sent out. Megan to form a committee. Megan to discuss with Patricia and present to the Executive Committee before setting the slate.
Fellowship/Scholarship Committee – Marie Namey	Good response for funding requests for attendance to CMSC. All applicants received money. Applicants are mailing checks back. Money may be used to fund Nightingale winner travel if needed in the future.	
Miscellaneous concerns	PA’s – where do they fit in the IOMSN? They currently can join as affiliate members. None has joined. Some may want to serve as faculty.	Leny to find out how many people are involved in PA special interest group at CMSC.

		Tabled to discuss again in future.
General Discussion - All	Patricia thanked everyone for attending.	
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 6:36 EST	Patricia – motion to adjourn Bonnie – 2nd

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Bonnie Blain