

## 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
- C. Executive Director's Report **June Halper**
  - a. December 18, 2017 - 1st Genentech Quarterly Update w/ MSL
  - b. IOMSN Board Mtg March 22-23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> it.