

International Organization of MS Nurses

Date: 12/16/25

Minutes: IOMSN EC Meeting

Item	Discussion	Outcome
Call to order and Introductions	<b>Present:</b> Bonnie Blain Sara Schaefer Leny Almeda Tina Trott Kathy Costello Walette Widener Marijean Buhse	Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM EST
Approval of Minutes	Sara	Marijean - Motion to approve Walette- seconds approval
CEO Report	Kathy -Industry is showing more interest in nursing programs/funding in 2026 -Upcoming in person programs connecting nurses with PWMS – Genentech and Biogen funding -Amgen and Alexion interested in similar patient programs for NMOSD – likely virtual -2026 non-CME webinar that Genentech funding -Finances: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 2025 showing \$43,488 deficit (less than originally projected)</li><li>- 2026 maintaining fiscally minded agenda</li></ul> -Academic CME hosting APP/RN program pre-CMSC – in future propose that IOMSN take over this program.	
Giving Tuesday	Leny -Giving Tuesday = \$625 donations to IOMSN general fund – however letters said went to JH scholarship fund -Pop-up store = \$250 for general fund	

Industry Council	<p>Bonnie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Met 12/8/25</li> <li>-Sara moderated and presented partnership opportunity guide (great job Leny)</li> <li>-Rachael Stacom presented on Publishing initiative collaboration with IJMSC</li> <li>-Jeffery Hernandez will chair this committee going forward.</li> </ul>	
Emeritus Group	<p>Bonnie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-first meeting 12/3/25</li> <li>-4 nurses attended – another 4 interested</li> <li>-Marijean recommended interviews to publish accomplishments of emeritus nurses and importance</li> <li>-Next meeting Feb 2026</li> <li>-Need to clarify if Emeritus Members need to pay membership</li> <li>-May form committee in future</li> </ul>	
Finance Committee	<p>Bonnie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Establish a new standing committee to uphold the Fiduciary responsibility of board members</li> <li>-Chair will present report to EC and full board</li> <li>-Membership small to begin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chair: Treasurer - Marijean</li> <li>- CEO – Kathy</li> <li>- President – Bonnie</li> <li>- CFO – Pete/Bill</li> <li>- Future community member</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>-Motion #1:</b> That the Board of Directors of the International Organization of Multiple Sclerosis Nurses (IOMSN) establishes a Finance Committee as a standing committee of the Board, with responsibility for providing financial oversight and recommendations related to budgeting, financial reporting, internal controls, financial policies, and long-term financial sustainability, in support of the Board’s fiduciary responsibilities.</li> <li>-First meeting Jan 2026</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Motion: Bonnie</li> <li>-Second: Marijean</li> <li>-Vote: unanimous vote</li> </ul> <p>motion passed</p>

Governance Committee	<p style="text-align: center;">Bonnie</p> <p>-Establish a new standing committee to ensure effective functioning of IOMSN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Oversee bylaws, leadership succession, board nominations</li> <li>- Establish onboarding for new members</li> <li>- Strategic planning</li> </ul> <p>-Chair: Amy Perrin -Ross</p> <p>-Members: Bonnie, Walette, Racheal Stacom</p> <p><b>Motion #2:</b></p> <p>That the Board of Directors of the International Organization of Multiple Sclerosis Nurses (IOMSN) establishes a Governance Committee as a standing committee of the Board, with responsibility for oversight of governance matters including bylaws, board composition and development, leadership succession, committee structure and charters, and related governance policies.</p> <p>-First meeting Jan 2026</p>	<p>-Motion: Bonnie</p> <p>-Second: Marijean</p> <p>-Vote: unanimous vote motion passed</p>
Regional Liaisons Project	<p style="text-align: center;">Kathy</p> <p>-We have received 60K of 100K funding from Genentech and Biogen</p> <p>-Regional Liaisons will coordinate and facilitate 5 in-person patient programs around the country in 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Avoid April/May programs due to CMSC</li> </ul> <p>-Faculty will be regional liaison and a local nurse (possibly not a member/MSCN cert)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Avoid air travel for faculty</li> <li>- Urban, suburban or rural sites</li> <li>- Accessible venue</li> </ul> <p>-Program 2hrs with 15min of open didactic on a topic of choice and remainder of time is open dialog/questions from patients.</p> <p>-Minimal snacks/drinks possible</p> <p>-Pilot programs this year with plans to expand for 2027</p> <p>-will have surveys for participants on faculty on what went good/bad/improvements</p> <p>-Kathy Meeting with Regional Liaisons to discuss on 12/18/25</p>	

Meeting Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM EST.	Motion to adjourn: Bonnie
	Next EC meeting: 1/19/26 7PM EST	

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Sara Schaefer