

International Organization of MS Nurses

Date: 6/22/26

Minutes: IOMSN EC Meeting

Item	Discussion	Outcome
Call to Order and Introductions	Present: Bonnie Blain, Sara Schaefer, Marguerite Herman, Leny Almeda, Marguerite Herman, Kathy Costello, Walette Widener, Marijean Buhse, Rachael Stacom	Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM EST
Approval of Minutes	Bonnie Blain motioned to adopt the previous meeting minutes. Sara Schaefer seconded.	Minutes approved
CEO Report / Annual Meeting Recap	Kathy Costello reported on the success of the 2026 annual meeting. Energy was high, and attendance exceeded the prior year. Over 300 attendees were first-time participants. The balance of attendees versus pharma was favorable, with attendees in the majority. Kathy noted the meeting introduced an opportunity to expand into rare neuroimmune and autoimmune conditions, with infusion nurses as a target audience given industry interest in IV therapies.	Noted. Follow-up on rare neuroimmune opportunity to be explored.
Core Curriculum Update	Kathy Costello outlined plans to update the core curriculum and convert it to an ongoing CE program. Roz Kalb has been approached about writing the content; she would serve as editor, with clinical experts contributing to each section and providing a unified voice. Currently awaiting response from the publisher. Discussion noted that calling it a 'core curriculum' may raise liability concerns; alternative framing to be considered. Vumedi (online platform for professional organizations) was identified as a distribution option that could drive traffic to the IOMSN website and reach a broader audience. Old presentations could also be uploaded.	Awaiting publisher response. Vumedi to be explored as a platform option.
CMSC Roundtable	175 nurses attended the roundtable. Sara Schaefer and Walette Widener led the discussion, which was well received. Follow-up emails from attendees require response. Walette will take the lead on follow-up.	Walette to lead follow-up on roundtable emails.
CMSC Nursing Reception / Nightingale	Walette Widener reported approximately 90 attendees at the IOMSN reception. TG	TG Therapeutics

	Therapeutics committed to sponsoring the 2027 Nightingale Award for \$55,000. Discussion included the potential to blend the IOMSN reception with the Industry Council Mixer in future years to improve attendance and coordination.	confirmed as 2027 Nightingale sponsor at \$55,000. Reception format to be explored. Sara to follow up with TG.
CMSC Industry Council Mixer	Sara Schaefer provided feedback on the Industry Council. Attendance was adequate for a first effort, but communication and coordination could improve. The group discussed combining this event with the nursing reception going forward. Bonnie Blain noted a significant donation received at the reception that requires follow-up and appropriate acknowledgment.	Explore best time and place to hold it next year.
CMSC Preconference APP Session	Approximately 80 attendees participated in person, and 300 attended via livestream. The group discussed the potential for academic CME and greater availability of space and time for this session. Evaluations were generally positive. A suggestion was raised to incorporate clinical pearls on the neurological exam and differential diagnosis, along with a live case study, into future APP sessions.	Explore academic CME designation and expanded format for 2027.
CMSC New Members	Follow up with new members and interested nurses identified at the meeting.	New member follow-up to be completed.
Nursing Caring for Nurses / Webinar Funding	Current webinar funding stands at \$20,000. The funder may redirect this through the 'Connecting through Conversations' initiative, which would bring the total up to near goal. Kathy Costello will follow up with Lily Rose to confirm scope and whether IOMSN will pursue all components or modify the program.	Kathy to follow up with Lily Rose. Decision pending on full vs. modified program.
Liaison Role Expansion	More nurses are needed. Joan and Jill are working to expand the liaison role. Tamika has expressed interest in becoming a liaison.	Liaison expansion in progress. Tamika to be considered.

June Halper Scholarship Fund	The fund is split between scholarship support and operational costs. Awards currently provide free registration and partial travel cost offset, but may still be insufficient to enable recipients to attend the meeting. Marie and Sara lead this work. Group discussed the ongoing funding dilemma and how to make the scholarship more impactful.	Marie and Sara to continue leading. Additional funding strategies to be explored.
MS Coalition Update	IOMSN will post content on the MS Coalition website in May 2027.	Posting planned for May 2027.
Website Development	Some material is outdated and needs to be taken down. There is also an opportunity to improve it. Will start by ensuring the material is updated, then look for opportunities to improve how nurses are brought to the IOMSN website. Leny will take the lead, and the team will support.	Hope to get site updated within the next few months.
Meeting Adjournment	Motion to adjourn: Bonnie Blain	Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM EST. Next EC meeting: 07/20/2026 at 7:00 PM EST

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Rachael Stacom