

## IOMSN EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Present: Megan Weigel, President, Connie Easterling, Past President, Tricia Pagnotta, Past Secretary, Aliza Ben Zacharia, President Elect, Cheryl Blaschuk, Secretary

Staff: June Halper, Executive Director IOMSN, Roberta Elwell, Leny Almeda

- A. Call to order : 5: 07 PM June
- B. Approval of minutes, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Connie & 2<sup>nd</sup>- Aliza
- C. Executive Director's Report June
  - a. MS Nursing Mentorships- preference is for new RN's to MS practice. \$ 71,000 in funding from IOMSN budget. With current funding of \$60,000 from Biogen may only offer five mentorships due to cost. Response has been sensational. May need to revise the questionnaire/application for these mentorships. WE NEED TO LOOK AT OUTCOMES IN THE FUTURE IF WE ARE TO GET FUNDING.
  - b. Google Group is growing larger
  - c. Medical Assistants- issue as they cannot sit for the Nursing certification exam. An MA has requested an exam that it will be good for 3 yrs. and include "basic information". If developed, the first exam to be offered in Nashville 2018 at CMSC mtg. Note you need to be a RN, or licensed practitioner to sit for any of these certification exams, at the present time.
  - d. Christine Smith is OT who leads the MSCS certification committee for the CMSC.
  - e. Regional Meetings- 7 scheduled for this Fall

**D. Issues from Round Table at CMSC in New Orleans:** Megan

**Megan-** issues related to being sensitive of favoring NP's over RN's. May need to develop or combine for some team building activities. Per June- We, do have \$ 60,000 from Biogen for the MS Nursing Mentorships @ Stoneybrook which is RN ONLY (no prescribers)

**Aliza** asked more info related to this concern otherwise it is difficult to speak to. Connie indicated that joining Speaker's Bureau is one of the best ways to get involved. Leny reports NO NEW members have replied related to joining Speaker's Bureau. Patricia notes RN's are being replaced w/ MA's. Megan asking "what stops you from doing more or less"

**Megan-** may need work w/ the Regional Liaisons on this issue but we'll table this for now and get back to it.

**E. Wellness Initiative:**

Aliza

Jodie in Australia is to help w/ the logistics this coming Wed (7/19/17). Aliza will look at the info too. This will be most likely be a quarterly call but there may be a timing issue.

**F. Live Wise:**

June

- a. Stats are climbing. Working on “script pads” to give for patients but there are none yet.

**G. Membership:**

Roberta

- a. It is increasing and there are new RN’s joining.

**ADJOURNED: 5: 31 CST**

Next meeting Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 5:00 pm CST