

IOMSN EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:

Oct. 18th, 2017

Present: Megan Weigel (President) Connie Easterling (Past President) Aliza Ben Zacharia, (President elect) Patricia Pagnotta (past secretary), Cheryl Blaschuk (secretary)

Staff: June Halper, Executive Director IOMSN, Lisa Skutnik, Marguerite Herman, Leny Almeda & Roberta Elwell.

A: Call to order: 6:03 EST

B. Approval of minutes from 9/18/17 Patricia- motioned to approve
Megan second it

C. Executive Director's Report:

Regional Meetings Updates- 10/14/2017: Kansas City- attendance: 60

10/ 21/2017: Jacksonville- attendance: 34

a. June and Leny sent out Nursing Education Needs Survey – within 12 hrs received 27 replies.

b. Lori Scudder- related to Needs Assessment: for next Spring 2018

c. Mary Kay Fink accepted position with EMD Serono. She was President of MSNICB and resigned.

Marijean Buhse is President and now has re-established in the role.

d. Mentorship: \$60,000 from Biogen. Will be the week after CMSC Board Meeting. Looking at approximately 7 scholarships. More info in the next few weeks. Stipulations include RN's only as prescribers not eligible.

Some of the feedback related to the mentorship program included more emphasis on "team care" including involvement with neuropsych etc. Requesting more exposure to understanding cognitive issues and Pediatric MS.

e. Preceptor update: New NP from VA in San Antonio, TX and spent 2 days w/ Lori Mayer in Austin TX.

f. CMSC applied and was accepted for joint accreditation that would include MD, NP & RPh. This will save money for CMSC and allow for doing our own accreditation.

g. Losing membership to Industry. Questions raised:

1) Can we create an Industry Advisory Committee? June states need to discuss with lawyer re: our 503-C status (non-profit). Meghan Kinnetz (former Membership Liaison) now with Biogen as MSL requested this.

2) Is there a role for industry employed RN's/NP's with in IOMSN? Aliza does not see the value at this time. NMSS has a Industry Professional committee structured with their organization.

3) June will discuss with lawyers on this topic. The AAN does have a Professional Industry Committee within its organization. Can we look into how the AAN structures these relationships within their by laws?

4) Megan asks how do we make a step in the right direction and continue to be open to changes.

5) Aliza- what if we do programs with Industry committee members and what would they look like? She verbalizes she does not support an Industry Supported professional Committee within the IOMSN. She feels it is important to have a clear line out of respect for our practicing RN/NP members and raises the concerns for a potential conflict of interest.

6) Connie notes we had an Industry RN/NP's presence at our Round table discussions @ CMSC. Can different pharmaceutical employees work and sit on the same committee within our organization?

7) Do we reach out now to some of our colleagues in Industry to brainstorm, i.e. Jenn Smrtka, Mary Kay Fink etc.

8) Biogen is making its way back to utilization of more clinical focus MSL's to target RN.

9) NP's are not under the Sunshine Act Provisions at this time but could be in the future and how would that impact the forming of an Industry professional committee?

10) Patricia notes we need to be sensitive to how we go ahead and discuss this topic within IOMSN and with industry.

11) June notes the Industry Professional Committee would not be able to vote but agrees we need to create a structured role within the IOMSN.

12) It was decided that June to speak with our attorney and to gather more info on how the AAN structures their Industry relationships. Will keep an open agenda related to this topic.

- June reports there is a book on Amazon is selling "How to Study and Pass the MSNC examination. IOMSN has not authorized this publication and is looking into the legal aspects of this
- We will need 150 questions for the upcoming certification examination.
- June notes we are cancelling the IOMSN Dinner on that Wednesday night during the CMSC in Nashville, as there was little participation in the music entertainment etc. In 2018, we will have a reception with finger foods but not a formal dinner. Rationale includes need to economize & sponsorship issues. The meal/dance was \$50,000 and we feel \$30,000 was wasted.

Meeting adjourned at 5:42 EST as motioned by Cheryl B and second by Megan.