

International Organization of MS Nurses Board of Directors

Date: 3/13/25

Minutes: IOMSN Board of Directors Meeting

Item	Discussion	Speaker/Outcome
Call to order and Introductions	Present: Beverly Layton Bonnie Blain Wallette Widener Leny Almeda Marguerite Herman Tina Trott Marie Namey Joan Ohayon (remote) Jill Nelson Collen Harris Amy Perrin Ross Jeffery Hernandez Marijean Buhse Racheal Stacom Sara Schaefer Kathy Costello Erin Wilkinson (remote) Crystal Wright Belinda Bardsley Patricia Pagnotta	Meeting called to order at 12:06p.m
Approval of Minutes	Sara asked for review of minutes	Motion to approve: Marijean Buhse Second: Rachael Stacom
CEO Update/Report	-Introduction of Kathy Costello as new Interim CEO. -Less access to pharma money in recent years -Needing new and unique revenue streams	Kathy Costello
Update on CMSC Conference 2025	-The agenda is attached to Board Book -Needing more Independent Satellite Symposiums, only 2 scheduled so far -300 registrants so far on par with past meetings to date -Marguerite has raised \$2.7 million!! to support -June Halper Scholarship fund \$28,000	

President Report	-Thank you all for support in a challenging year with the loss of June -Tina and Margerite need 30-60 second videos on what June meant to use for June Celebration at First Night will run on loop in background -At CMSC roundtable will have tribute to June -Survey taskforce will have a written report posted on website "You spoke we listened" -Upcoming collaboration with IJMSC -EMD Serono continues to support US and International Nightingale awards totaling \$110K -Membership numbers reviewed: In 2006 it had increase of 500 with adding spinal cord nurses. In 2019 cleaned up list and removed spinal cord nurses. Stable numbers x 15 years Current membership = 1459 -Engagement of current members and look at targeting different RN Groups like infusion nurses -Consider nominating a nurse for a Daisy Award then can promote this on IOMSN website/social media. Awards are International. -upcoming Novartis Kesimpta program – updating disclaimer language -Purchased list from Novartis of 3000 APPs to utilize in future for outreach (Kathy Costello)	Bonnie Blaine
IOMSN Financials 2023-2024	-Financial reports reviewed -Under budget: Admin, Board activities, projects and CMSC -Did not get some anticipated income -interest income higher than predicted -2024 loss of 32,207 -2025 anticipated loss of 124,560 -ongoing need for additional revenue -CMSC continues to support IOMSN	William Katchen, CPA Pete Porco Marijean Buhse
Committee Reports/Updates	Academic Outreach: -No recent activities -Resistance with reaching out to schools of nursing remains multifactorial and complicated -Yolanda and Beverly reaching out to UAB rehab elective to include MS/Neuroimmunology -Idea discussed on providing one day virtual program for nursing students on neuroinflammation	Marijean Buhse/Beverly Layton
	Awards: -New chair – Crystal Wright	Crystal Wright/Sara Schaefer

	-June Halper/Linda Morgante/Thumbs Up/MS LiveWise and New International Nurse Leadership -Email for nominations went out recently only one nomination received thus far -Send email to CMSC mailing list to have nominations come from physicians and other members of medical team.	
	Reception: -Wednesday 5/28 from 7-8PM -Nightingale and June tribute theme -Tight budget	Walette Widener
	Bylaws: -CMSC undergoing bylaw updates -Amy will update and clean up IOMSN after CMSC -Amy would like to grow committee	Amy Perrin Ross
	Communications/Website: -As feedback from roundtable working on streamlining website for easier access to resources – currently undergoing evaluation -highlighting regional liaisons on social media very successful -Notify of any upcoming MS programs or kudos to post -Consider exclusive login content for members only New collaboration with IJMSC focusing on nursing publication -Understanding barriers with survey coming out soon by email and with QR code at CMSC roundtable -IJMSC planning mini bootcamp at CMSC to kick off and to continue through year - Marijean will have a presentation on how to make a poster then transition it to publication - 2 annual awards starting 2026 for 1st time publication and repeat publications - identify mentors and connect at CMSC roundtable	Rachael Stacom
	Education: - 2 new members, Erin Wilkinson and Crystal Wright	Collen Harris/Erin Wilkinson/Crystal Wright

	-Collaborating with communication on IJMSC project - Collaboration with Membership on Buddy program resources – keeping updated and access on IOMSN Website -connect with RN poster presenters at CMSC -reach out with any outside presentations -grow committee further	
	Liaison – MSNICB -New president Sarah Cecil -lower numbers of certifications -looking at costs of testing -reviewing bylaws – complicated to update needing approval MSCN nurses -again, evaluating costs of AANP -needing pediatric input/members -reviewing resources after CMSC with education -highlight certified nurses on social media 3/19/25	Walette Widener
	Liaison – Veterans Affairs -report in board book	Tomika McMillon (unable to attend)
	Membership: -Working on implementing autorenewals -More engagement and connection with current members -increase numbers of regional liaisons both RN and NP -Continue buddy programs throughout year -opening buddy program to any attendee (not limiting to new) -Susan Agland new international liaison – has proposal for growth and outreach to more international nurses -Target groups like infusion nurses -Using MSNICB list to compare and reach out to MSCN nurses that are not IOMSN members. Utilize regional liaisons for this after CMSC -Give list of IOMSN members per region to liaisons for outreach after CMSC	Joan Ohayon & Jill Nelson
	Nominations: -Openings: 2 Board of Directors and 1 Treasurer	

	-Clarification Board of Director terms are 3 years -Email for nominations will be going out soon to be announced at CMSC	
	Scholarship: -\$28,000 from June Halper scholarship fund -Need to be IOMSN member -Higher priority for first time attendees -add in free registration -look to roll over funds if needed -Waiting on list from office to begin review	Marie Namey/ Sara Schaefer
	International Reports: Australia – - Marijean with intro from Therese Burke - Poor awareness of MSNA organization - plan to increase membership - recent publication on MS RNs increasing access and better long-term outcomes with MS patients - Collaborations with other groups UK – no report this year	Belinda Bardsley
Closing remarks	-Google Group CPR – send cases to Jeffrey -Increase engagement looking into meetups, podcasts, buddy programs -Engage with industry nurses IOMSN Industry Council - Collaboration to promote membership, certification and professional development - quarterly meetings to update on useful resources -Get payment tap for registration at IOMSN Booth at CMSC -Utilizing free VuMedi website building awareness of IOMSN through the nursing lens with videos and collaboration	Bonnie Blain/Kathy Costello
Meeting Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m. EST.	Motion to adjourn: Marie Namey Second: Walette Widener

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Sara Schaefer