



American Board of Nursing Specialties

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Membership Meeting

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Minutes – Draft

CALL TO ORDER

President Lynn Grief called the meeting to order at 8:36 am Central Time.

Grief introduced the ABNS Board and staff and thanked the conference sponsors.

Grief then recognized the first time attendees and said the Board and Conference Planning Committee welcome new ideas for orientating first time attendees.

PCNB was recognized for their 40th anniversary of their CPNP exam. Affiliate member Castle Worldwide was also recognized for their 30th anniversary in business.

Consent Agenda

President Grief asked if there were any consent agenda items that should be moved to the main agenda. There were no such requests to do so.

Nominations and Elections

It was reported that there are no open positions for election this year.

Awards and Recognition Committee

Cyndee Nowicki reminded everyone of the January deadline for the 2018 awards. She also discussed the Certification Advocacy Award that was presented to MD Anderson in May 2017.

Research Committee

Leslie Ann Patry shared a list of the committee members and reported on recent past history of the research agenda and the committee activities. She reported that we can look forward to an acceleration of the research agenda between now and the next ABNS meeting.

DNP student, Thomas Houchins, shared his research project. His research involves looking at the NDNQI outcomes and quality indicator data for the last 5-6 years for his facility to get a baseline. His facility is aiming to get every nurse who is eligible to get certified. Board certification will be mandated for all new nurses hired. After their certification goals are made, then plan is to look at the resulting NDNQI data to analyze any

difference. The facility also plans to take an active role in reminding nurses to renew their certification when it comes up for renewal.

One member asked if the Research Committee would provide funding for DNP students. Patry said she would ask the committee to explore how to operationalize that idea.

A member asked if the committee had heard from any Interprofessional Partners. Patry said the committee had not.

Potential Bylaws Change

Lynn Grief shared that the board would be considering whether to add the position of a Past President to the board. She asked for feedback on this proposed change.

Member comments included:

- Asked for clarification if this position would be the immediate Past President?
- There was a concern about lengthening the President-elect/President commitment by adding this role.
- Would the position be voting or advisory only?
- Many in the audience indicated that if they had a Past President on their board, that they were voting members.
- One person said their Past President is an advisory role only.

Grief said the idea would be discussed and refined before it is sent to the membership for a vote.

Conference Timing Discussion

Grief asked for feedback on the October timing of the Fall conference. Is the current practice working or would there be interest in synchronizing the ABNS Fall meeting with the ANCC Magnet conference or another fall conference?

Member comments included:

- Concerns about adding it to Magnet because the Magnet conference is already a lengthy time commitment.
- It would be helpful to tag on to Magnet because there are just so many conferences to attend.
- Would there be a loss of impact/importance of ABNS meeting in connection with another meeting, especially a larger one? It might also be difficult for ABNS to get hotel and meeting rooms.
- Advocate for one meeting per year with two full days instead of two separate meetings per year.
- Could we look at a different month, such as September? Survey the membership about timing.
- Stay with the first week of October for the Fall meeting.
- Do not want to have only one meeting per year due to concerns about communication and loss of momentum.

Adjournment

There being no further agenda items, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10am.