

Minutes of the WNA Annual Meeting
Friday January 20, 2023
12:15 pm – 1:30 pm
DoubleTree, Madison, WI and Virtual ZOOM Platform

The meeting of the WNA Annual Membership Meeting was called to order by Dr. Elizabeth Markham, WNA President at 12:20 pm.

Roll call and Declaration of a Quorum/No Quorum

Roll call was conducted by WNA Acting-Secretary, Amy Hermes. There were 48 members present and the following eight WNA Board of Directors, Beth Markham, President, Gail Hanson Brenner, Vice President, Patrick McNally, Treasurer, Amy Hermes, Acting Secretary, Emilie Krielkamp, Staff Nurse Representative, Chris Bakken, APRN Representative, Tamara Swanson, Director at large, and Jennifer Lindner, Direct at large, 30 WNA members in person and 10 WNA members virtually. This did not constitute a quorum of the membership. However, 100 % of the WNA Board of Directors were present and according WNA Bylaws, Article III, Section 5; had the authority to vote on all action items with member input.

2023 Standing Rules for the WNA Annual Meeting.

The 2023 Standing Rules for the WNA Annual Meeting were made available to the members that were approved by the WNA Board of Directors in anticipation of a no quorum meeting.

2022 WNA Annual Meeting Minutes

President Markham informed the members present that the 2022 WNA Annual Meeting Minutes were approved as written at the February 1, 2023, Executive Committee.

LEADERSHIP REPORTS

WNA Address of the President

President Markham presented her remarks with a focus on WNA's challenges and accomplishments over the past year, continued work with COVID, staffing shortages, workplace violence, in an effort to support the WNA membership and nurses of Wisconsin. Honored Barb Nichols for her induction into the ANA Hall of Fame. Recognized the APRN Roundtable for continued efforts related to the APRN Bill. Additionally, recognized efforts in achieving funding for nursing education.

Report of the Treasurer

WNA Treasurer, Patrick McNally, provided a report of the 2021 WNA Fiscal Year End. Ending Income balance \$628,994, Expenses \$590,030, with Income over Expenses being \$38,914.

As of November 2022:

Income	\$631,605
Expenses	\$669,598
	\$37,993

Reconciling – Grant expenses for Diabetes Conference.

Executive Director

Gina Dennik-Champion, WNA Executive Director pre-recorded her report and it can be found on the WNA website.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

WNA Task Force on Preparing Nurses to Respond to Public Health Emergencies Through a Health Disparities Lens: Adopted 2022. A summary of the work being done by this task force was presented by Kelly Kruse Nelles. In collaboration with WCN, to examine roles and responsibilities during emergencies. Preparing nurses for public health emergencies via education opportunities.

WNA Task force on WNA’s Role in Addressing the Opioid Epidemic in Wisconsin: Adopted 2018. A summary of work being done by this task force was presented by Tracy Kusmaul. Continuing to heighten awareness of the opioid epidemic, it was the leading cause of death in 2020, identify resources/strategies for nurses.

WNA Task Force on Anti-Human Trafficking: Adopted 2021. A summary of the work being done by this task force was presented by Emilie Kreilkamp. Continued work is needed affirm that the global issue of human trafficking is pertinent to the public health of our nation, provide related to education and resources for nurses and partnership with key stakeholders.

WNA Task Force on Digital Health Literacy for Nursing Workforce and Consumers of Health Care: Adopted 2022. A summary of the work being done by this task force was presented by Terri White. Work continues on learning more about digital health literacy and how to identify what nurses need for education related to this topic.

ACTION ITEMS

Report and Recommendations on WNA Dialogue Forum: Supporting Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity within the Nursing Profession

Tamara Swanson presented a recap and recommendations. Tamara moved that the WNA

- Acknowledge that racism in nursing exists.
- Infuse in all of WNA strategies/actions that demonstrate the dismantling of racism in nursing.
- Collaborate with Wisconsin Nursing Associations that represent nurses of color to create an advocacy group to support nurses of color in the political, educational and practice environment.

Second by Chris Bakken.
Motion carried.

WNA ELECTION REPORT

Kathy Rozema, WNA Nominating Committee Representative, reported that the Nominating Committee, Marie Garwood, Chair, Pat Borgman, Pat Keller, and Lindsay Burner prepared a slate of officers. There were 94 WNA members that voted, and the results were as follows:

WNA Board of Directors:

Vice President- Jennifer Lindner

Secretary-Amy Hermes

Directors at Large- Brandon Geracie, Staff Nurse
Representative, Tamara Swanson Rene Buenzow

WNA Councils:

Public Policy Council: Chelsea Collins, Roberta Pawlak, Kim Moorland

Workforce Advocacy Council: Alison Simpson, Tracy Kussmaul, Jenny Malak

Nursing Practice, Education and Research Council (Tri-Council): Linda Matheson, Lindsay Burner,
Alssya Haure

WNA Nominating Committee: Lindsay Burner, Alexis Strong, Pat Borgman

President Markham. WNA President Markham administered the Oath of Office to the elected winners. Acknowledged and thanked Gail Hanson Brenner and Emilie Kreilkamp whose terms had ended.

OTHER BUSINESS

President Markham's request for the opportunity for a point of personal privilege was acknowledged. Barbara Nichols was called forward to be acknowledged for her induction into the ANA Hall of Fame.

Nightingale Tribute

The Nightingale Tribute was led by Maryfran Crist.

Adjournment

Jennifer Lindner moved for adjournment of January 20, 2023, WNA Annual Meeting.

Seconded by Emilie Kreilkamp.

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 143pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Amy Hermes

