



American Association of Neuroscience Nurses

Leadership Call Minutes

**February 20, 2024 at
12pm Pacific - 1pm Mountain - 2pm Central - 3pm Eastern**

I. Roll Call

Attendees:				
AANN Board		AANN Leaders		
Mona Stecker	President	Advocacy, Diversity, & Inclusion	Amina Ibrahim TBD	Committee Chair Co-Chair
Kim Meyer	President-Elect	Annual Conference Planning	Linda Bresette Sarah Ortenzo	Committee Chair Vice Chair
Pat Lane	Past-President	APP Conference Planning	Erin Conahan TBD	Committee Chair Vice Chair
Sue Pugh	Secretary/Treasurer	Awards	Maritza Lopez Susan Halpin	Committee Chair Co-Chair
Erin Fecske	Director	Chapters	Jennifer Wessol (absent) Cindy Bautista	Chapter Facilitator Co-Facilitator
Jennifer Sulanke	Director	CPG Editor	Joan Censullo TBD	CPG Editor CPG Co-Editor
Wendy Miller (absent)	Director	Clinical Science: Research, EBP & Quality	Norma McNair	Committee Chair
Julie Pagel	Director	EPC	Norma McNair Melisa Engebose	Committee Chair Co-Chair
Kiffon Keigher	Director	Stroke Conference Planning	Minna Masor Allison Swihart	Committee Chair Co-Chair
Julie Smith (absent)	Director	Finance	Sue Pugh	Committee Chair
Anjali Perera	Board Mentee	INNRS Planning	DaiWai Olson	Committee Chair
Rachel Malloy (absent)	Incoming Secretary/Treasurer	JNN Editorial Board	DaiWai Olson	Editor
Michael Rogers	Incoming Director	Leadership Development	Sandi Brettler	Committee Chair
Katie Archer	Incoming Director	SFG's	Joanna Rosemberg (absent) Amber Robinson (absent)	Committee Chair Co-Chair
Ashley Gomez	Incoming Mentee	AMWF	Michele Grigaitis-Reyes	President AMWF
		ABNN	Marianne Beare Vyas Samantha Orr	ABNN President ABNN President Elect
		CNRN Test Development Committee	Erin Kennedy Jaclyn Garcia	Chair Co-Chair



American Association of Neuroscience Nurses

		SCRN Test Development Committee	Nicole Burnett (absent) Jennifer Henry (absent)	Chair Co-Chair
		Tri-Board Mentorship	Kyna Seale	Mentorship TF Chair

AANN Staff			
Leah Zamora	Executive Director	Kelly Podkowa	Senior Manager
Joey Maginot	Senior Operations Manager	Rita Norte	Education Manager
Allison Begezda	Senior Marketing Manager	Kelsey Boyle	Operations and Education Coordinator
Meredith Nichols	Senior Education Manager	Julie Nemmer	Senior Finance Manager

I. AANN Updates – *Stecker*

II. Updates from AANN Leaders

- *Advocacy – Ibrahim*
 - i. Continuing to review any incoming endorsement requests from the NCC.
 - 1. AANN recently signed on to a letter supporting the Nurse Faculty Shortage Reduction Act which aims to close the pay gap between nurse faculty and clinicians.
 - ii. The 2020 DEI Survey will be updated and resent to the Membership.
- *Annual Planning – Bresette*
 - i. The 2024 conference will be held March 17 -19 in Salt Lake City, UT.
 - ii. The keynote speaker is Donna Wright, a former nurse, and leadership development expert.
 - iii. There will be 2 preconference sessions both taught by Linda Littlejohns.
 - 1. Brain Anatomy With 3D Correlation to Trauma, Stroke, and Other Pathology in the morning.
 - 2. Spine Anatomy and 3D Correlation to Trauma and Degenerative Disease in the afternoon.
- *APP – Conahan*
 - i. The 2024 APP Conference will be a symposium on the pre-con day of the Annual Conference, which will be held March 17, 2024 in Salt Lake City, UT.
- *Awards – Lopez*
 - i. There were 16 total nominations. There will be an award presented in each category this year. The awards will be presented at the Neuroscience Nursing Annual Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah.
- *Chapters – Bautista*
 - i. AANN had all chapter member networking call on February 15, where Cathy Cartwright presented on Pediatrics.
 - ii. The rest of the 2024 networking call topics are all focused on clinical issues, and will include topics of sleep, brain tumors, and spine.
 - iii. The next all chapter member networking call will be on Thursday April 18.
- *CPG Editorial Board – Censullo*



American Association of Neuroscience Nurses

- i. The Adult Brain Tumor author group has finished distiller reviews and has begun writing.
 - ii. The Spine CPG group has sent a draft to the CPG editorial board and external reviewers.
 - iii. The aSAH writing group is working through level 3 of distiller reviews before moving on to level 4 reviews and completing their evidence table.
 - iv. The Movement Disorder Patients with Deep Brain Stimulation CPG author group is working on finalizing PICO questions now and will start their lit searches shortly.
- Clinical Science: Research, EBP & Quality – *McNair*
 - i. The Neuro 101 orientation task force have created a Delphi Study to find out the orientation components for neuro-ICU nurses. They have completed the survey.
 - ii. The committee formed a task force focusing on the role of APPs and the scope of their practice.
 1. The task force is reviewing survey results and beginning to outline an article for the JNN to share their results with membership.
 - iii. The committee formed a task force focusing on EBP projects and what has been done/can be done for neuro patients.
 1. The task force is in the literature review phase of the project.
 - iv. The Peds Neuroassessment group will have a presentation at the upcoming 2024 Annual Conference.
 - EPC – *McNair*
 - i. AANN is reaccredited through ANCC for another 4 years with distinction.
 - ii. The Annual Needs Assessment is live.
 - iii. The EPC are continuously reviewing our forms and requirements to ensure AANN remains in compliance with ANCC accreditation standards.
 - iv. COI reviews for the APP Symposium and Annual Conference are taking place.
 - Stroke – *Masor*
 - i. The 2024 planning committee has finalized the schedule.
 - ii. The committee met to discuss the keynote speaker for the 2024 conference.
 - iii. The 2024 conference will be held in Houston, TX from August 1-3.
 - Finance – *Pugh*
 - i. Forecasted loss of \$325,439 which is unfavorable to the budgeted loss of \$45,175 – Net excess loss which includes investments is \$269,224.
 - ii. Larger loss in 2023 was mainly due to lower than budgeted registration revenue and corporate support.
 - iii. Product sales exceeded the budget by \$166,000 mainly due to strong sales of the epilepsy certificate program.
 - iv. 2024 Annual Conference is trending below budget for registration.
 - INNRS – *Olson*
 - i. INNRS took place on January 19, 2024 as a 100% virtual event
 1. There were over 100 people on the entire time.
 2. 11 countries were represented.
 - ii. Planning is already underway for the next INNRS.
 1. January 24, 2025
 2. 100% virtual



American Association of Neuroscience Nurses

- JNN – *Olson*
 - i. Submissions are down, which follows a national trend amongst nursing journals.
 - ii. 2.3 impact factor, h index is 48 which is a 150% increase in 5 years.
 - iii. Issue 2 arriving soon and issue 3 sent to publisher.
 - iv. Over 6000 follows on Facebook, Instagram, and they are increasing every month.
- Leadership Development – *Brettler*
 - i. The Committee had a debrief call in January to review the overall interview process. The AANN Board has approved changes to the Board Mentee position, and the LDC is working to incorporate those changes into their process and timeline for the 2024-2025 year.
 - ii. A task force will meet to review the interview questions.
- SFGs – *Norte*
 - i. The committee is focusing on highlighting JNN articles.
 - ii. The number of members in SFGs and Forums are continuing to increase.
- AMWF – *Grigaitis-Reyes*
 - i. The foundation gave out over \$58,000 in grants in 2023.
 - ii. One of the goals for the Board is to look for more corporate support in 2024.
 - iii. The Board will meet next on March 15 in Salt Lake City in conjunction with the Annual Conference and we will be joined by two new Director-at-Large members, Pat Lane and Tracey Berlin. The board will continue to focus on increasing fundraising goals.
- ABNN – *Vyas*
 - i. ABNN is getting ready for the Spring Board meeting in conjunction with the AANN Annual Conference in March.
 - ii. The 2023 recertification cycle finished.
 - iii. The PVCT Task Force presented a poster at the AANN Virtual INNRS in January and are working to have a manuscript submitted.
 - iv. The President-Elect (Samantha Orr) and Incoming President-Elect (Rebecca Banat) just recently attended an ASAE CEO Symposium.
 - v. ABNN is conducting pre-work for Strategic Planning to help shape the plan for the next 3-5 years.
 - vi. Staff exhibited at the International Stroke Conference (ISC).
 - vii. The SCRN certification program is due for ABSNC Reaccreditation. The application was submitted and ABNN will address ABSNC comments.
- CNRN TDC – *Kennedy*
 - i. The CNRN TDC is getting ready for the exam review meeting that will be held in-person at the AANN Annual Conference.
 - 1. The 3 new appointments have been made so the incoming TDC members will have their orientation before the March meeting.
 - 2. Terms will also roll over in March so Erin will roll off as Chair, Jacki will transition from Co-Chair to Chair, and a new Chair will start in March.
 - ii. There is a new Job Analysis Study. A new task force has been created to work with ABNN's testing company, to review and update the CNRN content outline to ensure it reflects current neuroscience nursing practice.
 - 1. The first meeting was held in October in Scottsdale.



American Association of Neuroscience Nurses

2. The survey was sent out.
 3. The second meeting will be in conjunction with the AANN conference and the task force will review the survey results and determine a revised content outline for the Board to approve. The new content outline will go into effect for the July 2025 exam window.
- **SCRN TDC – Podkowa**
 - i. The SCRN TDC is getting ready for the exam review meeting that will be held in-person at the AANN Annual Conference.
 1. The 4 appointments made will have their orientation before the March meeting.
 2. Terms will roll over in March so Nicole will roll off as Chair, Jennifer will transition from Co-Chair to Chair, and Chad Schrier who is currently on the SCRN TDC will move into the Co-Chair position.
 - **Tri-board Mentorship – Seale**
 - i. The current Mentorship cycle is halfway through. The 6-month evaluations for the 10 current matches were due at the end of December. The task force will be reviewing the results of those in a call within the next month.
 - ii. The next cycle of applications will open in early March with a deadline in mid-April.

III. Questions/ Open Discussion

IV. Adjourn: President Stecker adjourned the meeting at 2:41 p.m.

Next Call: May 14, 2024 at 2:00pm Central