



MINUTES
MNRS Business Meeting
Sunday, March 30, 2014
5:00 – 6:30 PM CT

Call to Order

MNRS President Dr. Linda Herrick called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM CT on Saturday, March 29, 2014.

Introduction of Board Members

Dr. Herrick welcomed and introduced the MNRS Board of Directors and staff to the membership.

Those present were:

Linda Herrick, President
Janet Larson, Past President
Margorie Jean Bott, Treasurer
Linda Chlan, Secretary
Kathleen Buckwalter, Ex-Officio Member as MNRS Foundation President
Ann Marie McCarthy, Director-at-Large
Vicki Conn, Director-at-Large
Cindy Anderson, Director-at-Large

President's Report

Dr. Herrick presented the President's Report which included an update on recent activities and future considerations for MNRS. The Vision and Mission were presented along with the primary goals and themes: Funding for Research & Scholarships, Networking, Career Development, Membership Growth & Showcase Research.

Declaration of a Quorum

Dr. Chlan verified that a quorum, representative of at least 10% of the membership, was present.

Recognition of Founding Members, Past Presidents, and Past Board Members

Dr. Herrick recognized the Founding Members, Past Presidents and Past Board Members of MNRS and thanked them for their contribution to MNRS.

Election Results

Dr. Janet Larson, Nominating Committee Chair, announced the results of the 2014 election. Ballots were sent to all members in accordance with Article IV, Section 3 of the MNRS Bylaws and that Bylaws requirements regarding a voting quorum had been met. The following Board Members were elected:

Susan M. Rawl, President-Elect
Bob Topp, Vice President
Helen Lach, Secretary
Patricia Hershberger, Director-at-Large

Additionally, it was announced that Barbara Smith and Constance Dallas have been elected to the Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee consisting of Donna McCarthy Beckett, Jennifer Doering, Cynthia Arslanian-Engoren, Rosemary C. White-Traut were recognized for their service in this role.

Financial Report

Dr. Bott presented the Treasurer's Report and noted the finances were sound with assets totaling \$509,011, an 8% increase from 2012. Dr. Bott added that reserves represented 80% of operating expenses.

Membership Report

Dr. Hobbs presented the Membership report and noted the current membership total at 1431.

Resolutions

Dr. Herrick recognized outgoing board members, the Program Planning Committee and the Program Planning Committee Chair, Dr. Sharon Tucker, for their service to the organization. Additionally, Dr. Herrick thank the host schools for their contribution to the organization.

WJNR Report

Dr. Conn recognized winners of Best Paper Awards and announced that submissions for 2015 Best Paper Awards were now being accepted. Dr. Conn recognized the Editorial Board for their service to the organization and additionally recognized all published authors within the organization.

MNRS Foundation Report

Dr. Buckwalter recognized the Foundation Board of Trustees for their service to the Foundation. Founders' Circle members were also recognized. Dr. Buckwalter provided an update regarding the current and future activities of the Foundation and explained that monetary goals for the endowment fund had been exceeded. It was added that this was the first year interest funds were used to fund a dissertation grant. A special thanks was given to Dr. Holli Devon for organizing this year's successful raffle and noted \$8,110 was raised from it.

The school raffle winners were announced:

- 1st place: Michigan State University
- 2nd place: Goldfarb Jewish School of Nursing at Barnes Jewish College
- 3rd place: University of Nebraska
- Honorable Mention: University of Illinois at Chicago

Dr. Buckwalter announced the incoming Board of Trustee members:

Elizabeth A. Madigan, Treasurer

Susan J. Pressler, Trustee

New Business

Dr. Herrick asked attendees if there was any new business that needed to be discussed with the membership. No new business was addressed.

Adjourn

Dr. Herrick adjourned the meeting at 6:04 PM CT.