

MINUTES



MNRS Annual Business Meeting

March 26, 2021 – 2:45 CDT

Call to Order

MNRS President Dr. Cindy Anderson called the 45th Annual Business Meeting to order at 2:45 PM CDT on Friday, March 26, 2021.

After a brief welcome to all members in attendance and a confirmation of a quorum, C. Anderson introduced and thanked the MNRS Board of Directors, Founding Members, Past Presidents, MNRS Executive Office staff, and all committee chairs and volunteers.

President's Report

C. Anderson presented the 2020-2021 President's Report highlighting the year's accomplishments including: establishing new Diversity Task Group and a new Implementation Work Group, launching new nomenclature for the Research & Implementation Interest Groups, transitioning from listserv to the new Groupsite community networking platform, and hosting webinars on professional development topics.

C. Anderson shared a membership report including the 2019 calendar year ending with 1,360 members, representing a 3.5% year-over-year increase; 52% regular members, 45% student members and 3% retired and international members. MNRS membership represents 35 states, with the highest concentration of membership in Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Missouri.

Secretary's Report

Dr. Amy Hoffman presented the 2020 Annual Meeting minutes.

Upon **MOTION** duly made, seconded and voted UNANIMOUSLY, the membership approved the minutes from April 3, 2020 as submitted, without edits.

2021 ELECTION RESULTS

C. Anderson announced the results of the 2021 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 MNRS Board of Director Members were elected:

- Diane Von Ah, Treasurer
- Kamal Eldeirawi, Member-At-Large
- Carolyn Harmon-Still, Member-At-Large

C. Anderson announced Dr. Breanna Hetland and Dr. Jiyong Ling were also elected by a majority of votes to the MNRS Nominating Committee.

Financial Report

Dr. Sharon Tucker, MNRS Board of Director Treasurer, thanked the Finance Committee for their dedication and updated the membership on the organization's financial position including a clean financial audit in 2020 and affirmation that the books, accounts, and procedures are in good order. S. Tucker announced that as of December 31, 2020, MNRS revenue surpassed expenses and fiscal year ending 2020 showed an operating net income for the second time in six years. The MNRS Board and Finance Committee continues to be committed to financial longevity, paying back the investment accounts for past withdrawals, developing an operating reserve and stewarding funds to expand membership benefits according to the strategic plan.

WJNR Report

Dr. Vicki Conn, WJNR Editor, recognized winners of the WJNR/SAGE Best Paper Awards and recognized the Editorial Board for their service to the organization. Additionally, V. Conn recognized all published authors within MNRS and encouraged members to submit their papers for the 2021 WJNR Award Paper Contest.

MNRS Foundation Report

Dr. JoEllen Wilbur, Foundation President, recognized the Foundation Board of Trustees for their service to the Foundation. J. Wilbur shared the success of the annual giving society and recognized the donors this fiscal year including the Current Board Members, Past Presidents, Past Board Members, Past Grant Recipients, Anniversary Circle, and the corporate supporters.

New Business

C. Anderson announced the Board of Directors is launching a Leadership Academy for MNRS members. The new program will begin in the Fall of 2021 with three (3) members selected from an application process opening in April 2021. C. Anderson shared that the purpose of the program will be to identify, engage, and nurture future generations of MNRS leaders and the deadline to apply for the inaugural year of the Leadership Academy is May 15, 2021.

C. Anderson shared that the MNRS regular member dues will remain stable in 2021-2022:

\$238	Regular Members
\$116	Student Members
\$121	Retired/International Members

Additionally, C. Anderson shared that the MNRS membership year will transition from renewing based on member anniversary to renewing annually on July 1. The membership year for all members will be July 1 to June 30 and membership renewals will be emailed in May 2021.

C. Anderson invited the conference attendees and all members to join MNRS for the 46th Annual Research Conference in Schaumburg, IL on March 30 – April 2, 2022. The University of Illinois Chicago is the Host School and Rush University and Loyola University Chicago are the Co-Host Schools. C. Anderson announced that Dr. Terri Weaver, Dean of the University of Illinois Chicago School of Nursing, will welcome everyone to join the conference in Northwest Chicago in 2022.

RESOLUTIONS

C. Anderson announced the service resolution unanimously voted by the MNRS Board of Directors on March 24, 2021. MNRS recognized the following Nursing Schools of the Big Ten Academic Alliance: University of Wisconsin – Madison, University of Michigan, Michigan State University, The Ohio State University, Rutgers, Indiana University, University of Minnesota, and the University of Iowa, as the 2021 Annual Conference Host and Co-Host Schools. C. Anderson recognized Dr. Julie Anderson, 2021 Program Planning Committee Chair, and the volunteer committee members who made the conference possible. Additionally, C. Anderson honored outgoing MNRS Board of Director members, Dr. Sharon Tucker, Dr. Heather Hardin, and Dr. JoEllen Wilbur, for their service to the organization and membership. Dr. Kathleen Buckwalter accepted the position of MNRS Board President and honored C. Anderson for her service as President from 2019-2021.

Adjournment

C. Anderson adjourned the meeting at 4:00 PM CDT.