



# DECISION MAKING RIG 2017 Summary/Plans

## Purpose

The purpose of this RIG is to advance inquiry of various aspects of decision making within nursing science, provide a forum for disseminating knowledge relative to decision making, promote opportunities for scholarly networking and mentoring, and recognize significant contributions of nurses to decision science research.

The Decision Making RIG is fortunate to have many experienced and funded researchers who actively contribute to the body of decision making knowledge. Our members embrace a rich diversity of theoretical and methodological approaches to the study of decision making and choice behaviors of both clients and providers.

## Who Should Join?

Nurses and nursing students with an interest in decision making science, decision support systems, clinical reasoning and decision making in nursing practice, shared provider–client decision making, or decision making behaviors of health care clients in all arenas of nursing practice.

## Overall/Long Term Goals

Showcase decision making research and provide linkages between researchers.

Facilitate networking within the section to enable collegial discussions related to decision science.

## 2017 -2018 Goals

### *Immediate Goals:*

- **Encourage members to engage with the Decision Making RIG through:**
  - Communication at regular intervals throughout the year to highlight member activities, accomplishments, and research interests.
  - Participation in RIG activities, such as award nomination and review of applications
- **Expand RIG membership**
- **Publicize 2018 Awards to encourage nominations**

### *Future Goals:*

- **Plan Guaranteed Symposium for 2019 MNRS Conference**
- **Expand RIG membership**
- **Recognize member accomplishments through annual awards**

## Recent Activities/Highlights

- Congratulations to Decision Making RIG chair Dr. Lisa Carter-Harris who is the recipient of [an R15 grant funded by the National Cancer Institute to test the conceptual model she developed to understand lung cancer screening participation from the perspective of the individual making the decision to screen or not for lung cancer. This is a 3-year mixed methods study that will help advance the state of the science in this emerging cancer screening option for high-risk smokers.](#)

## 2017-2018 RIG Contacts

- Chair Lisa Carter Harris, PhD, [APRN, ANP-C](#) lcharris@iu.edu
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- Past Chair Betsy Wilber, PhD, RN \_\_\_\_\_-wilberbe@lewisu.edu
- RIG Liaison Shannon Gillespie, PhD, RN \_\_\_\_\_gillespie.175@osu.edu

- Grants Committee Rep Martha Libster, PhD, APRN-CNS martha@goldenapplehealingarts.com
- Grants Committee Rep Ron Piscotty, PhD, RN piscotty@son.umaryland.edu

### 2018 RIG Awards to be Offered

- Outstanding Dissertation /Doctor of Nursing Practice Project Award
- Emerging Scholar Award
- Senior Researcher Award

### 2017 RIG Meeting - Attendance/Minutes

Attendance: Dorota Bartoszczyk, Steven Baumann, Erica Davisson, Tammie Gainey, Gail Johnson, Siobahn Harper, Martha Libster, Karen Moss, Ron Piscotty, Tanya Trotter, Betsy Wilber, Diane Williams

Minutes from the 2017 RIG Meeting at the Annual Conference

1. Members in attendance shared their research interests and current projects.
2. Betsy Wilber shared updates from the Research Interest Groups Chairpersons meeting, including:
  - a. The Communications Committee and the RIG Advisory Committee will be merged into a single committee to enhance communication with MNRS members. The name and composition of the committee has not been finalized.
  - b. Continued need for grant reviewers; a rotating schedule is in place for RIGs to provide representation. **Thank you** to new Decision Making RIG member, Dr. Ron Piscotty, who offered to join Dr. Martha Libster as a grant reviewer, increasing our representation on the Grants Review Committee.
3. Members in attendance were advised the RIG chair-elect, Dr. Lisa Carter-Harris, was unable to attend the RIG meeting due to a conflict with her presentation in the poster discussion session on Health Promoting Behaviors across the Life Span.
4. Progress on Decision Making RIG 2016-2017 goals:
  - a. No applications were received for our 2016 Outstanding Dissertation/DNP award.
  - b. RIG membership increased; the RIG now has the roster required to maintain a RIG.
5. General discussion included:
  - a. A suggestion to the MNRS annual conference planning committee that the RIG meeting schedule be reconsidered. The current schedule forces attendees to choose between concurrent sessions and their RIG meeting. Breakfast or lunch meetings would avoid this conflict.
  - b. A suggestion to MNRS that the call for abstracts for guaranteed symposia be distributed to all MNRS members, as opposed to members of the sponsoring RIG only.
  - c. Suggestions to increase RIG activities included:
    - i. a regular Meet the Member feature on our RIG page;
    - ii. regular communication throughout the year (for example three times per year or quarterly) to keep members engaged;
    - iii. clarification of the *Who Should Join* section of the RIG page to insure potential members understand the focus of the RIG as decision making by both providers and patients/clients.
  - d. In the course of discussion regarding clarification of the *Who Should Join* section of the of the RIG homepage on the MNRS website, members in attendance noted that decision making permeates all aspects of nursing work and self care activities of both clients and providers. While members believe the Decision Making RIG should remain a separate RIG, there could be opportunities to plan future symposia with other RIGs, such as the Self Care RIG.
  - e. A discussion regarding awards to be offered by the RIG yielded consensus among those in attendance that offering multiple awards might increase interest in the RIG and increase submissions. Since MNRS supports only one plaque per RIG, the suggestion was made to rotate the plaque among the award categories. All award recipients can be provided with a certificate of recognition for their professional portfolio. Further discussion regarding the award submission

requirements ensued with the consensus that award criteria should not be simplified to encourage applications, as this potentially diminishes the significance of the awards.

6. Goals for 2017-2018 were established through discussion of potential activities (see Goals section above).
  7. A chair elect for the group is needed. The membership will be advised via email of this opportunity for professional service at the regional level.
  8. Welcome to our new members and thank you to all who participated in the meeting!
- Submitted by Betsy Wilber, Past Chair, Decision Making Research Interest Group