



## Research Interest Group (RIG) Meeting Summary Form

Each RIG Chair will need to submit this form to [info@mnrs.org](mailto:info@mnrs.org) within two (2) weeks after the Annual Conference ends.

**RIG Name:** Qualitative Methods

**Number Attended:** 23

**RIG Leadership for the past year:**

Chair-elect: Jill Peltzer

Chair: Susan Bonis

Past-chair: Maria Yelle

**RIG Leadership for the upcoming year with complete contact information:**

Leadership role (name of individual):	Affiliation:	Email:	Telephone:
Chair-elect: Lynne Connelly	Benedictine College Department of Nursing	<a href="mailto:lconnelly@benedictine.edu">lconnelly@benedictine.edu</a>	913-360-7560
Chair: Jill Peltzer	University of Kansas School of Nursing	<a href="mailto:jpeltzer2@kumc.edu">jpeltzer2@kumc.edu</a>	913-588-3396
Past Chair: Susan Bonis	University of Wisconsin Milwaukee College of Nursing	<a href="mailto:bonis@uwm.edu">bonis@uwm.edu</a>	414-229-6522

**RIG Snapshots:** Each RIG has its own web page within the MNRS website for you to highlight the section's activities and plans for the upcoming year(s):

Upcoming Awards

- Outstanding Dissertation Award
- Junior Investigator Award

Upcoming Research Snapshots

- Will send email to coordinate calendar of highlighting RIG members

**Qualitative Methods RIG**  
**MNRS 2017 Annual Research Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota**  
**4-7-17**

**Chaired by Dr. Jill Peltzer**

- 1.) Introductions and a Sign In sheet was passed around
- 2.) Awards for Junior Researcher Award: Dr. Cynthia Bell
- 3.) Award for Outstanding Dissertation Award: Dr. Doncy Eapen
- 4.) Presentations of each of the awardees (10 min each)
- 5.) Dr. Peltzer provided summary of the Chair RIG meeting that this is a restructuring year for all RIGs. Proposal is due at the end of April.
- 6.) Question was asked to the group, " What is your vision for the RIG? "

**Responses from the group:**

- Jill and Maria introduced a possible educational component, example from feedback last year on philosophical underpinnings of phenomenology workshop.
- Meeting people with common interests.
- Survey was conducted to get feedback from RIG in Chairing past RIGS
- Collaboration
- Support for students
- Support for researchers
- Mentioned Linked In was a mechanism was we tried in the past to connect these common interests, but little response and connection happened.
- A place where there is a need to recruit qualitative reviewers, for example, in Gerontology, there are a lot of qualitative studies, but few people who know qualitative methods to be qualified to review.
- RIG is a place to connect
- Email a simple survey to identify needs
- More time for social get together face to face during annual conference rather than via email or on-line, because 1 hour is not enough.
- Upcoming is a either guaranteed symposium or competitive symposium.
- Want a RIG for networking
- Education
- Try to work on a preconference
- A RIG to help people who feel stuck
- A place to reach out to students to help them get unstuck.
- Use spotlights to highlight experts in methodologies to create community
- New letters of accomplishments of people from our RIG

**Summary moving forward**

- Networking
- Support
- Education



- Mentoring
- Someone from Nursing Science Quarterly
  
- **Ideas for symposium:**
- How Qualitative Research Can Inform Intervention Research
- How do you defend or write about qualitative methods with an N of 10 to competitive journals and grants
- Voiced interest in competitive symposium.
- How can qualitative methods inform Big Data?

Pictures were taken of the awardees.

Minutes submitted by Maria Yelle 4-11-17