



Research Interest Group (RIG) Meeting Summary Form

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

RIG Name: Women's Health & Transitions in Childbearing

Number Attended: 22

RIG Leadership for the past year:

Chair-elect: Mary Dawn Koenig, PhD, RN, CNM

Chair: Shannon Gillespie, PhD, RN

Past-chair: Carla Pohl, DNP, CNM

RIG Leadership for the upcoming year with complete contact information:

Leadership role (name of individual):	Affiliation:	Email:	Telephone:
Co-Chair-elects: Susan Vonderheid, PhD, RN Adejoke Ayoola, PhD	UIC Calvin College	vonde@uic.edu aba3@calvin.edu	312-996-7982 616-526-6059
Chair: Mary Dawn Koenig, PhD, RN, CNM	UIC	marydh@uic.edu	312-996-7942
Past Chair: Shannon Gillespie, PhD, RN	The Ohio State University	Gillespie.175@osu.edu	614-292-4589

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

- Undergraduate Research
- Graduate Research
- New Investigator
- Senior Investigator
- Research Publication

Upcoming Research Snapshots

- Competitive Symposium
 - Women's Health across the Lifespan
 - Pregnancy and Postpartum: A Methods-Focused Discussion Forum
- RIG Collaborative Google Docs to be Developed
- Quarterly Update of Member Achievements to be Initiated and Disseminated via Listserv

Women's Health & Transitions in Childbearing RIG Meeting Minutes

Friday, March 18th, 2016

Meeting Called at 1pm CT

- 1) Welcome (Shannon Gillespie)
- 2) Minutes (Volunteer Scribe- Jennifer Shenkosky)
- 3) Business (Shannon Gillespie)
 - a. Leadership Meeting Highlights
 - updated on communication committee recommendation to determine which method of communication is preferred, group decided listserv is preferred method and very few individuals use linkedin
 - updated that our abstract and award scoring system is working very well, there is interest from other RIGs to standardize this process, will keep members posted on changes
 - b. Election of Chair-Elect
 - Shannon Gillespie described the process (i.e., 3 year term as elect, chair, past)
 - Susan Vonderheid was nominated by a colleague, Adejoke Ayoola was nominated by a colleague, they each informed the group of their work
 - Shannon Gillespie moved to elect co-chair-elects – motion was seconded – unanimous vote voiced to elect Susan and Adejoke as Co-Chair-Elects and they accepted
 - c. 2017 Competitive Symposia
 - Shannon Gillespie put forth the idea of putting a call out for 2 – one focused on Women's Health across the Lifespan and another on Pregnancy & Postpartum
 - Mary Dawn Koenig added that an idea that was discussed at the RIG Chair meeting was a methods-based discussion forum – she suggested focusing this on pregnancy/postpartum due to the unique populations – the group agreed
 - Idea put forth about genomics or bio-based symposium – Shannon Gillespie cautioned against having the topic be too specific due to previous years of insufficient numbers of abstracts submitted
- 4) Recognitions (Shannon Gillespie)
 - a. Thank You to reviewers and welcome to new members and students
 - b. Informed members of Competitive Symposium (Saturday, March 19th, 9-10:30AM, Pregnancy & Postpartum)
 - Lindsey Garfield, PhD, RN, APN
 - Carmen Giurgescu, PhD, RN
 - Aleeca Bell, PhD
 - Mary Dawn Koenig, PhD, RN, CNM
 - Melissa A. Saftner, PhD, CNM, RN
 - c. Informed members of additional Women's Health & Transitions in Childbearing Symposia
 - Friday, March 18th, 10:30AM-12PM
 - Saturday, March 19th, 9-10:30AM
 - d. Informed members of Women's Health & Transitions in Childbearing Poster Discussion Forum
 - Saturday, March 19th, 11AM-12:30PM
 - e. Research Section Awards
 - Senior Investigator Award: Carol Musil, PhD, RN, FAAN, FGSA
 - New Investigator Award: Mary Byrn, RN, PhD
 - Graduate Research Award: Shannon Gillespie, PhD, RN (*Distinguished Abstract)

- 5) Provided opportunity for everyone to introduce themselves and area of research
- 6) Reviewed RIG Goals (Shannon Gillespie)
 - Advance Nursing Science, Enhance the Careers of Nurse Scientists, Promote Collaborations, Encourage Nursing Students to Become Nurse Scientists
 - Opened Up Discussion of Additional Ways to Promote Collaborations and Encourage Nursing Students to Become Nurse Scientists
 - Suggestion for Google Doc Page where people could input their own information if they were open to being contacted by RIG members for various inquiries/opportunities
 - There was a good deal of interest and no dissent (Mary Dawn Koenig will put this together)
 - There was also interest in developing a quarterly update of member accomplishments (e.g., publications; Mary Dawn Koenig will lead this effort)
- 7) Shannon Gillespie thanked everyone for coming and moved to adjourn, was seconded, adjournment at 2pm CT

Minutes Taken by **Jennifer Shenkosky** and Typed/ Submitted by **Shannon Gillespie** on Monday, March 21, 2016