

## Agenda for Palliative and End-of-Life Care RIG: Annual Meeting 2019

Friday, March 29, 2019, 1 to 2 pm, Julia Lee A

Chair: Renee Kumpula, EdD, RN, PHN

Chair-elect: Rebecca Lehto, PhD, RN, FAAN; Past Chair: Christine Fortney, PhD, RN

1. **Welcome:** At 1 pm, Renee Kumpula called the meeting to order. She welcomed members and thanked them for their contributions to the RIG over the last year. She proposed the agenda with 37 in attendance.
  - a. Introductions with Meet and greet: Members introduced themselves to one or two members nearby and were encouraged to exchange information or business cards. This was in lieu of a full networking activity due to the time constraints with a shortened slot for the meeting schedule.
  - b. The Chair introduced Karen Kehl, the NINR program officer for palliative/EOL research who was available to meet with RIG members during the conference.
  - c. The PEOLC RIG membership list was distributed during the meeting to confirm contact information and volunteer opportunities.
  
2. **Old Business:** Renee Kumpula acknowledged the valuable work of RIG members.
  - a. Rebecca Lehto, Chair-elect and Chris Fortney, Past Chair were thanked for their contributions.
  - b. The Chair recognized the ongoing contributions of past chairs, Misako Mayahara and Mary Minton, and MNRS grant reviewers, Mary Minton and Misako Mayahara.
  - c. The Chair thanked volunteer RIG reviewers of abstracts and award nominations for 2018 to 2019 and volunteers for RIG conference events.
  
3. **Summary of Year 2018-2019:** Chair, Renee Kumpula, gave a summary of RIG achievements and reviewed the purpose to promote and support research focused on palliative and end-of-life care with the RIG long term goals to: 1) Continue to improve/increase communication and networking between RIG members outside of the Annual Meeting and 2) Highlight the research and recognize the accomplishments of our members through all available mechanisms. She cited input from the previous annual meeting including suggestions for a survey and networking session that were implemented before the conference.
  - a. **Membership:** There were 56 members before conference, 15 added, and 74 by the end of conference.
  
  - b. **Survey:** A Fall 2018 survey of membership was presented by Megan Flanigan, PhD student. Results included 20 participants, 50% had attended the 2018 annual meeting. Participant interests included increasing collaboration and networking opportunities such as a newsletter, virtual meet and greet sessions, a journal club, and webinars (full report is linked on the webpage).
  
  - c. **Strategic Plan:** The Chair presented the Strategic Plan with short term goals to: 1) Increase awareness and visibility of the PEOLC RIG and member contributions, 2) Utilize the website to increase interest and connect with membership, and 3) Increase active membership, recruitment of new members, and member publications. The short-term goals were achieved (listed on the webpage):
    - i. **Know our members:** The membership database was updated during the 2018-2019 leadership team transition, before the Call for RIG awards, and before and during the MNRS conference. The Chair sent monthly updates, which are also published on the RIG webpage for members to stay current.
    - ii. **Consult our members:** The survey data resulted in creating a RIG publications list and being able to involve more RIG members at conference events. It is proposed to collect yearly member information including publications to update the list before the conference. The RIG should also consider collaborative papers and other opportunities in the future.
    - iii. **Activate our members:** Members submitted abstracts and were nominated for both MNRS awards and RIG awards. Members volunteered for abstract review and award reviews. Members who volunteered in the survey assisted with MNRS conference events. Member involvement was increased through the New Member orientation (8 attendees), the PEOLC Networking event (10 attendees), the RIG Annual meeting (37 attendees), and the PEOLC Competitive Symposium (44 attendees) at the 2019 conference,
    - iv. **Increase member visibility:** The leadership team facilitated the scholarship and research contributions of members with the first Competitive Symposium for the RIG (see below). The RIG nominated members for MNRS awards and Meg Campbell was awarded the MNRS Distinguished Contribution award. The RIG acknowledged contributions to the field with RIG award recipients (next agenda item). The leadership team added the Mid-Career Investigator award and the membership approved. The webpage highlighted member achievements especially within the informational email updates including photos and the creation of a publications list (posted on the webpage).

- d. **RIG webpage:** categories were added including: introducing board members, RIG Awards, monthly RIG updates; RIG publication list (including 8 or more members); and RIG Annual meeting notes.

4. **RIG Award Presentation:** PEOLC RIG Awardees were presented with awards.
  - a. DNP Project Award: Jessica Spruit, DNP, APRN, Wayne State University; Title: *Knowledge, beliefs, and behaviors related to palliative care delivery among pediatric oncology health care providers*
  - b. Dissertation Award: Amanda Kirkpatrick, PhD, RN, Creighton University; Title: *Development of Palliative Care Competence in Undergraduate Nursing Students through End-of-Life Simulation*
  - c. New Investigator Award: Christine Fortney, PhD, RN; The Ohio State University
  - d. Mid-Career Investigator: Rebecca Lehto, PhD, RN, FAAN; Michigan State University
  - e. Award recipients gave a short overview of their research at the conclusion of the meeting.

The Chair recognized Dr. Margaret Campbell who was awarded the MNRS Distinguished Contribution award in the MNRS Awards ceremony. Members were encouraged to attend Campbell's presentation on her research immediately prior to the MNRS Awards ceremony right after the Competitive Symposium.

5. **Nominations for 2018-2019:** The Chair entertained discussion for expanding the leadership team to continue growing the membership. Members discussed having co-chairs elect for 2019-2020. It was decided that one nominee be a faculty and the other be in practice with the option of a graduate student serving with co-chair. A motion was made and seconded, and subsequently approved by the majority. Maryellen Potts, faculty, and Megan Flanigan, PhD student, volunteered as Co-chairs and there were no other volunteers or nominations. Maryellen Potts and Megan Flanigan were unanimously selected as Co-chairs-elect.

#### 6. **New business and Discussion**

- a. **Social media and communications:** Past-chair, Christine Fortney updated the membership on social media with the MNRS Communications Committee. She entertained discussion and polled responses to member use of or receptiveness to using Twitter, Facebook, etc.
- b. **Mid-Career Investigator Award:** The Chair entertained discussion of the RIG awards structure. Members approved the current award for the mid-career; a motion was made and seconded, and subsequently approved by majority vote of members present.
- c. **Student representatives:** The Chair entertained discussion of having student representatives to work with the leadership. A motion was made and seconded, and subsequently approved by majority vote of members present. Several students volunteered or were nominated including Josh Hardin, Erica McClure, and Lindsay Obarzanek. They were unanimously selected as the new student representatives.
- d. Renee Kumpula acknowledged the contributions of Christine Fortney, outgoing Past Chair, for her excellent leadership and service to the RIG and the MNRS Communications Committee.
- e. The Chair welcomed Rebecca Lehto, incoming Chair, to carry the RIG and leadership team forward.

**Announcements:** Renee made several announcements of interest to members:

**The PEOLC Competitive Symposium, *Emerging Trends in the Palliative and End-Of-Life Care of Patients and Families*** at 3:15 to 4:45 pm in Truman A (East). (linked on webpage)

Had 44 attendees. Renee Kumpula, EdD RN PHN, served as Chair/Moderator, University of Minnesota

- Susan O'Conner-Von, PhD, RNC, Presenter, University of Minnesota; *Pediatric Oncology Nurses' Experiences with Children at Their End of Life*
- Verna Hendricks-Ferguson, PhD, RN, CHPPN, FPCN, FAAN, Presenter, Saint Louis University; *Communication Preferences by African American Breast Cancer Survivors and Their Home Caregivers*
- Stephanie Gilbertson-White, PhD, APRN, Presenter, University of Iowa; *Assessing Individuals with OASIS: Web-Based Symptom Management with Rural Patients*
- Rebecca Lehto, PhD, RN, Presenter, Michigan State University; *Mental Health at the End of Life in Patients with Advanced Cancer*
- Christine Fortney, Ph.D. RN, Presenter, The Ohio State University; *Understanding Medical Complexity among Infants at End of Life.*

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**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm

*Respectfully, Renee Kumpula, Chair*