

MINUTES



MNRS Annual Business Meeting March 29, 2019 – 5:15 PM CDT

I. Call to Order

MNRS President Dr. Janean Holden called the 43rd Annual Business Meeting to order at 5:15 PM CDT on Friday, March 29, 2019.

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

II. President's Report

J. Holden presented the 2018-2019 President's Report highlighting the year's accomplishments including: the management transition to Parthenon Management Group, the progress towards greater financial health, enhanced member communication and outreach and increased scientific submissions for the conference.

III. Secretary's Report

Dr. Amy Hoffman, MNRS Board of Directors Secretary, verified that a quorum, representative of at least 10% of the membership, was present.

Upon **MOTION** duly made, seconded and voted UNANIMOUSLY, the membership approved the minutes from April 15, 2018 as submitted, without edits.

IV. 2019 ELECTION RESULTS

Dr. Susan Rawl, MNRS Nominations Committee Chair, announced the results of the 2019 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:

- Sharon Tucker, MNRS Treasurer
- Kamal Eldeirawi, Member-At-Large
- Heather Hardin, Member-At-Large

S. Rawl announced that Dr. Shannon Gillespie and Dr. Jacqueline Meyer were also elected by a majority of votes to the MNRS Nominating Committee.

V. 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 2018 and affirmation that the books, accounts, and procedures are in good order. S. Tucker announced that as of December 31, 2018, MNRS revenue is trending up and the expenses are trending down and that the Board continues to work towards ensuring a budget positive year and the financial independence of the Foundation.

VI. Membership Report

J. Holden shared a membership report including the 2018 calendar year ending with 1,198 members, representing a 3.4% year-over-year increase.

VII. RESOLUTIONS

J. Holden announced the service resolution unanimously voted by the MNRS Board of Directors on March 27, 2019.

MNRS recognized the University of Kansas, School of Nursing and the University of Missouri-Kansas City, School of Nursing and Health Studies, as the 2019 Annual Conference Host Schools. Additionally, Baker University, Fort Hays University, Barnes Jewish College, Goldfarb School of Nursing, Washburn University, Pittsburg State University, University of Missouri, Sinclair School of Nursing, University of Missouri-Saint Louis, Nursing, and the University of St. Mary as 2019 Annual Conference Co-Host Schools.

J. Holden recognized Dr. Marilyn Frenn, 2019 Program Planning Committee Chair, and the volunteer committee members who made the conference possible. Additionally, J. Holden honored outgoing MNRS Board of Director members, Dr. Mary Anthony and Dr. Janet Larson, for their service to the organization and membership.

Dr. Cindy Anderson recognized and thanked J. Holden for her service as MNRS Board of Directors President before accepting the symbolic gavel as the new MNRS Board of Directors President.

VIII. 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 2019 WJNR Award Paper Contest.

IX. MNRS Foundation Report

Dr. Janet Larson, Foundation President, recognized the Foundation Board of Trustees for their service to the Foundation and the Foundation Fundraising Committee for their work planning the raffle and reception. J. Larson announce the Founders' Circle and Ambassadors' Circle were sunset in June 2018 and a new gemstone annual giving society launched in July 2018 with opportunities to give recurring gifts. All donors to the gemstone society were recognized.

J. Larson provided an update on the Joseph and Jean Buckwalter Named Grant and acknowledged Dr. Kathleen Buckwalter for her continued commitment and generosity.

X. New Business

J. Holden announced that as of July 2019, the MNRS membership dues, after more than 5 years at the current rate, would increase by 5% in 2019-2020 and 3% annually thereafter.

J. Holden invited the conference attendees and all members to join MNRS for the 44th Annual Research Conference outside the Chicago area in Schaumburg, IL on April 1-4, 2020. The University of Illinois at Chicago, Nursing Dean, Dr. Terri Weaver, welcomed everyone to join the conference in Illinois on behalf of the 2020 Host Schools, the University of Illinois at Chicago, Nursing, Rush University, College of Nursing, and Loyola University Chicago, Niehoff School of Nursing.

XI. Adjournment

J. Holden adjourned the meeting at 6:20 PM CDT.