

MINUTES



MNRS Annual Business Meeting April 3, 2020 – 3:40 PM CDT

Call to Order

MNRS President Dr. Cindy Anderson called the 44th Annual Business Meeting to order at 3:40 PM CDT on Friday, April 3, 2020.

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

President's Report

C. Anderson presented the 2019-2020 President's Report highlighting the year's accomplishments including: new strategic planning, energized committees, increased membership, robust elections, financial stability, and virtual conference due to the global health pandemic.

C. Anderson shared a membership report including the 2019 calendar year ending with 1,314 members, representing a 9.7% year-over-year increase; 53% regular members, 44% student members and 3% retired and international members. MNRS membership represents 35 states, with the highest concentration of membership in Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Missouri.

Secretary's Report

Dr. Amy Hoffman presented the 2019 Annual Meeting minutes.

Upon **MOTION** duly made, seconded and voted UNANIMOUSLY, the membership approved the minutes from March 29, 2019 as submitted, without edits.

2020 ELECTION RESULTS

Dr. Janean Holden, MNRS Nominations Committee Chair, announced the results of the 2020 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:

- Kathleen Buckwalter, President-Elect
- Marilyn Frenn, Vice-President
- Amy Hoffman, Secretary
- Sheria Robinson-Lane, Member-At-Large

J. Holden announced Dr. Shannon Halloway and Dr. Timiya Nolan were also elected by a majority of votes to the MNRS Nominating Committee.

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 2019 and affirmation that the books, accounts, and procedures are in good order. S. Tucker announced that as of December 31, 2019, MNRS revenue surpassed expenses and fiscal year ending 2019 showed an operating net income for the first time in five years. The MNRS Board and Finance Committee continues to be committed to

financial longevity, paying back the investment accounts for past withdrawals, developing an operating reserve and stewarding funds to expand membership benefits according to the strategic plan.

RESOLUTIONS

C. Anderson announced the service resolution unanimously voted by the MNRS Board of Directors on April 1, 2020.

MNRS recognized the University of Illinois Chicago, Rush University, and Loyola University Chicago, as the 2020 Annual Conference Host and Co-Host Schools. C. Anderson recognized Dr. Susan Breitenstein, 2020 Program Planning Committee Chair, and the volunteer committee members who made the conference possible. Additionally, C. Anderson honored outgoing MNRS Board of Director members, Dr. Janean Holden, Dr. Jill Kilanowski, Dr. Kelly Wierenga, and Sarah Oerther, for their service to the organization and membership.

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 2020 WJNR Award Paper Contest.

MNRS Foundation Report

Dr. JoEllen Wilbur, Foundation President, recognized the Foundation Board of Trustees for their service to the Foundation and the Foundation Fundraising Committee for their work planning the conference fundraising events. J. Wilbur shared the success of the new gemstone annual giving society and recognized the donors this fiscal year including the Past Presidents and the corporate supporters.

New Business

C. Anderson announced that as of April 1, 2020, the MNRS Board of Directors adopted a new strategic plan to guide the next 3-5 years. The goals include:

- MEMBERSHIP: Foster a Diverse Membership of Scholars,
- ENGAGEMENT: Develop and engage members across the career trajectory,
- MARKETING: Increase visibility of the impact of nursing science, and
- FINANCIAL: Enhance fiscal responsibility, impact of funds, and stewardship of member investment.

C. Anderson shared that the MNRS regular member dues will increase by 3% in 2020-2021; student, retired, and international dues will remain stable. Additionally, the MNRS membership year will transition from renewing based on member anniversary to renewing annually on July 1. The new membership year for all members will be July 1 to June 30.

C. Anderson invited the conference attendees and all members to join MNRS for the 45th Annual Research Conference in Des Moines, Iowa on March 24-27, 2021. The University of Iowa is the Host School and Dr. Julie Zerwic welcomed everyone to join the conference in Iowa in 2021.

Adjournment

C. Anderson adjourned the meeting at 4:30 PM CDT.