

**ELPNA Region 3 Annual Meeting**  
**Date: October 14, 2017**

| <b>Topic/Agenda Item</b>                                                                                  | <b>Discussion</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Action</b>                                     | <b>Responsible Person/<br/>Timeline</b> |
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| Call to Order                                                                                             | By Sondra Weinzierl, Vice-Chair at 8:00 am.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                   |                                         |
| Election of Board Members and Officers for 2018                                                           | Because our ELPNA By-Laws state we must have a simple majority of paid members present to hold an election, we will need to vote by e-mail. Phyllis Bruce will send out the ballot early next week. Candidates are: Rose Umland, Chair; Marie Wiegert, Secretary; Jean Bokinski, Renee Compo, Louise Nesdahl, and Ann Dunagan, at large members. Sondra encouraged nominations from the floor. Offered 3 times.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | No nominations were received, Nominations closed. |                                         |
| Approval of Minutes                                                                                       | 2016 Annual Meeting are posted on the Region 3 web page. Sondra moved to accept these minutes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | MSP to accept as written                          |                                         |
| <b>Treasurers Report</b>                                                                                  | Sondra read the Treasurer's Report: we currently have \$2,270.37 in Savings, and \$2,529.80 in Checking.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                   |                                         |
| <b>Executive Committee Reports</b>                                                                        | <b>Chair: Rose Umland</b> – Sondra read a message from Rose Umland. Our next Fall Gathering, September 28-29, 2018, will be held at Luther Crest Bible Camp, near Alexandria, MN. . She thanked the current board members for the work done this year and especially, Jeanne Mugege. Mary Nordtvedt, and Pat Seavert, who will be leaving the Board.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                   |                                         |
| <b>Standing Committee Reports</b><br>a. Membership: Phyllis Bruce<br><br>c. Communications: Phyllis Bruce | Phyllis thanked Lydia Volz for her help in posting the memberships for Region 3, sending out the thank you letters and membership cards. Pat Seavert also worked on the vision to find the parish nurses in churches in the 9 Synods of Region 3, to give us data on the number of PN's in Region 3. This will be an ongoing challenge in 2018 and we would like more members on the Membership Committee who will focus on this. The 2017 Membership total for Region 3 is 74. Our numbers have ranged from a low in 2015 of 68 to 74 in 2013 and 2014. The main growth is in the other 8 regions that increased from 49 last year to 59 this year. We continue to work on ways to communicate the benefits of membership, such as discounts for Journal of Christian Nursing subscriptions and CE offerings, dues are tax deductible as this is a professional organization, and together we have a greater impact church-wide and in our synods.<br><br>Phyllis reported on the 2017 goals. Good progress has been made in our communication with the 9 Synods. The St. Paul Synod office was visited by Beth Hansen and Mary Nordtvedt bringing healthy treats and information. Renee Compo and Sandy Connell will visit the Mpls. Synod this Fall. 5 of the 9 Synods have responded to requests to post our information in their newsletters to the churches. This will be an ongoing effort. Region 3 web page has been kept up to date. All Regional web pages now have a link to the Church Health website that has information about Foundations Courses nationally and other resources and educational opportunities. The Blog has not been well utilized and Phyllis encourages everyone to add a comment, question to start a conversation. There is now a tab at the top of the Home Page for the Blog. We are able track usage of the web site through the Google Analytics Program. It has had visits even from people in China and Australia. Last month there were 209 visits to the web site. |                                                   |                                         |

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| d. Marketing/<br>Promotion: Renee<br>Compo  | Renee reports that there was contact with all nine synods, and we were able to bring our display to 4 (St. Peter, Mpls, St. Paul, and Rochester) of the annual assemblies. The biggest challenge is staffing the tables with our parish nurses to talk with participants and answer questions and getting the display board passed around. With the short breaks, attendees do not have much time to stop and chat. We had a display at WELCA in July where volunteers also did hand massages that were very popular. Yvette from Rochester has updated materials for display. Thanks to all who have helped this year.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |  |
| e. Outreach/Mission:<br>Beth Hanson         | Beth read a letter from one of the 2 grant recipients given in 2017. Information will be coming out about 2018 grants available and posted on the web site.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |  |
| f. Programs<br>/Education: Jeanne<br>Mugge  | Jeanne thanked Luther for the hospitality over the years in hosting our Gatherings. But with cut backs, and no parish nurse on site, we will be looking at other venues for our Gatherings. We are especially looking for churches that have streaming available.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |  |
| g. Bylaws: Jean<br>Bokinskie                | No news to report                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |  |
| National ELPNA<br>News: Carol<br>DeSchepper | The National Report was read by Phyllis Bruce. Carol reported on the 2017 goals. Our 2017 membership is at an all-time high, 10%+ increase over 2016. We continued to increase our visibility through an article in <i>Living Lutheran</i> , being present at Church-wide and Synod Gatherings, and the WELCA Triennial. Special thanks to Phyllis Bruce, Chair, and the other Communication Committee members, and the regional representatives for their efforts in keeping the web site current. Another goal for 2017 was updating the ELPNA brochure. Needed changes have been identified and an updated version will be completed in 2018. The Region 3 Scholarship Program has been shared with the other 8 regions and they are encouraged to duplicate this program. The National Board is in need to a Vice-chair. Members are asked to pray about their willingness to serve in this capacity. The National Board is having a planning retreat in Chicago, November 3-5, 2017. This will be a time to pray, worship and plan together for our future as an organization. She closed with gratitude to the leadership group and each of members for continuing to promote the organization, support new and existing ministries, and to generously nurture the spirits of one another. |  |  |
| Adjournment                                 | Sondra thanked the Program Committee and invited all ELPNA members to join a committee. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |  |

Respectfully Submitted,  
Phyllis Bruce, Secretary