

## ELPNA Annual Meeting

October 8, 2016

### Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Beth Hansen, Co-Chair at 8:10 am

The **minutes** from October 17, 2015 were presented by Phyllis Bruce, Secretary. Motion by Louise to accept as written, second by Lydia, motion passed

**Treasurer's report** presented by Becky. See attached report for actual and proposed budget. MSP t

Mary presented the **Chairperson's report**. Tracy from Madison, South Dakota was present. Deb received a grant in 2009 A streamer also received a grant. In 2017 we will also be offering grants. Stated how good it is to collaborate with Luther Seminary. Focus group met in Sept two priorities, to collaborate more with our Synods, enhance our membership. Volunteer opportunities are available to help on Committees, Please sign up to enjoy being together.

**Election of Officers and Board Members. Ballot** was presented. This will be sent for electronic voting to receive a simple majority of our membership. Nominations from the floor were called for each position. No additional names were presented. Votes will be sent electronically.

**National report** presented by Carol DeSchepper. Reviewed the goals for this year. Highlighted the web site as a way of keep members connected and informed nationally. Membership increased 5% will keep working on this. Grants can be made available nationally. Responded to Scope and Standards draft as a Board. Working with Portico related to National Health Initiative. Changing our names to FCN. Will be sending out a survey to see if there is support for changing the name. Has huge ramifications related to all the legal and technical names changes. Challenges, geographic, membership. Getting members on the new Marketing and Promotion Committee. Recruiting and nurturing members for the National Board. Need to enlarge this area. Great potential.

Membership report by Phyllis Bruce. There were a total of 120 paid members for 2016. Region 3 = 72, the other 8 Regions = 48. This is 5 more members than last year, 3 more members in Region 3 and 2 more members in the other 8 Regions. There were 9 first time new members in Region 3 and 8 first time new members in the other 8 regions. However, there were 14 (19 in 2014) members from 2015 in Region 3 and 11 (18 members from 2014) in the other 8 regions who did not renew. So we still have a problem in the renewing area, but again improved from last year. Thanked Lydia Volz for her work on recording members and sending out thank you note for Region 3. Recognized those who have been consistent members since 2006.

Communications by Phyllis Bruce. The Communications Committee consists of Phyllis Bruce, Chair, June Sand, Nancy Deetz, and Carol DeSchepper from Region 3 and Carolyn Crowe from St Louis, MO. We have a new member this year, Yvette Dulohery, from the Rochester area, specifically Byron, MN. She has had experience in both setting up and managing web sites. The Communications Committee is a Region 3 Committee and also a National Committee. As a National Committee we maintain and update the elpna.org web site. We pay a web master, Sheri Cosgrove, who works on the technical aspects of the site and helps with problem solving as needed. One of the goals we are continuing to work on is to establish a relationship with the Communications person of each Synod in Region 3. This will enable us

to have notices sent out to the churches in these the Synods through the monthly synod newsletters. We seek to become more well-known through communication. . We also have a Face Book page that June Sand coordinates, but would appreciate it if you would post information to that site.

Marketing/Promotion by Renee Compo. Requested help with attending Synod Assemblies Has a sign up.

Program/Education by Jeanne Mugge. Thankful for Luther Seminary to help us with hosting these educational events and Becky Hulden, Luther's Parish Nurse. We will continue to do streaming as well. Also asked to volunteers to be able to work together is very rewarding.

Outreach and funding by Beth Hansen. Will be providing grants for 2017. We are encouraged to let other Lutheran Parish Nurses know. Need for mentors to work with new Parish Nurses.

Bylaws presented by Carol Deschepper. Explained why we need to change the wording in the Bylaws to reflect more specifically on Region 3. Under committees added the Region 3 Standing Committee duties. Treasurer changes as Region 3 is the only Region that holds it's own funds. Mission and Vision being consistent with National. Motion to approved bylaw changes. Motion seconded and passed.

New Business – none.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 am MSP to adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis Bruce