

***ELPNA Meeting Wednesday, April 15, 2015***

***2:30 PM CST via Conference Call***

***Attendees: Carol DeSchepper, President  
 Andy West, Secretary  
 Marilyn Johnson, Region 1  
 Andy West, Region 2  
 Carolyn Crowe, Norma Anderson, Region 4  
 Maureen Swanson, Region 5  
 Marilee Tollefson, Region 8  
 Nancy Roberts, Region 9  
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 Tammy Devine - Advisor***

<b><i>Topic/Agenda Item</i></b>	<b><i>Discussion</i></b>	<b><i>Action</i></b>	<b><i>Responsible Person/Timeline</i></b>
1>Welcome and Introductions	The group was welcomed and introductions made as individuals joined the call	None	
2) Opening Prayer	Carol DeSchepper offered opening devotions.	None	
3)Approval/Addition to Agenda	Carol DeSchepper asked for additions to the Agenda.	Approved by consensus.	
4)Approval of Minutes	Andy West presented the March Minutes for approval.	Moved, seconded and passed that motion to accept minutes as sent out.	
5)Treasurer's Report	Nancy Deetz sent out the Treasurer's Report previous to the meeting. National Funds: \$3,077.45; Regional Funds: \$5,460.00		
6)Membership	No report. Good response from those stopping by the booth at the Westberg, picking		

Report	up the Membership Application.		
7) Communication Committee Report	No report.		
8) Goals for 2015	<p><b>Goal 2</b> – Carol feels that it is important to develop the Public Relations Committee. Communication Committee focused on the web site; the Public Relations Committee would be focused on our outside presentations. One person at Westberg volunteered to be on this committee.</p> <p><b>Goal 6</b> – Connection with Portico. Tammy suggested another face-to-face with Jeff. Carol and Tammy will explore this.</p> <p><b>Goal 7</b> – Two names have been proposed for the Board from Region 1 and Region 6. Motion was made to approve both Sandy Madsen and Deloris Bills as board members.</p> <p><b>Goal 8</b> – Discussed at the denominational meeting, Westberg. Nancy R. felt that a follow-up e-mail be sent to the attendees at the meeting.</p> <p><b>Goal 9</b> – June is the person working on the Bylaws from the Board. We will move forward on reviewing the Bylaws.</p> <p><b>Goal 3</b> – Nancy R. will contact Julie about the possibility of an article in <i>The Lutheran</i>.</p>	Motion seconded and passed. Andy will prepare a notebook for these two new members. Carol will correspond with them regarding contact information.	
9) Westberg Report	<p>Maureen and Carol reported on the meeting. About 25 people attended the Denominational meeting. Marilee glad to meet the members of the board who attended. Positive comments were made about the Symposium. Carol felt there was little opportunity for self-care during entire program – there were long days, starting early and ending late.</p> <p>About 15 nurses obtained membership applications at the ELPNA Booth. Several LCMS parish nurses attended the Denominational meeting. Two possible new board members were identified one each for Region 1 and 6; there may also be a person from Region 7. Region 1 Sandy Madsen, Education Coordinator for NWPNM, Oregon and Region 6 Deloris Bills, Assistant. Professor, Mount Carmel CON, Columbus, Ohio were both interested in joining the Board.</p> <p>There is some consideration about having the Westberg in Chicago for next year.</p>		

	<p>They are also conferring with faith community nurses on a possible name change from the IPNRC. There was not any information about what name might be selected.</p> <p>Marilee asked about the continuing education information; Carol has received hers and will forward the information to the others attending.</p> <p>Nancy Roberts asked about making a contribution to Raeda Monsoul, the Lutheran parish nurse in Bethlehem. She spoke to the World Forum about her work with the elderly people at the clinic where she works. Nancy suggested that the contribution be sent to LCMS with the request to send it on to her. Nancy moved that a letter and contribution of \$100 be sent to LCMS in support of Raeda's ministry; seconded by Marilee.</p>	Motion passed.	
10) ELCA Youth Gathering	Maureen talked to the person in her congregation about the possibility of not paying the \$500 to have a booth at the Gathering. Eliminating the fees to any organization is not possible. Tammy reported that she thought that all the gathering have gone a three year time frame.	We will not be participating in the Youth Gathering this year.	
11) Display Materials for the regions	Deferred until June is on the call.		
12) Credentialing Process	Information was presented at Westberg. This is a costly procedure. If you pay the fee, do the paperwork but do not succeed, you cannot redo the work; no feedback will be given. Perhaps we, as an organization, could find out from the Credentialing Committee some deficits from failed portfolios. How many of our members are credentialed? Maureen will seek out information from Nancy Durbin, who is credentialed, about the process. Nancy Durbin is also on the Evaluation Committee. Maureen suggested a workshop by Nancy Durbin via a webinar to be put on the Portico web site.	Carol will ask Phyllis to send out an e-blast asking members if they are credentialed.	
13) Regional Reports	<p><b>Region 9</b> – Nancy Robert's home congregation is moving to a new location at an Episcopal Church this next Sunday. There were many from Florida at Westberg. Nancy will start working on developing a network of coordinators in her area.</p> <p><b>Region 3</b> –Carol reported that ELPNA will be a present at several synod meetings in this region.</p> <p><b>Region 2</b> – Andy reported that ELPNA will be present at the Rocky Mountain Synod in Salt Lake City, the first of May.</p> <p><b>Region 8</b> – Marilee and Ruth are concerned about Lori and her health issues. Carol has consistently sent her card and e-mails with no response. Lori's current role is as</p>		

	a pediatric nurse in an acute care setting. There is some question from Marilee about Lori's involvement in reaching out to the parish nurses in the northern section of Region 8.		
14) Prayer and other concerns	Nancy's church – Christ Lutheran, Raeda Monsoul, Lori		
15) Volunteer for devotion/prayer for March Meeting	Carolyn Crowe will prepare the May devotions.		
16) Closing Prayer	Carol DeSchepper offered closing prayer.		

Respectfully,  
Andrea West, Secretary