

***ELPNA Meeting August 19, 2015
2:30 PM CST via Conference Call***

***Attendees: Carol DeSchepper, President
Nancy Deetz, Treasurer
Marilyn Johnson
Phyllis Bruce, Region 3
Carolyn Crowe, Norma Anderson, Region 4
Michelle Knapp, Region 5
Marilee Tollefson, Region 8***

<i>Topic/Agenda Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>Responsible Person/Timeline</i>
1)Welcome and Introductions	The group was welcomed and introductions made as individuals joined the call. The meeting was called to order at 2:35 pm. Carol announced that Sandy Madson has resigned.	None	
2) Opening Prayer	Nancy Deetz offered opening devotions. Power of Verbs of Life.	None	
3)Approval/Addition to Agenda	Carol DeSchepper asked for additions to the Agenda.	No additions, agenda accepted.	
4)Approval of Minutes	The July Minutes were unable to be approved due to lack of a quorum.	To vote on July minutes in September	All members
5)Treasurer's Report	Nancy Deetz presented the Treasurer's Report. National Funds: \$2,791.69 ; Regional Funds: \$5,700.00 Question of changing the distribution of funds between National and Regional was opened for discussion. The Regions with funds over \$1000 are 2, 5, and 9. Region 7 is lowest at \$220. Nancy agreed with redistribution since National is now supporting the web site conference calls, and presence at Church wide gatherings. A 50-50 distribution was suggested. This will affect Region 3 more than the other regions so we should discuss this with the Region e Board of Directors. Tee Shirts discussion. Some were supportive, others questioned what we could sell	Discuss suggested redistribution of funds with Region 3 Board of Directors.	Phyllis

	<p>them for and is it worth the risk? It was pointed out that we would have to sell a lot of Tee Shirts to make any profit. However, the risk is low. Would people pay over \$10 for a Tee Shirt? Maybe up to \$15. Would also need to have a medium grade for quality. Also would involve work of getting them distributed. They could be sold at next years Westberg and also Region 3 Spring and Fall Gatherings. Would have to come up with a catchy phrase, Bible verse, or maybe just our Logo. Carol will check on selling on site and distribution. Continue discussion next time.</p>	<p>Need to check on selling on site and distribution issues.</p> <p>Check more on web site for further discussion</p>	<p>Carol</p> <p>All</p>
6)Membership Report	<p>Phyllis Bruce reported our membership is currently 68 Region 3, and 45 for the 8 other Regions = Total of 113. Recently sent Regional Directors an updated listing of membership in each Region, and encouraging that they send out an e-mail letter to all those who have not renewed membership with a personal note of encouragement and updates from the Region. Keeping in communication is the key to a happy membership.</p>	<p>Send an e-mail to the nurses in each Region.</p>	<p>Each Regional Director</p>
7) Communication Committee Report	<p>Phyllis reported from the committee meeting on August 10. Completed our work on the Committee Responsibilities for Marketing/Promotion and the National Communications Committee. There was consensus that the descriptions were well done with no further changes needed. Now we need to start recruiting members for this committee. A vote to add the committee descriptions to the By-laws will need to occur in October.</p> <p>Phyllis relayed a suggestion by Mary Jo Halberg, that we start working on connecting with the communications person in each synod. They have the updated e-mail addresses of the pastors for each congregation in the Synods. They have previously been reluctant to give us access to this information. However, they may be willing to send information that we could give them out to the churches. Each Region could identify a person who would receive our e-blasts, and send them on to the communications person, who could then forward the e-blast to the pastors. We will test this idea in Region 3. Mary Jo will contact the synod communications person in the St. Paul Synod, June will do the same for the Minneapolis Synod, Nancy for the SE Synod, and Carol is willing to do this for her Synod. Actually all Regional Directors could start by finding and communicating with their Synod's Communication person. We will then be able to develop this collaborative effort and share it with the other Regions. Possibly find out if the National Parish Nurse would help us.</p> <p>Mary Jo Halberg has resigned from the Communications Committee. She will be</p>	<p>Do some research to find the Communications person in each synod, asking if they would send out ELPNA information to the churches.</p> <p>Contact Dede Borger, the National Parish Nurse to inquire if she would be willing to have a connection with the National Board and if she would be willing to do some advocacy for us on a National level.</p>	<p>All Regional Directors</p> <p>Phyllis</p>

	greatly missed. Phyllis will now be sending the e-blasts via Constant Contact – another learning achievement process Web site changes are working well. .		
8) Goals for 2015	Covered in other discussion		
9) Recruitment of members for committees and board positions.	<p>Phyllis suggested looking at those who have been members for several years and sending them an e-mail, thanking them for their commitment to the ELPNA and asking if they would consider serving on the National Board of Directors, then follow up with a phone call. Carol also suggested that an e-blast be sent out that we are looking to recruit National Board Members.</p> <p>Carol stated that one person from Westberg had volunteered to be on the Marketing/Promotions Committee. Carol will contact her. Each Board member is encouraged to look through membership in their Region to identify members who could be asked to be in the Board or the Marketing/Promotion Committee. Also look at the list of those who attended Westberg. We need to actively get more involvement before Fall.</p>	<p>Send out list of attendees from Westberg.</p> <p>Identify more members to serve on the Board and Committees.</p> <p>Contact the volunteer for the Marketing/Promotion Committee</p> <p>Review Westberg list of attendees and identify those from your region to contact.</p>	<p>Carol</p> <p>All Board Members.</p> <p>Carol</p> <p>All Directors</p>
10) Credentialing	Phyllis has written the article of ELPNA support for ANCC FCN Credentialing.	Article will be put on web site with link to ANCC	Phyllis
11) Regional Reports	Region 3 is having a Fall Renewal on October 16-17 at Luther Seminary. Information has been sent out via e-mail, e-blasts and should go on Facebook. It would be great to have out of state members attending. Housing is available. Streaming will not occur for this, but will be done for the Spring Gathering.		
Miscellaneous Announcements	Carol has written an excellent article called, "Leading Congregations Through Change." Carolyn will send more information about this to Phyllis Westberg Symposium, April 7-10, 2016 at the Double Tree Chicago-North Shore Hotel, Skokie Ill. 30 th Anniversary.	Put link to article on the web site Put date on your 2016 calendars	Phyllis All
12) 2016 Meeting Dates	Do we wish to maintain our current meeting schedule? Consensus is that these dates work for us and the starting time of 2:30 pm starting is working well		

13) Prayer and other concerns	Carol's concern for hiring a PN in Madison, SD for 3 churches, SueAnn's son, Noah, June's vision, ELPNA recruitment,. Norma's upcoming hip surgery		
14) Volunteer for devotion/prayer for September meeting.	Phyllis Bruce volunteered for devotions and closing prayer.		
15) Closing Prayer	Nancy Deetz offered closing prayer.		

Meeting Adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Respectfully,

Phyllis Bruce, Acting Secretary