

***ELPNA Meeting Wednesday, March 15, 2017
3:30 PM CST via Conference Call***

***Attendees: Carol DeSchepper, Chair
Nancy Deetz, Vice Chair
Andy West, Secretary
Marilyn Johnson, Region 1
Cindy Harris, Karen Setzer, Region 2
Carolyn Crowe, Norma Anderson, Region 4
Michelle Knapp, Region 5
Deloris Bills, Region 6
Marilee Tollefson, Ruth Manchester, Region 8
Nancy Roberts, Region 9***

<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.	None	
2) Opening Prayer	Cindy Harris offered opening devotions.	None	
3)Approval/Addition to Agenda	Carol asked for additions to the Agenda.	Approved by consent as sent.	
4)Approval of Minutes	Carol presented the February Minutes for approval.	Motion to accept, seconded and approved.	
5)Treasurer's Report	Nancy Deetz presented the Treasurer's Report. National Funds: \$4,578.64; Regional Funds: \$7,500.00. The books have been transferred to June Sand. Tee shirts sales are at \$819.10. Recent additional sales are not reflected in this amount. June has someone to complete the audit the books along with Region 3 Financial Records.		
6)Membership Report	Carol presented the membership report: 111 members, 63 in Region 3, 48 in the other regions. This is above the 95 members at this time in 2016.		

7) Communication Committee Report	Nancy reported that several updates to the web site have been done by Phyllis. The committee suggested that each of us make connections to the synods in their region to get information about parish nursing and our organization on the site. We were encouraged to access the web-site blog. Another question was discussed: Should we have a “Members’ Only” site? If so, what content should be available on this site. Region 3 Spring Meeting is May 1 and one can attend by live streaming; more information will be coming in the future.		Board members are encouraged to access the blog and contribute their thoughts.
8) WELCA Triennial Gathering, July 13-16, 2017	Nancy and June will be working on the exhibit. They will determine what type of help is needed for this meeting. Carol indicated that she will be attending.		
9) Westberg on the Road	Carol asked who was attending the various “Westberg on the Road” meetings. Only East Lansing, Michigan (April 22) will be attended by Deloris, Michael, and Carolyn. Carol suggested that we re-evaluate “Westberg on the Road” after our members had attended and possibly give feed-back to the staff at the Westberg Institute.		
10) Board Member Recruitment	<p>This is Goal 4 for this year. Marilyn reported who she was contacting in Region 1; there are 2 possibilities. She will follow-up with them.</p> <p>Marilee reported that a family member indicated that the parish nurses in her congregation are interested in the organization but do not have the resources for membership dues. Several suggestions were made: An “Associate member” category at a lower rate; after identified as a financial hardship the dues could be paid for out of Regional funds; Thrivent dollar used; encourage members to add additional money under Extra gifts on application; develop a request for membership dues outlining advantages of membership to present to their pastor. Michael suggested that we put information together for an un-paid, professional parish nurses and what they contribute to the ministry of the congregation, i.e. a list of considerations for the leadership of the church, and share on the website, blog, facebook. Handout: If you would like a Parish Nurse in your church here is what you do – What a parish nurse will do for your congregation – How to advocate for a parish nurse. Parish Nurse Led Health Ministry might be a better focus.</p> <p>Michael reported that she has a good prospect - Lucina Kimple – for Region 5. She will invite her to join the board.</p>	<p>Develop some options for those parish nurses who cannot afford the membership.</p> <p>Develop ideas for un-paid professionals and how they can approach the issues they might encounter.</p>	<p>Carol will present to group at next meeting.</p> <p>Carol and Michael will work on developing these ideas. Board members will forward ideas to include on the information.</p> <p>Michael will invite her to join. Andy will prepare the notebook.</p>

	Carol contacted two possible members in Region 7 but has not received a response. Region 9 – Nancy reported that the Marilyn Kranich was interested but because of a family emergency has been out of state.		Contact information about Lucina will be forwarded to Andy. Nancy will invite Marilyn to the next conference call.
11) Board Retreat	At the last meeting, June suggested a meeting at a central location for a board retreat. Discussion followed. We might want to consider having it at the same time as the Region 3 Fall meeting, October 13-14 at Luther Seminary. If we decide to join this group, there should be time set side just for the board. Nancy suggested that the time involved in travel should be considered. A possible other times/locations should be considered. More information needs to be gathered.		Board members will create ideas about dates, and locations, and also indicate what their availability is for various times.
12) Denominational Certification	Carol sent out a previous e-mail about this issue in follow-up to Nancy Durbin's e-mail. Nothing else has been discussed about this. Tabled until next meeting.		
13)ELCA Youth Gathering, Houston, June 27-July 1, 2018	Tabled		
14) Regional Reports	Tabled		
15) Prayer and other concerns	Prayers for our organization as we try to increase our membership and grow this ministry, Karen, Nancy's recovery, and the Pakistani nurses.		
16) Volunteer for devotion/prayer for April Meeting	Andy West volunteered to provide the devotion for the April meeting.		
17) Closing prayer	Cindy offered the closing prayer.		

Respectfully,
Andrea West, Secretary