

***ELPNA Meeting  
October 15, 2014  
3 PM via Conference Call***

***Attendees: Carol DeSchepper, President  
June Sand, Vice President  
Andy West, Secretary, Region 2  
Nancy Roberts, Mana Master, Region 9***

<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. There was not a quorum present on the call.	None	
2. Opening Prayer	June Sand offered opening devotions.	None	
3. Approval/Addition to Agenda	Carol asked for additions to the Agenda.	None	
4. Approval of Minutes	Due to the lack of a quorum, the approval of the minutes was tabled.		
5. Treasurer's Report	Carol presented the Treasurer's Report in the absence of the treasure. Current financial Report- Region Balance: \$4,780.00; National Balance: \$2,719.43. June will send bills that she has to Nancy for payment including the additional printing of the brochure and the registration to the state of Minnesota.	None	
6. Membership Report	There are a total of 122 paid members for 2014, 73 are from Region 3 and 49 from the other eight regions. This is down from a high of 136 members in 2012 and 127 in 2013. There were 10 first time members in Region 3 and 9 first time members in the other regions. However in 2013, there were 20 members in Region 3 and 26 members from the other eight regions who did not renew. Phyllis has asked for assistance in managing the membership lists and content for the website for the various regions.	None	Each director is requested to forward information for the website as soon as possible to Phyllis.
7. ELPNA Annual Meeting, Elections	Carol presented information about the election process discussed at the September meeting. Several suggestions were made by Andy pertaining to the issue of candidates. For the sake of clarity, we define the term of office to begin in January		

	<p>and they are elected per the Bylaws for the year they are to serve, i.e. the October elections this year will be for Vice President and Treasurer to take office in January, 2015 per the Bylaws stating they are elected to take office in odd years. Carol will check with Nancy D. about serving an additional term of two years as Treasure. Carol will also check with Lori about continuing at Vice Chair. We are also concerned that terms of the Region Board Representatives be staggered. Carol will contact all the board members to determine if they will be willing to serve additional terms.</p> <p>Annual meeting options were discussed: hold it at Westberg, or in conjunction with Region 3 conference, or via electronic means. Tammy Devine suggested that Portico could help with a virtual meeting.</p>		
8. Report on Meeting with Portico	<p>June, Carol and another PN from Region 3 met with Portico representatives. Discussion included what Portico does as an organization and information was included about our organization. Portico suggested that we develop 3 items that both groups can collaborate on. June stated that a list of how Tammy/Portico had already worked with our group was discussed; she felt that the representatives were not aware of the depth of support Portico had already given. Our organization volunteered to serve as a conduit for information to congregations through the parish nurse. Future meeting with Portico were discussed. June suggested that we consider reimbursing board members/officers for mileage when they represent the organization at various meetings.</p>	None	
9. Update of the ELPNA Brochure and Display	<p>Additional copies have been printed and are available. The display board is done. It was used at the Region 3 WELCA meeting. June suggested that we replicate the board rather than mail it to various locations due to the expense.</p>		
10. Communication Committee Report	<p>Report is attached to the minutes.</p>	None	
11. ELCA Churchwide Assembly – August 8-13, 2016 New Orleans	<p>Carol presented the information. More discussion on making a presence at this meeting. June suggested that a summery of information about what was done at these national meetings, i.e. table, materials, activities, etc, be placed on the website for future meetings. Andy will also store the information/summery in the secretary’s archives under <u>planning for national meetings</u>.</p>		
12. ELCA Youth Gathering – July 15-19, 2015, Detroit	<p>Carol presented the information. We need to consider whether we will have a presence at this gathering.</p>		
13. Raeda Monsour Report	<p>Nancy Roberts reported that there was no new information about Raeda Monsour.. She felt that LCMS was going to bring her over and our involvement was not welcome. Nancy suggested that we not pursue at this time.</p>	None	

14. Credentialing Follow-up	Tabled..		
15. Goals for 2014	Tabled.		
16. Regional Reports	Tabled		
17. Prayer/concerns	For the future of our organization.		
18. Volunteer for November meeting	Devotions are needed for the website: Carol will do November, Andy will do December, Nancy will do January. Carol will check with Nancy D for the November devotion. Nancy suggested that we contact the Parish Nurse at the national office and reach out to this person. Perhaps we could invite her to participate in our next call.		Carol will contact Michelle to reach out to the parish nurse at national office.
19. Closing Prayer	June ended the meeting in prayer.	None	

Respectfully,  
Andrea West, Secretary