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**VACN Spring Meeting Meeting**

**Date 4.9.2021**

**Time 0915-1230**

**Location Virtual**

**Present:** Pam Jefferies (GW), Shanna Akers (Liberty), Cheryl Oetjen (GM), Melody Eaton (JMU), Cynthia Banks, Andrea Knopp (JMU), Beth Epstein (UVA), Beth Goodloe, Brian Jones, Carla Nye, Christiane Argenbright, Cynthia Crews, Diane Bridge (Liberty), Deborah Gray, Debra Barksdale (VCU), Dorothy Murphy (Liberty), Donna Rose, Drew Ellen Gogian, Elizabeth Whorley (Liberty), Fabiana Bowles, Iris Mullins (Radford), Jackie Daniel, Jamie Robinson, Jean Giddens (VCU), Johnnie Sue Wijewardan, Josh Blubaugh, Jessica Sharp (Bluefield), Judith, Karen Faison, Karen Karlowicz (ODU), Kathy Johnson, Katie Katz, Kevin Tressler, Kim Curry Lourenco, Kimberly Little (Longwood), Laura Yoder, Laurie Ann Ferguson, Lisa Levinson, Melody Cash, Michelle Legg, Monica Heck, Nancy Haugen, Nancy Husson, Pam Dressler, Pam Cipriano (UVA), Pam Giles (Averet), Pamela Slaven-Lee, Robbie McCauley, Ruth Cody, Ryne Ackard, Sandra Farmer, Sharla Cooper, Sharon Kopis (Liberty), Shevellanie Lott, Barbara Sorbello, Teresa Wexler, Terri, Wendy Downey, Yosely Cruz-Fernandez (Bluefield), Josh Mannix (GW)

**Meeting Facilitator:** Pam Jeffries

**Meeting Recorder:** Shanna Akers

Agenda Item	Report/Discussion	Decisions/Actions
Call to order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting called to order at 1115</li> </ul>	n/a
Welcome & Introductions Pam Jeffries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Great Presentation from Michelle Aebersold. Thanks To Melody Eaton for setting up the event this morning</li> <li>Announcements:</li> <li>Pam Jeffries moving to TN; more to come on transition plan</li> </ul>	n/a
Review of agenda Pam Jeffries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No additional topics</li> </ul>	n/a
Meeting Minutes Shanna Akers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motion to Accept: Johnnie Sue Wijewardan</li> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> to Accept: Melody Cash</li> <li>No discussion</li> </ul> <p>Unanimous Approval</p>	n/a
Treasurer's Report Cheryl Oetjen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fund report provided</li> <li>Fully Matured, moving to a new account at this point</li> <li>Pending deposits &gt; \$1800</li> <li>Will be doing direct pay once it is available for the account</li> </ul> <p>No Discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dues are still being collected. Please connect with Cheryl if you have not yet paid.</li> </ul>
Business item (name of person responsible)	<p><b>OLD NEWS</b></p> <p><b>Bylaws:</b></p> <p>Bylaws were emailed this last week with track changes with final review. Committee: Liberty, JMU, Bluefield, George Mason, &amp;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Language clarified on memberships, officer elections</li> </ul> <p><b>2 Items recommended for changes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dues clarified and schedule updated <b>\$200 per member</b></li> <li>- Officer slate and elections</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Returned to Bylaws Committee</b> for final review/edit including discussion/recommendations, send for review by voting membership, then final draft will be sent for e-vote.</li> </ul>



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**VP role replaced by President-Elect** (even number years, serving one year with the President, after one year, role of President will be assumed)

**Discussion/Recommendations:**

- Proviso to remove B1
- President will be elected in 2021 and would no longer be elected thereafter.
- President serves a 2-year term starting and ending in odd years
- Review AACN Board verbiage on Executive Committee Board
- Consider special election for vacant positions on the Executive Committee with qualifiers on when a special election should be called OR
- Exec Committee has filled for the duration of the rest of the term in some
- Bylaws state the final decision and the minutes of the meeting will discuss the how we are progressing
- Article VII Section I- remove Vice President
- Term of Office for the Nominating Chair every two years. Committee Member is elected each year, and term of office should be 1 year- Suggestions to consider revising the Nominating Chair (1) and Committee members (2) with 2-year terms OR the committee of 3 will elect a chair.
- Treasurer- Difficult to get the bank account switched every two years
- Do we need to have a financial audit with a CPA? Or internal committee for review?

**Transition plan for President**

- Option 1: Special Election for President (motion: Eaton)
- Option 2: Melody Eaton step into the President role for 2 years (motion- Akers; 2<sup>nd</sup> Oetjen)
- Current Bylaws give the option for the Executive Committee to appoint or to call for special election.
- Discussion:  
Support Eaton to be appointed to ease transition Eaton is willing to serve in the position but would like to ensure the membership is supportive of this appointment.

**Website changes and updates**

- Have reviewed opportunity to pull website from AACN
- Continuing discussion into the next year

- **Melody Eaton appointed** into the President role for 2 years

- **Tabled at present**



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	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Through AACN originally because AACN was open to having all state organizations hosted on their site, allowing easy link to AACN news.</li> <li>- Independent website option was an increase in time commitment, expertise, etc.</li> <li>- Current challenges: timeliness of updates, unable to easily locate,</li> <li>- Concerns to independent site: sustainability, time constraints, etc.</li> <li>- Recommendation: Taskforce to review options and create suggestions for the membership's consideration</li> </ul> <p><b>NEW BUSINESS</b></p> <p><b>Update on the AACN Essentials from the AACN Deans Annual Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Approved by AACN Membership Body</li> <li>- Recommend: VACN Collaboration across the state for faculty training, etc.</li> <li>- CHEV - curriculum changes report. Recommendation that a memo be sent to CHEV (one letter) signed by all schools so that CHEV, DOE, and Governor's office is aware of the accreditation standard change.</li> <li>- Collaboration as a group to understand the changes needed, curricula review,</li> </ul> <p><b>Legislative Updates (Melody)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Preceptor incentive program</b> – Workgroup with VA DOH to target for fall launch of preceptor payment. Stay tuned, but remember we stated we would all increase our student numbers if we have this incentive. Legislators aware that fall 2021 decisions have already been made. <b>Discussion:</b> no guidance on process, payment, etc. UVA Medical School is having the same issue locating sites and they are paying large funds already. Productivity reductions is the rationale provided. Some students are being charged directly by the preceptor for hours.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Will continue reviewing upcoming needs</b> for Commonwealth Schools of Nursing</li> <li>• <b>Following</b></li> </ul>
<p>Celebrations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accolades: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Debra Barksdale – Dean at UNC- Greensboro</li> <li>- Pam Giles – Founding Dean Bryan College, TN</li> <li>- Pam Jeffries – Dean at Vanderbilt, TN</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Retirements/moves:</li> </ul>	<p>n/a</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Barb Sorbello retiring in June; Chrissy Perkins will step in</li><li>- Karen Karlowitz – Moving from SON Chair role to Administrator Role at ODU</li><li>- Iris Mullins retiring in August from Radford</li></ul>	
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meeting was adjourned at 1227</li></ul>	n/a

Respectfully submitted,  
Shanna Akers  
VACN Secretary



## VACN Spring Conference & Business Meeting

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April 9, 2021  
9:15AM – 12:30PM  
Virtual Meeting  
[Please Register Here](#)

This conference and meeting is open to VACN deans/directors and up to three additional faculty members (for a total of four representatives) from each institution. Please register by March 23, 2021 so that we will have an accurate count.

### **Simulation's Future: Virtual, Augmented and Mixed Realities. Is your School Ready?**



Michelle Aebersold, Ph.D., R.N., CHSE, FAAN  
Clinical Professor, Systems, Populations, and Leadership  
University of Michigan School of Nursing

This program will include an overview of following technologies in nursing and the benefits of each:

- Virtual Reality
- Augmented Reality
- Mixed Reality

Examples of these technologies will be shared through videos, followed by a discussion on how to begin incorporating and using them.

Learning outcomes for participants include:

- Differentiate between virtual, augmented reality and mixed reality
- Describe how each technology is used
- Explore opportunities for utilization in preparing students for patient care in a variety of settings

Bio: Dr. Aebersold has extensive experience in using a variety of simulation learning methods including Extended Realities to improve the care of patients through caregiver education and



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training. She is currently working on a grant-funded project from the National Cancer Institute to use simulation to improve the safe delivery of chemotherapy by nurses and pharmacists. Her other grant work includes using immersive virtual reality to improve teamwork and communication in pediatric cardiac arrest situations and Improving Pediatric Acute Care through Simulation Training.

Dr. Aebersold has numerous publications, presents on a variety of topics and is often an invited speaker at international, regional and local conferences. She consults with nursing schools around improving their simulation programs, developing virtual educational assets and other projects.

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Join Zoom Meeting

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## Agenda

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9:15 AM	Welcome, Overview & Introductions	Pam Jeffries, President
9:30-11:00 AM	VACN Spring Conference: Simulation's Future: Virtual Reality, Augmented Reality and Mixed Reality. Is Your School Ready?	Dr. Michelle Aebersold
11:00 AM	Break	
11:15 AM	VACN Business Meeting	
12:30 PM	Adjourn Spring Conference and Business Meeting	



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### **AGENDA**

- I. Updates and Announcements – *P. Jeffries – President*
- II. Minutes – Secretary
- III. Treasurer's report
- IV. Old Business
  - b. Membership Dues Process
  - c. Website changes and updates
- V. New Business
  - a. Update on the AACN Essentials from the AACN Deans Annual Meeting
  - b. Legislative Updates from Melody
- VI. Accolades and Kudos
- VII. Good of the order



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Treasurer's Report  
April 9, 2021

**Wells Fargo Bank**

Checking Account: \$9004.42

CD#1: \$5,986.26

CD#2: \$679.22

Pending Deposits: \$1800 (dues)

Expenses: No activity