VACN Business Meeting Minutes
March 31, 2017
8:30-3:00pm
Hosted by Dr. Jeanne Matthews, Dean, Marymount University
Malek School of Health Professions, Ballston Campus

Present: Shanna Akers, Dea Britt, Melody Cash, Maureen Dour, Melody Eaton, Karen Faison, Dorrie Fontaine, Jean Giddens, Pam Giles, Karen Jagiello, Pam Jeffries, Theresa Kennon, Kathleen LaSala, Nora Leonard, Lisa Levinson, Irma Mahone, Kate Malliarakis, Jeanne Matthews, Helen Mautner, Robbie McCauley, Bobbi Pasternak, Julie Sanford, Eilenn Sarsfield, Jessica Sharp, Pamela Salven-Lee, Jennifer Spafford, Joe Tacy, Angela Taylor, Deborah Ulmer, Hilda Williamson

Meeting Facilitator: Dorrie Fontaine   Meeting Recorder: Melody Cash

Agenda Item	Report/Discussion	Decisions/Actions
Introductions	• All attendees provided short self-introductions.	• None
Meeting Minutes	• Reviewed meeting minutes from October 30, 2016 meeting held at the JW Marriott in Washington, DC.	• Motion to approve made by Joe Tacy and seconded by Pam Jeffries. • Minutes approved as written.
Professional Development Session	• Dr. Sarah Ailey presented on "Nursing Education and Students with Disabilities".	• None
Treasurer's Report (Dorrie Fontaine for Ava Porter)	• VACN funds: $11,775.35 in checking; $5,775.19 and $674.81 in the two remaining investment accounts. • Have not received dues from 3 schools. • No formal budget is developed for VACN; currently funds are used to support spring and fall meetings.	• Dues will be collected from remaining schools. • Ava Porter will wrap up the fiscal year (through June 30), file the IRS statement and then turn everything over to the new treasurer, Kathleen LaSala.
Election of Officers	• Elections were held in February for new officers. Dorrie announced the new and continuing officers for 2017-2018:	

	• Jean Giddens, President • Pam Jeffries, Vice-President • Kathleen LaSala, Treasurer • Melody Cash, Secretary • Angela Taylor, Nominating Committee	
New Business	• Jean thanked Dorrie for her years of service to VACN in her role as President. • Alesia Gibbs (executive assistant to the Dean, VCU) will serve as the new communicator for VACN. • VACN by-laws were last reviewed November 12, 1998. The board will review these over the next year. Jessica Sharp agreed to assist the board in this endeavor. • Jean is investigating the possibility of an AACN portal for the state organizations. She is waiting to hear back from Rob Rosseter.	• Jean will call a board meeting in the next several months to begin review of the bylaws. • Jean will continue to investigate the possibility of a state portal for maintaining VACN communication.
Academic Progression in Nursing-Strengthening Academic Ties Tammy Colatruglio, RN, MSN, Director of Nursing, Department of Nursing, Nursing Education Center, John Tyler Community College	• Dorrie introduced Tammy Colatruglio and Kathy Haugh to report on their work on academic progression. • Last summer schools with RN-BSN programs and VCCS representatives met to discuss academic progression. • Tammy gave an update on the VCCS common curriculum. 4 schools go live fall 2017 with all being mandated to begin the new curriculum by fall 2018. Microbiology is new to the curriculum and health assessment is now a stand-alone course. Patho and Pharm are embedded courses. • 4 year institutions are developing a grid with all prerequisites courses. • The group is investigating how this affects guaranteed admissions agreements. • VA is listed as one of the best performing states in the RN-BSN progression. • There was further general discussion about academic progression: AACN Academic progression task force will be evaluating models for academic progression (among other tasks).	• Members of VACN will continue to work with this group.

Kathy Haugh, PhD, RN, CNE, Associate Professor, Acting Director, Mary Morton Parsons Clinical Simulation Learning Center, University of Virginia	A question was raised about quality metrics for RN-BSN programs. A sudden leveling in RN-BSN enrollment was noted. Increased competition may be one factor contributing to this phenomenon.	
	• Dorrie adjourned the meeting.	