

**VACN Annual Fall Lunch Meeting
Sunday, October 25, 2015**

Present: Dorrie Fontaine, Christine Kennedy, Kathryn Ganske, Janice Smith, Carol Urban, Becki Sutter, Angela Taylor, Barbara Sorbello, Chrissie Perkins, Cathie Collins, Deanna Britt, Sharon Kopis, Tony Ramsey, Melody Eaton, Julie Sanford

Agenda Item	Report/Discussion	Decision/Actions
Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendees did sort introductions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes from reviewed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes approved as written
School Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 schools submitted updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dorrie Fontaine reported for Ava Porter on VACN funds: \$6863 in checking, \$9305 investments, \$6000 cash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 schools have submitted annual dues, 12 remaining
Capitol Hill Visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday October 26 • Visiting Senators Warner, Kaine, Comstock, Goodlatt; Melody Eaton, Janice Smith, Kathy Ganske attending; Networking meeting after visits • Tony Ramsey (Radford): Spring Student Policy conference coming; 2 students per school with recommendation of Dean/Director; information available on AACN Advocacy table at Fall conference • AACN Policy group (Camille Burnett) to connect with VACN 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members requested to meet Kathy, Janice, Melody in morning
VACN Spring Workshop – Save the Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday April 15, 2016 • Hosted by Dr. Ava Porter, Jefferson College of Health Sciences, Roanoke, VA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation to plan for 5 attendees per school; notify Julie Sanford how many will attend

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic: “Civility,” Keynote: Kathy Ganske; topic will be broad 	
VACN Office Vacancies (2014 – 2016)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Nominating Officer open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominations/ballot to be sent electronically approximately mid-March • Slate to be presented at April meeting
Southern Nursing Research Society (SNRS) 2016 meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 24 – 27, 2016 • Co-hosted by UVA and VCU • Williamsburg Lodge, Williamsburg, VA • Estimated 1000 to attend; opening reception • Sponsorship opportunities available (letter in packet) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members encouraged to contact clinical agency partners for interest in sponsorship
Virginia Nurse Advocate Health Policy Fellowship (VNAHPF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JMU and ODU students attended last year; applied information into coursework; provided excellent introduction to health care policy and nurses’ advocacy role 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information and Application for Fellowship in packet
Open Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julie Sanford (JMU): Need for succession planning for academic leadership and mentorship for next generation of leaders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kathy Ganske (Shenandoah): Leadership mentoring and mentoring for promotion (whether tenure, rank); strategic planning for career in academia ○ Rebecca Sutter (Mason): Need for work-life balance and role modeling; current generation seeking balance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommend VACN establish Fellowship for Leadership program (sponsored position through VACN funds) • UVA and JMU will work on developing guidelines for fellowship and application • Partner with VNA • Future meeting with practice partner nurse leaders

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Janice Smith (Shenandoah): Salaries remain problematic○ Chrissie Perkins (Bon Secours): Nurse Leadership Institute (state-wide) provides education○ VNA and SYNC Virginia also provide education● Kathy Ganske: From like-schools discussion – bring clinical agency nursing leadership to the table to discuss needs and academic-practice partnerships that can inform NCSBN, etc.	
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Respectfully submitted,

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