

Minutes: Education Committee of IFNA, March 17, 2015

Present: K. Lutz, L. Holtlander, D. Curry, D. Freeborn, L. Schwartz, F. Demontigny, Norma Krumweide (joined late), and D. Zaporoni (IFNA)

Absent: J. Karpa, M. Cunha, C. Steinwedel, B. Mandleco, D. Huddleston, K. Anderson, L. Young, L. Kuechle, M. VanRiper, M. Matteis, , N. Leibold, P. Braun, R. Mahrer-Imhof, S. Banta Wright, S. Eggenberger, , S. Vozila, W. Schroeder, P. Young

Topics of Discussion

1. Announcements

- a. 12th International Family Nursing Conference, August 18-21, 2015 will be held in Odense, Denmark. Abstract notices have been sent out. Debbie is busy organizing!
- b. Update from Donna Miles Curry, IFNA Board Liaison: The conference abstracts were sent out with a deadline of March 16 to respond, thus organization of the conference is underway.

The Board has been looking at roles and responsibilities of the various IFNA committees, including the dissemination of documents, particularly The IFNA Position Statement on **Generalist Competencies for Family Nursing Practice** developed by the IFNA Practice Committee and the IFNA Position Statement on **Pre-Licensure Family Nursing Education** developed by the IFNA Education Committee. They may be printed in hardcopy for conference attendees. But do we also need to consider other organizations to involve? Perhaps joint position statements or presenting these papers at other conferences?

Donna Freeborn suggested gathering a survey of educational needs at the IFNA conference. Perhaps this could be added to the conference evaluations? The results could inform future conferences and provide creative input for our committee. Kristin Lutz will send out the survey results gathered from this committee about 4 years ago as an item of discussion for the next meeting.

If any comments or suggestions for the board, please bring up for discussion.

2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes from January 20, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted. They will be sent to Debbie to be posted to the IFNA website.
3. Agenda Item 1: Webinars and Online Offerings Subcommittee Report: C. Steinwedel (not present)
 - a. Webinar status and ideas: Donna Curry offered to assist on this sub-committee once her term on the IFNA board is complete. She will be in touch with Cynthia by email after the meeting. Discussion re the value of gathering interesting conference topics for future webinars. Perhaps we could ask on the evaluations if this presentation

- would be a good webinar? Donna will follow up with the conference committee, Debbie Z and Cynthia S.
- b. Other ideas: Janice Bell offered the following suggestion: “Dr. Laurie Gottlieb, McGill University, has recently published a book called Strengths Based Nursing: <http://internationalfamilynursing.org/2015/01/30/strengths-based-nursing-sbn/>. She has been selected to offer an Expert Lecture at IFNC12 about her Strengths Based Approach and I think she would likely be willing to do an IFNA webinar. Her email is: Laurie.Gottlieb@mcgill.ca.”
4. Agenda Item 2: Communications and Organization Subcommittee: N. Krumwiede and S. Denham (both not present)
 - a. Building engagement through member profiles and communication via IFNA website: No updates. Discussion around streamlining parts of the website due to lack of participation. What will the most convenient mode of online communication entail?
 - b. Forum and Listserv update: ~~no~~No updates
 - c. Global Connections Newsletter update: No updates
 5. Agenda Item 3: Teaching Resources Subcommittee: J. Karpa (ABSENT) and F. Demontigny
 - a. Tool Kit items: Francine will follow up, with a draft of the structure as-of a template for future monograph or resource manual with educational resources for faculty who teach family nursing courses. Francine will send out a draft for committee review. This can then be shared with potential contributors at the conference in Denmark. The monograph will be a topic of discussion at the IFNA Conference in Denmark.
 6. Agenda item 4: New Business
 - a. We will be sending a survey to our committee members to find out if members are interested in continuing on this committee, what the optimal scheduling would be for meetings, and other concerns. Kristin Lutz and Lorraine Holtslander will work on this.
 - b. Note Norma Krumweide came on the phone just as we were ending the meeting. Norma is on the awards committee so she will bring the idea about an “Education Award” back to the awards committee. However, she thought that it might be difficult to implement this for the conference in August.
 - c. Norma K is suggesting we have the position statement translated, particularly into Spanish and Japanese, so that it would be useful to our membership more broadly.
 - d. Norma K asked if Sharon Denham would be doing video clips from the conference like she did for the last IFNA conference. If Sharon won’t be doing this, she asked if there might be someone else willing to take that on. Perhaps we could contact Sharon to see about this?
 7. Next meeting and Adjournment: April 21, 2015 at 1:00 PM EST. March meeting adjourned at 1:46 PM EST.

Respectfully Submitted, Kristin Lutz and Lorraine Holtslander

