

<p>IFNA Minutes Board of Directors - Conference Call March 12, 2026 7:00am – 9:00am EST</p>	
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The Mission of the International Family Nursing Association (IFNA) is to Transform Family Health by:

1. Serving as a unifying force and voice for family nursing globally;
2. Sharing knowledge, practices, and skills to enhance and nurture family nursing practice; and,
3. Providing family nursing leadership through education, research, scholarship, socialization and collegial exchange on all aspects of family nursing.

Core Values:

The International Family Nursing Association embraces a compassionate family focus on health, social justice, human dignity and respect for all.

Attendees: (Board Members n-12, Quorum n-7)	Petra Brysiewicz, Teresa Gutiérrez-Alemán, Elisabeth Coyne, Debbie Sheppard-LeMoine, Maria do Céu Barbieri-Figueiredo, Kim Mooney-Doyle, Barbara Giambra, Hans-Peter de Ruiter, Lindsay Smith, June Horowitz, Junko Honda, Kristen Abbott-Anderson Staff: Debbie Zaparoni
Unable to Attend:	
Guests:	
Minutes compiled by:	Elisabeth Coyne

Agenda Topic: 0705 - 0715	Approval of prior minutes (Petra Brysiewicz) (Attachment)
Motion to Approve	February Minutes Not circulated so will be reviewed at the March meeting.

Agenda Topic: 0715 - 0720	Financial Report (Barbie Giambra) Attachment
	February Financials Income was \$14,731.43 (Membership/Returned money-Tax Recovery Company). Expenses were \$6,910.46 (Primarily Management Fees & PayPal Fees). Monthly Income of \$7,820.97.
Discussion	Barbie Giambra shared the financial report with a positive balance. There has been discussion with RAC about goals for fund raising.

Agenda Topic: 0720 - 0740	Ideas for income generation
	<p>From the Chat, February meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Webinars and educational tools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regarding family nursing, since basic lectures aren't available in every country, I believe creating a foundational series and translating it into multiple languages would sell well. ○ Sponsorships for webinars • Sponsors for the awards, not much saving but may help! • Obtaining speakers as close to the local area as possible is not only more cost-effective but also provides a global perspective. • We can use AI too • Volunteer graphic designer • need to set up a few people to follow up with the ideas to ensure they actually move forward.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • get a snapchat and Instagram! we could work together a English and Spanish version! • IFNA is going to develop a new LinkedIn profile
Discussion	<p>Petra Brysiewicz asked for discussion around ideas for increasing financial budget, highlighting the need for a major budget boost.</p> <p>Several ideas were put forward- Increasing the cost of membership, sponsorship, increasing opportunities for membership such as webinar, education, or virtual conference.</p> <p>Short course on family nursing which could have users pay for. The family externship could this be as a fund raiser and ? virtual.</p> <p>Foundation exploring the idea of a fellowship in family nursing. Family certificate as an online course.</p> <p>A lot of discussion on ideas and how ideas are often difficult to put into place and need to be aware of longer-term aspects.</p>

Agenda Topic: 0740 - 0745	<p>Collaboration with other Associations</p> <p>Transcultural Nursing Society email</p>
Discussion	<p>Junko Honda has been to the transcultural nursing conference and suggested a collaboration with them. This may improve membership and share costs at a conference.</p> <p>Teresa Gutierrez-Aleman agreed this is a good idea as long as the values align.</p>
Action	<p>Petra Brysiewicz will follow up with the Portuguese Nursing Association to see if a collaboration would be useful for the IFNA conference.</p>

Agenda Topic: 0745 - 0800	<p>IFNA Committee Terms of Reference (2026 – 2027)</p>
	<p>Conference Planning (Attachment)</p> <p>Board Approval- Minor correction of name ‘Local planning committee’ Hans-Peter de Ruiten made a motion to accept the ToR as correct. Motion was seconded by Barbie Giambra. The board voted; ToR were accepted.</p>
Discussion	<p>Due -</p> <p>Awards Committee – Revisions required- Follow up has been made by Barbie Giambra</p>
Action	<p>Follow up by Debbie Zaparoni to check progress with this.</p>

Agenda Topic: 0800 - 0805	<p>New Chapter Charter – Nordic Chapter</p>
	<p>New charter presented and reviewed by the board.</p>
Discussion	<p>Lindsay Smith made a motion to accept the New Chapter Charter. Motion was seconded by Barbie Giambra. The board voted; Nordic Chapter were accepted.</p>

Agenda Topic: 0805 - 0810	<p>Strategic Plan</p>
Discussion	<p>Membership Survey sent to all members.</p> <p>https://umaryland.pdx1.qualtrics.com/jfe/preview/previewId/63e9a2e3-a1a5-4ff2-9a36-48eabd6378b3/SV_bOOHGWNqjTwMfRA?Q_CHL=preview&Q_SurveyVersionID=current</p>

Agenda Topic: 0810 – 0820	<p>IFN Foundation</p>
Discussion	<p>The Foundation finalized the 2025 Annual Report</p> <p>Development of a new income initiative “IFNA Fellowship Program” designed to recognize and honor exceptional leaders and scholars in family nursing.</p> <p>Objectives:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and recognize outstanding practitioners and scholars in family nursing Generate sustainable, recurring revenue for the Foundation Enhance the Foundation's visibility and standing within the IFNA membership Create exclusive opportunities for professional development and networking <p>Value Proposition for Fellows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formal recognition as an IFNA Fellow Opportunities for involvement in IFNA governance and strategic initiatives Exclusive networking opportunities with fellow leaders and scholars Access to special events and activities during the biennial conference Connection with IFNA special interest groups and committees <p>Implementation Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fellows would be recognized during the IFNA conference with dedicated time and events A fee structure will be established to support the program (details to be developed) Application and selection criteria will be developed to ensure rigorous standards
	<p>Discussion</p> <p>The Foundation report has been sent to the board, a total of \$17348 raised in 2025. The board expressed gratitude to the foundation for their work.</p> <p>Discussion around the IFNA Fellowship Program, the board members a little unsure of what this would look like. Lindsay Smith and Barbie Giambra shared that this looked a little exclusive rather than inclusive. Petra Brysiewicz also asked how the fellows would contribute to the organisation.</p>
Action point	June Horowitz to ask for more details and what would the fellows do for the organisation?

0820 – 0855 – Chapter, Student Engagement Group and Committee Updates / Reports

Chapters Update	<p>AusNZ – (Elisabeth) – March Newsletter</p> <p>African (Petra)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to add <p>UK Ireland – (Suja)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to add <p>Ibero-American – (Maria)</p> <p>Planning to organize a webinar in June, and an Iberoamerican family nursing conference later this year. We have applied for a grant of Brazilian National Council for Scientific and Technological Development for funding the conference. Bylaws have been written in Spanish and Portuguese to allow all members to read.</p>
Discussion	

Agenda Topic:	Student Engagement Group Update (Lindsay Smith)
Update	No activity currently.

Agenda Topic:	Awards Committee (Barbara Giambra)
Update	No dedicated work currently.

Agenda Topic:	Bylaws Committee (Lindsay Smith / Kristen Abbott-Anderson)
Update	No dedicated work currently.

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Agenda Topic:	Communications Committee (Junko Honda / Elisabeth Coyne)
Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Starting this month, we will be publishing a monthly newsletter using Microsoft Sway. The first newsletter is below. https://sway.cloud.microsoft/XBVx4QAUv5Fc9zPG?ref=email This newsletter will be distributed to members (and non-members) via social media and mailing lists. Receiving some form of news each month is crucial for attracting interest to our society. We plan to consult with the website administrator about posting this newsletter on the website as well. We request that each committee, chapters, and BOD provide information for inclusion in the monthly newsletter. Communications committee have created a format for gathering news from each committee and chapter. This format also allows individual members to submit contributions. Link for gathering news for newsletter We would like one member from each chapter to join the CC. We have already requested this from the Ibero-American Chapter, which will host the next conference. We also <u>strongly encourage the African Chapter and UK & Ireland Chapter to recommend one member.</u> The Education Committee, Practice Committee, and Research Committee are IFNA's core committees and should collaborate closely with the Communications Committee. The previous chair established subcommittees or liaisons for public relations to CC. We would like each committee to designate one person responsible for liaising with the CC going forward. We aim to maintain close contact with that person or have them participate in the CC to ensure collaboration. Created a new LinkedIn Group for IFNA. Elizabeth is scheduled to take over LinkedIn updates, she is coordinating with Debbie Z. We will promote this new group going forward to encourage membership. https://www.linkedin.com/groups/17512002/
Action	Hans-Peter de Ruiter suggested a page in linkedIN. Debbie Zaparoni and Elisabeth Coyne will meet to get the LinkedIn organised.

Agenda Topic:	Conference Planning Committee (Petra Brysiewicz / June Horowitz)
Update	<p>Promotional flyer / announcement to be sent.</p> <p>Theme for IFNC18</p> <p><i>Building Bridges: Celebrating Family and Family Nursing in a Changing World</i></p> <p>Objectives for IFNC18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education: Examine global educational approaches to family and family nursing. Practice: Evaluate innovative clinical practice models of care to promote family and family nursing across the life course. Research: Analyze novel methodologies, technologies, and evidence to advance family nursing research globally. Policy and Leadership: Exploring opportunities to create strategies to advocate for family health worldwide. <p>Conference Website description:</p> <p>Join us for IFNC18, the premier conference of the International Family Nursing Association. Over four days, engage with leading experts, innovators and international colleagues in family</p>

	nursing through inspiring keynote addresses, expert lectures, hands-on workshops, and peer presentations. Discover the latest research, best practices for education and practice, and strategies for policy and leadership to bridge family and family nursing connections. IFNC18 is an invaluable opportunity to network, build partnerships, and strengthen the future of families and family nursing.
Action	Debbie Zaparoni Date has been set and flyer will go out in next few days.

Agenda Topic:	Conference Sponsorship Committee (Debbie Sheppard-LeMoine / Barbie Giambra)
Update	<p>The first part of the meeting was a celebration of Janet Deatrick for her many years on RAC in a leadership position. A power point was presented and thoughts and feelings shared by RAC members. The celebration ended in a toast to Janet for her Olympian efforts in sponsorship fund raising, mentoring and leadership over the years on the committee.</p> <p>Updates from IFNA and the CPC were shared. CSC learned that a budget was passed for these next two years and that no funds for a reception for sponsors at the conference were included. This will be raised at the CPC meeting to ask if they have included it in the conference budget. Discussion took place regarding how the sponsorship funding dollar amount for a conference is identified. Discussion about development of a financial model to use in future goal setting would be helpful. The question of who are the local colleagues CSC should be working with in preparation for the conference was raised. The three sub-committees have either met or have dates on calendars in the near future to meet. (Dean/Directors; Healthcare Organizations: Individual donors.</p> <p>The board acknowledged the work of Janet Deatrick.</p>

Agenda Topic:	Education Committee (Teresa Gutiérrez-Alemán / Hans-Peter de Ruiter)
Update	Nothing to report. Meeting next week

Agenda Topic:	Membership Committee (Maria do Céu Barbieri-Figueiredo)
Update	The committee has not met. Debbie Zaparoni shared that this committee continues to struggle and there is a meeting next week but Debbie Zaparoni has not had any answers to emails.

Agenda Topic:	Nominating Committee (Elisabeth Coyne)
Update	Call for Nominations is out. Deadline is March 20 th . Debbie Zaparoni said not many nominations so far.

Agenda Topic:	Practice Committee (Teresa Gutiérrez-Alemán / Maria do Céu Barbieri-Figueiredo)
Update	Teresa Gutierrez-Aleman shared that the committee is struggling a bit with members as attendance is difficult across the world time zones.

Agenda Topic:	Research Committee (Kim Mooney-Doyle)
Update	<p>Continued discussion of restructuring</p> <p>Anne and Natalie sent survey to the research committee membership to assess what members are interested in</p> <p>the digital health subcommittee also sent a survey to members. See below for results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Survey was sent to membership and received 8 responses.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Most respondents were interested in co-design with families. Barriers include cost and lack of training. People want to engage via webinar or workshop (3/4 of respondents) to learn more about digital health innovation.· Wendy and Anni will seek a presenter who has experience in co-designing digital health platforms with families. |
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Next IFNA Board Meeting will be Thursday, April 9th 7 – 9am (EDTUS-New York)