

IFNA Minutes Board of Directors - Conference Call May 14, 2026 7:00am – 9:00am EST	
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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:	Approval of prior minutes (Petra Brysiewicz) (Attachment)
Motion to Approve	April Minutes reviewed and Kristen Abbott-Anderson made a motion to accept the minutes as correct. Motion was seconded by June Horowitz. The board voted; minutes were accepted. Elisabeth Coyne was an abstention as they were not at the meeting.

Agenda Topic:	Financial Report (Barbie Giambra) Attachment
	April Financials Income was \$1,700 (Membership). Expenses were \$7022.45 (Primarily Management Fees & PayPal Fees). Monthly Loss of \$5,322.45. Conference Sponsorship Committee request for \$3,000 to be added to the Conference budget for 2027 for a Sponsor Reception.
Discussion	Discussion about the need for recognition of the sponsorship at the conference. Planning underway for ideas for sponsorship and the need for a sponsor reception to recognize and thank the IFNC17 sponsors. Three conference committee members will visit to Porto and the conference site and explore ideas for reception. Maria do Céu Barbieri-Figueiredo shared how they are exploring possibilities for sponsorship and low-cost venues. The site visit to Porto is self-funded. Barbie made a motion to support the conference sponsorship reception to be added as a budget line item. Motion was seconded by June Horowitz. The board voted; motion was accepted.

Agenda Topic:	Springer Publishing (Attachments)
Discussion	Petra was approached by Springer Publishing with a proposal for an IFNA Book, this would be an opportunity to showcase family nursing and showcase the International Family Nursing Association.

	Need to check if there is a cost factor and does it make money. Discussion as to who to lead, does it go to a committee or stay with the board. At this stage it was decided to stay with the board until full understanding of cost and other details.
Action Point	Petra Brysiewicz and Debbie Sheppard-LeMoine will talk with the publisher and find out details.

Agenda Topic:	IFNA Committee Terms of Reference (2026 – 2027) Awards Committee – (Corrected - Revision)
Discussion	Barbie Giambra made a motion to approve the ToR and Hans-Peter de Ruiter seconded. The board voted; motion was accepted.

Agenda Topic:	Strategic Plan – Member Survey
	Kim Mooney-Doyle shared the membership survey results quantitative and qualitative comments.
Discussion	Petra Brysiewicz expanded on some of the key points, suggesting a target area maybe in the clinical area, as the association has strength in the research area. Hans-Peter de Ruiter suggested a way to link into the clinical areas may be to highlight family nursing as a speciality. Barbie Giambra shared how a previous survey had explored the concept of what helps connect with clinicians. Maybe a certification / fellowship with a focus on family practice, clinical experts. An example suggested was the Transcultural Nursing Society certification. This is a certificate with examination and 4-year renewal.
Action point	Kim MD will send the survey summary to the board

Agenda Topic:	IFN Foundation
Discussion	Foundation Board was open and responsive to the prior feedback regarding a Fellowship Program. A proposal will be shared for review at the June meeting.

Chapter, Student Engagement Group and Committee Updates / Reports

Chapters Update	AusNZ (Elisabeth) https://sway.cloud.microsoft/xwX0QUMsi031lyWp?ref=Link African (Petra) Continue to work on scoping review, a number of the African members actively involved UK Ireland – (Suja) No report Ibero-American – (Maria) Webinar for June, working on scoping review and conference planning committee Nordic Chapter No report
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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	The May issue of our newsletter has been published. https://sway.cloud.microsoft/4IQfz0MYyTZA3qM0?ref=email CC has asked Debbie to send an email to all committee chairs and chapter chairs on the 20th of every month, asking them to share any news they may have. We have currently received one news item from the CSC. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScEZhAht13az1UQGsQGzcsvZuhsoASHlmmvHKSXUQFc6UpmLQ/viewform To promote IFNC18 in the July Newsletter, I'd like to collect photos from IFNC17 to create a "One Year to Go" photo story (slide-show video). I've prepared this upload link: https://photos.app.goo.gl/Ceq21ZUKYAht57rQ9 Debbie and the BOD members, Please upload the photos of IFNC17 that have to the URL above.
Action point	Include the link to the google form in the newsletter

Agenda Topic:	Conference Planning Committee (Petra Brysiewicz / June Horowitz)
Update	 • 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.
	Report from June Horowitz key note speakers being discussed and ideas for hibrid conference with IT support.
Action Points	Please share ideas and questions for the site visit to Porto. Please think about ideas for speakers

Agenda Topic:	Conference Sponsorship Committee (Debbie Sheppard-LeMoine / Barbie Giambra)
Update	Looking for sponsorship, working with in-country members.

Agenda Topic:	Education Committee (Teresa Gutiérrez-Alemán / Hans-Peter de Ruiter)
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Update	No meeting, next meeting next week. Making good progress with the position statements literature review and the publication.
Agenda Topic:	Membership Committee (Maria do Céu Barbieri-Figueiredo)
Update	No meeting
Agenda Topic:	Nominating Committee (Elisabeth Coyne)
Update	Ballot is out with reminders going out. Voting finishes soon, need to increase the number of people voting. Please encourage colleagues to vote.
Agenda Topic:	Practice Committee (Teresa Gutiérrez-Alemán / Maria do Céu Barbieri-Figueiredo)
Update	No meeting, minimal contact with the committee chairs.
Action point	Petra Brysiewicz will reach out to this committee to support them
Agenda Topic:	Research Committee (Kim Mooney-Doyle)
Update	In April, we held the all member meeting that was shared to the broader membership. Ann Johannsson presented on leveraging family strengths in rare disease and Karyn Roberts presented on community engaged research in genomics and genetics.

Next IFNA Board Meeting will be Thursday, June 11 7 – 9am (EDT US-New York)