

Southeast Region of the WOCN Society

Business Meeting Minutes

August 28, 2021

Rosen Centre, Orlando, Florida

Call to order: Business meeting of Southeast Region of the Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society was held on Saturday August 28 at 7:00 am. President Glenda Brunette presiding and Cynceré Neal, Secretary

Board Members in attendance: Glenda Brunette, Angela Graham, Cynceré Neal, Sharon McCarthy, Angela Dye, Cordelia Lucas-Sherrod, Amy Armstrong, Martha Davidson, Nancy Scott

Other Attendee: Bernie Haberer

Attendance:

Alabama:	10
Florida:	13
Georgia:	23
NC:	4
SC:	1
Tennessee:	3
Texas	1
Board members:	9
Other attendee:	1
Total:	64 attendees (signed in)

Approval of minutes: Motion was made by Angela Graham and seconded to approve the October 5, 2019 business meeting minutes.

Officers' reports

Glenda Brunette- President

- Introduction of board members and staff support
- Outgoing board members recognition and thanks
 - Cynceré Neal- Secretary 2020-2021
 - Martha Davidson – Current and past Treasurer, President- Elect, Past President 2012-2021
 - Amy Armstrong- Director of Special Projects, Nomination's chair 2018-2021
 - Sharon McCarthy- Director of Conference Planning, 2021
- 2021 Election Results for 2022-2023
 - Cynceré Neal- Secretary
 - Deborah Nelson – Treasurer
 - Jennifer Anderson- Director of Conference Planning
 - Stephanie Garcia- Director of Special Projects

- 2022 Elections- Open Positions for 2023-2024- Encouraged members to consider running for board positions
 - President Elect
 - Director of Awards
 - Director of Communications
 - Elections Chair (name changed from Nominations Chair)
- Membership survey provided to inquire about reasons for low voter participation and lack of candidates running for board positions

Cynceré Neal- Secretary

- Current membership is down to 633 from 729 as of January 2021
- Welcome letters sent to new members to SER is 61.

Martha Davidson-Treasurer's report

- Reviewed pie chart graph of income with sections including vendors, participants, WOC dues and grants.
- Reviewed pie chart graph of expenses with sections including operations, conference, scholarships and donations.
- Presented the historical information leading to board renaming of poster awards as the Reneé Epting Poster Awards. Reneé was poster committee chair 2013, Director of special projects 2014-2017 and Conference chair 2018. Reneé passed away June 7, 2020.

Sharon McCarthy- Director of Conference Planning

- Thanked all attendees for SER WOCN conference
- CDC guidelines were implemented during the conference
- Thanked 2021 Conference Chair Megan Chipman, committee chairs and all Florida planning committees
- Mentioned upcoming planning for 2022 "Sweet Home Alabama" conference

Amy Armstrong- Director of Special Projects

- 22 abstracts were submitted with 4 abstracts withdrawn
- 18 posters were accepted. 2 posters submitted by board members are ineligible for judging
- 3rd place poster winner \$250
A New Bordered Foam Dressing Technology Improves Wound Outcomes and Satisfaction While Reducing Dressing Utilization in Acute Care
Deborah Nelson
Cookville Regional Medical Center
- 2nd place poster winner \$500
Giant Omphalocele and the Challenges of Healing and Containment: A Case Study
Collen Spiller, Janet Rankin and Sara Hammond
UNC Health Chapel Hill, NC
- 1st place poster winner \$1000
Deep Tissue Pressure Injury Using Tissue Recovery Outcomes to Inform Best Practices in the Point of Care
Rhonda Sullivan
iWoc Nursing Foundation
Jacksonville, FL

Angela Dye- Director of Awards

- Charitable Donations
 - Youth Rally Scholarship- normally 5-day summer camp for age 8-17 with bowel and bladder dysfunctions Most recent donations given for virtual camp.
 - Friends of Ostomates Worldwide Donation- nonprofit organization who provides ostomy supplies and educational resources at no cost to ostomates in need around the world
 - Kindred Box Donation- this is a charitable organization in the US that distributes donated ostomy supplies to support the care of uninsured and underinsured ostomates in America. This is the first year the SER WOCN donated.
 - Osto Group is a not for profit organization that receives financial donations and unused ostomy product donations to serve ostomates all around the country.
- Ostomy Awareness Fun Walk and Run- special thanks to Deborah Nelson for organizing the event and thanks to all who participated.
- Conference Scholarships recipients
 - Felecia Barnes
 - Stephanie Garcia
 - Jason Pratt
 - Stephanie Fortenberry
 - Cynthia Barney
- Advanced Practice Scholarship Recipients
 - 2020**
 - Ashley Baxter
 - Margaret Burden
 - 2021**
 - Kristy Aiken
 - Lauren Flook Brown
- WOC Nursing Education Scholarship recipients
 - 2020**
 - Juleigh Vargas
 - 2021**
 - Kristina Collins
 - Christy Williams
- WOCN Nurse of the year
 - 2020: Nancy Scott, FL (nominated by Amy Beightel)
 - 2021: Cynthia Timms, GA (nominated by Lauren Flook)
- WOCN Rookie of the year
 - 2020: Hannah Cleveland, GA (nominated by Michele Pasch)
 - 2021 Michelle Gehring, AL (nominated by Saralyn McDade and award accepted on her behalf by Karen Eubank)
- Florida 2021 WOC Award recipient (chosen by her Florida WOC nurses for her contributions to the SER WOCN)
 - Kathryn Dere, Longwood, FL

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 am

Cynceré Neal, MSN FNP-BC, CWCN