

**VA SIG Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** February 21, 2017 1200-1300 (EST)

**Modality:** Lync and dial in 1-800-582-3014 Participant Passcode: 875843813#

Topic	Discussion/Conclusion/Recommendation	Action/Evaluative Follow-Up																						
<p><b>Welcome and Introduction of New Members</b></p>	<p>New members were welcomed. Attendees were informed of new AAACN board liaison, Anne Jessie, DNP, RN.</p> <p><b><u>New Members:</u></b></p> <table data-bbox="506 597 1476 964"> <tr> <td><i>December 2016</i></td> <td><i>January 2017</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brenda Dunbar</td> <td>Deanna Anderson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Krystal Eastman</td> <td>Brenda Black</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Perry Gamble</td> <td>Linda Burson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lauren Incontera</td> <td>Johneen Davis</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Christina Johns</td> <td>Gladys Estolas</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mairi Schenburn</td> <td>Erika Makoukdji</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Colleen Munroe</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Julie Parker</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Nicole Parson</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Andrea Turner</td> </tr> </table>	<i>December 2016</i>	<i>January 2017</i>	Brenda Dunbar	Deanna Anderson	Krystal Eastman	Brenda Black	Perry Gamble	Linda Burson	Lauren Incontera	Johneen Davis	Christina Johns	Gladys Estolas	Mairi Schenburn	Erika Makoukdji		Colleen Munroe		Julie Parker		Nicole Parson		Andrea Turner	<p>New Members will be welcomed at the start of each meeting ongoing.</p>
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<p><b>AAACN Board Updates</b></p>	<p>Dr. Anne Jessie, VA SIG Board Liaison, reminded members to plan their travel for the upcoming conference as rooms are filling up. Kathy Martin is the President Elect for 2017-2018; her position on the board of directors needs to be filled for a one year term. There has been an assessment of SIG roles and responsibilities, variation noted across SIGs but there is no change to policy and SIGs can determine their own leadership structure. There will be a SIG Chair orientation at the conference. The board is also looking to engage students and faculty by reaching out to local nursing schools in the city of the conferences to invite to come. In the recent issue of Nurse Economics the position paper/statement has been update and publishes. The silent auction donations at the conference are put towards AAACN scholarships and awards.</p>	<p>Board updates ongoing.</p>																						



*Many settings. Multiple roles. One unifying specialty.*

<b>2017 Annual Conference</b>	Information on the upcoming AAACN Conference provided. Attendees encouraged to attend and also to participate in VA SIG activities planned during the conference. <a href="https://www.aaacn.org/professional-development/annual-conference">https://www.aaacn.org/professional-development/annual-conference</a>	More information on VA SIG activities scheduled during the annual conference to follow.
<b>VA SIG Website Updates</b>	Kathy Andersen introduced new members to the VA SIG webpage and highlighted the following sections: <a href="https://www.aaacn.org/community/veterans-affairs-sig">https://www.aaacn.org/community/veterans-affairs-sig</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ Connected Community</li> <li>✚ Best Practice Tab – posters from last year’s conference posted under this tab. 2016 conference posters presented by VA SIG members will be added.</li> <li>✚ Resource tab</li> <li>✚ Minutes and Presenter’s Corner</li> <li>✚ VA membership map</li> </ul>	Members/attendees encouraged to refer to the VA SIG webpage for meeting updates and resources.
<b>Presentations</b>	<b>Guest Presenters</b> 1. Professional Development Opportunities- Julie Alban, Kathy Andersen, Sarah Espin, Mary Kate Sweeney 2. Lean Six Sigma- Kathy Andersen	Julie Alban will send out PPT presentation to attendees and members.
<b>Next Meeting</b>	April 18, 2017 1200 (EST) <b>Toll Free #: 1-800-582-3014</b> <b>Participant Passcode: 875843813#</b>	Invites to follow.

**Thank you for your participation and please contact us with any questions. “GO TEAM VA SIG!”**

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