

IANN News



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Iowa Chapter

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From the President

Happy Spring! I am thrilled to be writing my first president's letter. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as president of IANN and I look forward to collaborating with all of you. It doesn't need to be said that it has been a challenging year, but there is a light at the end of the quarantine tunnel. We have persevered, and we have a lot to be thankful for. Most of us and our families are vaccinated (or will be soon) and are looking forward to getting back to normal, or maybe a new normal. We have been teased with a little bit of spring weather but know that more is on the way. But mostly, we continue to fight the good fight to care for babies, support families, and improve care.

We are planning our annual IANN conference and it will be held virtually on July 21. We are busy planning and the theme will be cardiac. Details about registration will be coming soon. Plan to attend and encourage your colleagues to attend as well!

Nurses week is May 6-12. Find a way to celebrate. The World Health Organization has extended the year of the nurse, 2020, into 2021. Stand tall and be proud of what you have overcome this year. Do something nice for yourself or pay it forward to someone else. We all do great things every day in big and small ways. I

challenge you to ask yourself- how can I make a difference? Maybe it is as simple as spending a little extra time comforting an overwhelmed mom. Take a few minutes and get that baby out to be held skin to skin. Maybe it is learning something new. Maybe it is mentoring a co-worker. Maybe it is identifying a practice change in your unit and working on a quality improvement project. The opportunities are endless! Go forth and make a difference!



Emily Spellman, President
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Upcoming Events

46th Annual Iowa Conference on Perinatal Medicine

GOING VIRTUAL!

Pre-conference sessions:

Monday, April 12, 2021

**Main conference: Tuesday &
Wednesday, April 13-14, 2021**

*Conference brochure & registration details
attached

Registration link: <https://uiowa.cloud-cme.com/course/courseoverview?P=5&EID=40887>

IANN Conference

Date: July 21st

Location: Virtual

*Brochure and registration information
coming soon*

2020 IANN Meetings

- **April 12th**
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: Zoom
Sponsor: Abbott
- **July 21st** *possible date change TBD
Time: 5 pm
Location: Cedar Rapids
Sponsor: Mead Johnson
- **October 20th**
Time: 10 am
Location: Mercy Des Moines
Sponsor: Abbott



April Meeting Details

Link for April Zoom meeting –

<https://uiowa.zoom.us/j/93554548056?from=addon>

*Full link included on last page of
newsletter*

April Meeting Community Donation Site

Unity Point Child Life

To provide books for each family to take
home.

Please send monetary donations to:

Erin Weber

5919 Muirfield dr SW #4

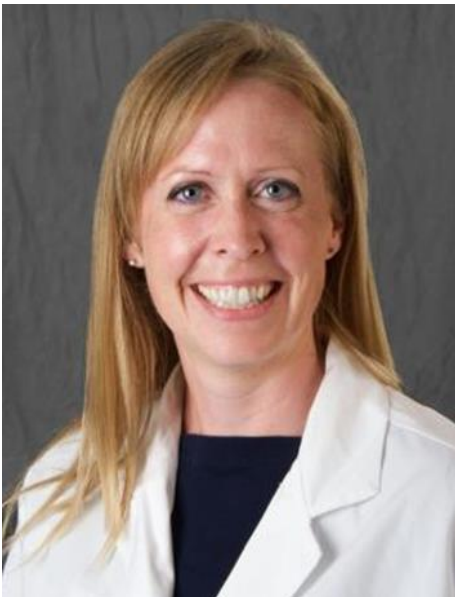
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membership??**

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www.nann.org

IANN Business Meeting

Minutes

Location: ZOOM

Meeting donation site:

Community Crisis Services &
Food Bank (Iowa City)

The meeting was called to order at
6:10 pm by Emily Spellman.

- **Attendees:** President: Emily Spellman, Vice President: Kayti Steffen, Secretary: Penny Smith, Roxan Hammer, Pam Kalkhoff, Erin Weber, Susan Berends, Denise Easley, Dawn Schwartz.
- **Meeting sponsors from Mead Johnson:** Sue Veach, Morgan Meinecke, Janee Enich.
- **Introductions:** Emily asked members and guests to introduce themselves.

Approval of October minutes:

Denise Easley motioned to approve minutes; 2nd by Pam Kalkhoff. Minutes approved.

Annual review and approval of

Chapter Bylaws: Kayti Steffen motioned to approve minutes; 2nd by Susan Berends. Bylaws approved.

Officer Reports

President: Emily Spellman

- Emily received handoff from outgoing president, Denise

Easley.

- Emily would like to continue with membership drive and identify NANN members who are not in IANN. Pam K. stated that we have tried to contact these people. Denise E. also made an effort to reach them with no reply. Emily asked the group for ideas. Erin recommended offering a group discount for new members or drawing for \$75, half of NANN dues. Denise suggested that participating NICU's have a designated spot on units to host IANN information. Current members should talk about IANN to their peers and be role models. One incentive to join: IANN funds available for members to attend conferences.
- To encourage hospital engagement in IANN, Emily would like to dedicate 5-10 minutes at each business meeting for one member to report on the activities of their unit.

Vice President: Kayti Steffen

- No report

Secretary: Penny Smith

- Penny received handoff from outgoing secretary, Barb

Smith.

Treasurer: Becky Davila

- Treasurer report submitted and reviewed by Emily. We had a brief discussion regarding the process for tracking member reports after they have received IANN funds to attend a conference/meeting. Reports should be submitted to Emily.

Chair Reports

Membership: Pam Kalkhoff

- Pam reported current chapter membership: 81 members

Communications: Erin Weber

- Erin will be collecting money for meeting donation site until next week, then she will deliver the funds.
- Erin is working with website people to update IANN website.

Committee Reports

Education: Committee members change every year based on location of annual conference, Des Moines area or eastern Iowa. Pam will send emails to each region and ask for volunteers to join the planning committee.

- The 2020 conference was canceled due to COVID-19; the planning committee included Denise, Dawn and Becky. Denise is now retired and hesitant to commit to 2021 conference planning.
- Date of annual conference: **July 21,**

2021. Group agreed with plan to keep same theme and speakers from 2020, Dr. Regan Geisinger and Dr. Patrick McNamara from UISFCH. We discussed potential meeting locations in Cedar Rapids and Iowa City. Also discussed meeting format: in-person vs. hybrid of virtual/in-person vs. virtual only. Erin will send out SurveyMonkey link to poll members on their preferences for meeting format.

- Emily will set follow-up meeting to review polling responses and move forward with planning for 2021 conference.

Community Relations: No chairperson or committee.

- IANN will continue to support Ronald McDonald House dinners in December (in-person or funds delivered by check).
- Erin will highlight need for Community Relations chairperson and committee members in newsletter.

Advocacy: Barb Smith- OB
Statewide Task Force

Cyndie Homewood- Statewide Perinatal Guidelines Committee

- We discussed adding others to this list and expanding the reach of advocacy through IANN. Penny suggested adding coordinator for Click for Babies Program (Cedar

Rapids). Denise stated that program leadership is changing. Dawn suggested other groups related to lactation support, preventing child abuse and political advocacy groups.

- Denise reminded group that NANN sends two people every year to Washington, DC for internship/advocacy program NiWi.
- Dawn stated that the Iowa Hospital Association sponsors *Day on the Hill*, an advocacy education program.
- Susan has attended *ARNP Day on the Hill* and found legislators to be very responsive to concerns of ARNP group.
- Members should send advocacy opportunities to Erin for the newsletter.

Recognitions:

- **Becky Davila** has new publication on listening visits, posted on FB page.

Old Business

2021 IANN Meeting Dates:

- April 12, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Blank Children's Hospital, Sponsor: Abbott (will wait to decide on in-person or virtual meeting)

- July 21, 2021 at 5:00 pm, Cedar Rapids, Sponsor: Mead Johnson
- October 20, 2021 at 10:00 am, MercyOne Des Moines, Sponsor: Abbott

NANN Annual Conference: September 15-18, 2021, Denver, CO

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:40 pm by Kayti Steffen, 2nd by Denise Easley.
Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Smith, BSN, RNC-NIC

IANN Secretary

Conference Scholarships

Would you like assistance with travels to the NANN National Conference? Apply for a \$200 scholarship from IANN..

Need CEUs? Want to go to a different conference or get CEUS online? Apply for a maximum of \$100 scholarship from IANN

Successful grant recipients will:

1. Be a current member of NANN/IANN member.
2. Each individual will be required to share new knowledge with fellow IANN members through a short presentation at the net meeting and/or write an article for the IANN Newsletter about something of interest from the conference (a new product, and interesting talk, a person of interest, etc.)

***If you are delinquent in reporting your information, you will forfeit your right to request money for the next year. **

Please submit completed Application Form to:

Becky Davila

818 Jackson St

Tiffin, Iowa 52340

Name:

Address:

E-mail address:

Phone Number:

Conference Attending:

\$ Amount Requested

If I receive this education grant I agree to share learned information with the IANN membership within six (6) months.

Signature

