

Greater Birmingham Chapter NAHN Meeting

August 31st, 2016 @ 6 O'Clock PM

UAB School of Nursing

1800: Meeting was called to order by Grace Grau, Chair Protem

Grace Grau announced that meetings would be conducted using Robert's Rules of Order.

1801: All members attending identified themselves

Present: Grace Grau, CRNP, Jackie Godber RN, Brian Dickson RN (Called In), Norma Cuellar RN (Called In), Reyna Silva LPN (Called In), Ana Rios SN, Lisette Ornelas, SN, Erika Alvarez, SN

Absent with notice: Linda Moneyham RN, Martha Dawson RN, D'Ann Sommerall CRNP

Absent without notice: Aracely Alvarez Student Nurse (SN)

1804: Motion made by Brian Dickson to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as posted on the website, second by Norma Cuellar. Passed by majority vote- 4 Nursing Members

1805: Grace Grau opened discussion regarding bylaws posted on website from last meeting.

Dr. Grau explained changes made based review and feedback received from Norma Cuellar and National. The wording was consistent with that of National as follows: Section II was added r/t principal office location:

Principal Office. The principal office of the Chapter is to be located in the Greater Birmingham area of Alabama at a location approved by the Board of Directors.

Dr. Grau added that given the limited financial resources of the chapter, this wording allows flexibility for mailing address thereby preventing expenditure or need for post office box.

Discussion ensued amongst members with unanimous agreement to keep national recommendations for the running of local chapter.

Dr. Grau addressed changes to Section 3: Functions, consistent with National's bylaws as follows:

The Greater Birmingham Chapter of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN) shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- a. to have a voice in the planning of health service delivery to Hispanic citizens and residents of Jefferson County and surrounding communities;
- b. to compile a local membership directory of Hispanic nurses;
- c. to promote leadership, professional and educational advancement of chapter members, particularly the ability of nurse members to meet the healthcare needs of the Hispanic population;

- d. to promote scholarly activities, including research activities and seek grant funding opportunities;
- e. to support research aimed at evidenced-based solutions that address health promotion, illness prevention, and the improvement of health problems and disparities common to Hispanic ethnic individuals and communities;
- f. to identify the contributions that Hispanic Nurses have made individually and/ or in collaboration with interdisciplinary members to advance the development of knowledge, education and nursing practice;
- g. to actively participate in advocacy and setting health care policy that affect Hispanics;
- h. to be recognized and utilized as a resource by community leaders when considering matters that affect the Hispanic population;
- i. to collaborate with all members of national and international organizations to support the health of all people across the lifespan.
- j. to strengthen the influence of Hispanic nurses on government and organized nursing through coordinated action

Dr. Grau emphasized the role of advocacy and health care policy and need to promote scholarly activities, including research activities and seek grant funding opportunities for the chapter to enhance efforts to support Hispanic communities and the professional and educational development of the members through scholarships, etc.

1808: Motion was made by Dr. Cuellar to adopt the bylaws as amended. Second motion received from Jacqueline Godber, RN. Unanimous approval by all members present. No abstentions.

1812: Dr. Grau addressed the need to send chapter dues at the time the bylaws are submitted to National as follows:

- Licensed Nursing members \$25.00/year
- Student/Unlicensed Members \$10.00/year

Send chapter dues to: Greater Birmingham Chapter NAHN
Attention Grace Grau, Chair Protem
976 Valley Circle
Leeds, AL 35094

*Make check out to NAHN & write Greater Birmingham Chapter NAHN on the comment line. Tax ID number was obtained August 15th. Once seed money received from NANH will proceed with opening Bank account at BBVA Compass.

1815: Dr. Grau addressed the need for 3 members to be on nominating committee (all interested members should email this by Monday).

- Dr Cuellar has agreed to be on nominating committee, with stipulation that she cannot commit to be Chair at this time.

- After which Dr. Grau will be contacting individuals to form this committee to move forward with nominations for President, President Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer.

1818: Dr Grau spoke of efforts being made with community organizations as follow:

- BBVA Bank (Spanish banking/Financial Institution) to discuss possibility of having them be the Chapter's first Corporate Member. Message left, will follow-up and update will be provided as soon as further information obtained.
- Health Interest Coalition of Alabama (HICA) was emailed to request they donate a booth at Birmingham's Annual FIESTA event scheduled October 1. The benefit of the booth includes: to make our presence known @ FIESTA (Health fair w/ Health Booths) 1st week of October is when Fiesta will be. Also, this is great opportunity for fundraising for CE scholarships/memberships for our group

1819: Norma is President Elect for NAHN @ national and will serve as full President w/in 2 years

- Norma discussed that national gives 2 scholarships for the national conference, also encouraged students to apply for scholarships

1822: Chapter meetings q2 months (5 times annually) – with additional meetings/reporting in the interim via phone/email.

1824: Think about what we can do as a fundraiser, face painting, baked goods (Spanish type foods)

1826: Think about community outreach and what goals we have for the community.

Next meeting: Oct 27th, Thursday 1800 (6pm Central time) **

1829: Grace Grau called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Norma Cuellar made motion to adjourn, Second by Jacqueline Godber. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned

