Nursing Section Meeting Minutes

18th World Congress on Disaster and Emergency Medicine

Thursday, 30 May 2013, 09:00

Attendance: Bruria Adini (Israel), Knox Andress (USA), Paul Arbon (Aust), Sue Anne Bell (USA), Odesa Benin-Gonen (Israel), Dalia Cohen (Israel), Elaine Daily (USA), Kristine Gebbie (Aust), Karen Hammad (Aust), Dawn Higgins (USA), Reny Hisra (Belgium), Ally Hutton (Aust), James Iacino (France), Shane Lenson (Aust), Sharon Mailey (USA), Lidia Mayner (Aust), Wendy McKenzie (Canada), Tamra Mohs (USA), Iosmat Naer (Israel), Nyree Parker (Aust), Virginia Plummer (Aust), Jamie Ranse (Aust), Emmanuel Rohrbacher (France), Pippa Rokkas (Aust), Lesley Seigloff (Aust), Val Smyth (Aust), Sheila Turris (Canada), Vibiane Wascimento (Brazil), Joyce Williams (USA)

Nursing Section Chair Report 2011-2013

The Nursing Section Executive Committee was:

- Chair; Kristine Gebbie
- Vice Chair; Alison Hutton
- Members at large: Amy Zhang, Emmanuel Rohrbacher and Lidia Mayner

The Committee Chairs were invited to participate to be more inclusive:

Committee Chairs:

- Research/Publication: Virginia Plummer
- Education: Joyce Williams
- Membership: Greg Hynes

We thank all of these members for their work over the past two years.

Nursing Section Accomplishments – 2011-13

Online Research Repository – http://research.wadem.org

We wish to recognize Jamie Ranse in developing the repository with the support of the Research Committee. This repository has adopted by the whole of WADEM.
In addition, we have drafted a membership proposal to be inclusive of members from developing countries. This work was led by Gregory Hynes. Unfortunately, the proposal was not accepted by the WADEM Officers for the time being. However, we will continue to work on this document with the goal to develop a proposal outlining how the Nursing Section will collaborate/attract members from different professional associations.

Lastly, we are still working to review the ICN competencies. The ICN is not ready for the competencies to be reviewed as yet. Therefore, one of the strategies we are considering is to use the two white papers that have already been written about competencies and move the discussion forward through WADEM position papers and directives.

Kristine Gebbie asked people if they do want to move forward on the disaster competencies without the support of the ICN. It was decided not to move forward without ICN’s support.

**Future Directions**

Expanding of membership is still needed. It was suggested to get in contact with nursing leaders from organizations such as the WHO to disseminate information. Currently, we are making arrangements to publish all of the nursing abstracts from this Congress into a newsletter to distribute to the Nursing Section members. We have editorial agreement to do so with PDM.

Cambridge Publishing Presentation by Professor Samuel Stratton and Mona Johnson

**Report on the Ballot**

- Chair (elect) – Emmanuel Rohbacher

**Members at large**

- Sue Anne Bell
- Odeda Bebin-Goren
- Nyree Parker

Thank you to all who put their names forward.

**Transfer of Chair – Ally Hutton**

I would like to acknowledge the work of the previous board and look forward to working over the next two years with the newly elected members. I see the focal points for each committee being:

- **Education:** Position statements for competencies
- **Membership:** Membership with other organisations
- **Research:** Increasing communication between members and the use of social media

The meeting adjourned at 10:30.