WSAOHN President’s Report: September 2018- August 2019

This has been a challenging yet positive year for your organization as we work through the changes to our organization as we are impacted by the bylaws changes at the National level. I have been privileged to work with a talented group of professionals during my tenure as president. It has been a pleasure to meet more members. I anticipate continuing to support your BOD and you as members in the ensuing years.

Your board of directors has set & made progress on goals this year.

2019 BOD

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| Past President | Cindy Schaefer |  | Director- NW | Wendy Darm |
| President | Renee VandenBusch |  | Director- SE | Melanie Rivet |
| Vice President | Patricia Olson |  | Director- SC | Cindy Groves |
| Secretary | Nicole Kalscheur |  | Director- WW | Ward Evenson |
| Treasurer | Chris Mol |  | Nominations chair-SE | Cecile Pohl |
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| Education | Jessie Kois |  | Nominations- NW | Nicole Meighen |
|  | Sarah Schmitz |  | Nominations- SC | Cindy Firari |
| Awards | Cindy Schaefer |  | Nominations- WW | Jean Doty |
|  | Kat Cyganiak |  |  |  |
| Webmaster | Nicole Meighen |  |  |  |
| Bylaws/Govn’t | Cindy Groves |  |  |  |

**2019 Board of Directors Goals**

1. Develop plan to support AAOHN changes at the State level- address chapter challenges
   1. Objective: Support strong organizational format
      1. Promote information sharing to all WI members
      2. Promote vote in AAOHN bylaws revision
   2. Action steps
      1. Communicate updates to members
      2. Discover what our members find most beneficial to membership
   3. Team- all
2. Improve formal process for scholarships for future conferences
   1. Objective: Support of members to access quality continuing education
   2. Action steps
      1. WSAOHN will sponsor one full registration of conference fees to a member from a Chapter that agrees to sponsor a second member for one full conference registration fees. Each Chapter will determine the method to choose the members sponsored.
      2. Chapter Directors will communicate process to chapters, notify WSAOHN treasurer and education committee of participation and names of two members (one sponsored by Chapter and one sponsored by state) by June 1st annually.
      3. WSAOHN treasurer will provide one full registration to a maximum of 4 members annually and determine if budget continues to support program annually.
   3. Team: Cindy Schaefer, Wendy Darm
3. Continue to develop strategies to keep members engaged and connected to the BOD.
   1. Objective: Engagement of members into board activities in support of occupational health nurses
   2. Action steps
      1. Experienced member will set up Chapter president resource calls quarterly (2019-Cindy)
      2. Maintain website with directors’ reports, CEU opportunities, legislative updates (webmaster and directors)
      3. Develop LinkedIn WSAOHN group
      4. Research/promote Listserv options to members
   3. Team: Melanie Rivet, Nicole Kalscheur
4. Develop a strategy to support occupational health in the future
   1. Objective: Forward thinking to prepare membership to be an occupational health nurse in the future (5/10 years). Shape future of occupational health nursing.
   2. Action steps
      1. Develop toolkit for new to occupational health nurse resourcing
      2. Adapt M. Rivet PowerPoint into toolkit
   3. Team: Melanie Rivet
5. Focus on business continuity for all board positions
   1. Objectives: preparation for future and continuity of position
   2. Action steps
      1. BOD members to work with new individuals to groom/create comfort with offices
      2. Policy and procedure document is updated and provides resource for new officer.
   3. Team: Pat Olson, Cecile Pohl

This year we can celebrate another successful Midwest Regional Occupational Health Conference. The speakers and facilities are excellent. Thank you to our education committee of Jessie Kois and Sarah Schmitz for all of the efforts they have made to make this conference a success. This year we have 2 entries in the Great Hall of Ideas poster presentation. Each entry is awarded a $25 participation award. CEU’s were offered for the full collection and voting by all conference participants determined winners of the $300, and $200 awards.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your WSAOHN president this past year. Please reach out to me with any concerns or great ideas you have to make our organization even better in the next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee VandenBusch RN COHN-S