Minutes of the Region 6 Board Meeting
September 10, 2025, 7:00 pm
Virtual

Attendance

Officers:

Sheila Caldwell, President
Denise Nash, President-Elect
Kathy Mullen, Secretary
Linda Gural, Treasurer
Barbara Blozen, Director of Educ. and Scholarship
Laurie Huryk, Director to Committee on Policy and Practice
Anastasia Klimchenia, County Director

Members:

Gina Miranda Diaz, Raffle & Nominations Committee
Orlene Van Duyne, Raffle & Nominations Committee

Non-Members

Sandra Foley, NJSNA Past President
Wikoyat Babalola, WPU
Alice Bruter, WPU
Anthony Martinez, WPU
Blessing Njoku, WPU
Anjolaoluwa Olominu, WPU
Juliet Oparaochaekwe, WPU
Aishat Owonla, WPU
Rusaila Sheikh, WPU
Sarah Shogelola, WPU

1. Meeting called to order 7:06 p by Sheila Caldwell, President
2. President's Welcome
3. Sheila welcomed Region 6 Board members, general membership, and student guests.
4. Roll Call
    a. A quorum was present (6 of 10 Board Members at the start of the meeting).
5. Agenda Approved without additions or corrections.
6. Approval of Minutes
    a. June 3, 2025 Board Meeting minutes approved with the following corrections:
        i. The treasury report for the fiscal year ending June 30 was accepted by the members.
        ii. The proposed budget for 2025-2026 was approved by the membership.
7. Reports from Officers and Committees
    a. President's Report - Sheila
        i. Great presentation at our June meeting
    b. President Elect's Report - Denise
        i. Recapped the most significant changes to the bylaws: deleting and renaming Board positions
    c. Secretary's Report – Kathy
        i. Minutes were submitted
        ii. The next issue of NJ Nurse is due the end of the month
    d. Treasurer's Report - Linda
        i. Account balance $5281 of which $150 is the balance of the scholarship fund.
        ii. General meeting cost $926.88 after expenses.
        iii. Raffle committee now has a separate bank account.
        iv. Audit is complete for previous fiscal year. We need a new accountant for next audit.
    e. Director of Membership's Report – Helen excused
        i. 1,434 members in Region 6 of 6968 NJSNA members
    f. Director of the Nominations and Elections Report – Denise for vacant position
        i. We are accepting nominations until October 17
        ii. Anyone interested in a vacant position, please send a consent to serve, photo, and cv.
    g. Director to COPP's Report - Laurie
        i. At the most recent mtg, Judy Schmidt reviewed the pending legislation:
            1. Eliminates restrictions on APN practice, not moving to committee

        2. RN title protection, stalled
    ii. Revised position statement on medical cannabis will be sent to COPP committee for a vote and then published in NJ Nurse.
    iii. Minnesota State Nurses Association published a lengthy statement on medical misinformation. COPP is pending decision on supporting their statement or creating a NJSNA statement.
    iv. Highlighted points from the AI presentation at the June General meeting
h. Director of Education and Scholarship's Report – Barbara
    i. Three scholarships were awarded, and one recipient was present at the General meeting
i. County Directors' Report – Anastasia
    i. No report
j. Raffle Committee's Report - Gina
    i. Orlene and Gina will be returning to the bank to add Gina as a second signer
k. New Business
    i. A meeting in October/November has not been planned due to schedule conflicts
    ii. Planning for the General meeting in June must commence soon.
    iii. Students were put in a waiting room for a Closed Executive Session
        1. Sheila Caldwell resigned from the President position, effective immediately
l. Open Discussion/Announcements for the Good of the Order
    i. Healthy Nurse Walk, September 28 in Middlesex County
    ii. NJSNA/IFN Professional Conference is October 16 & 17 in Princeton
    iii. NJSNA to the State House in November, specific data pending
    iv. INPAC is trying to schedule a mtg in Region 6 prior to the elections
    v. ANA Membership Assembly's proposed change to the bylaws to allow LPNs as members has gone to committee.
    vi. Jackie Owens, IFN, requested a basket for the NJSNA/IFN Professional Conference door prize.
        1. Denise volunteered to put it together.
        2. Linda stated the budget general fund has sufficient to support a basket of $75-125.
        3. The Board approved the motion for funding the basket purchase.
m. Next Meeting Date
    i. Wednesday, October 8, 2025 7:00 pm
n. Adjournment at 8:03p