

Minutes of the Region 6 Board Meeting
October 8, 2025, 7:00 pm
Virtual

Attendance

Officers:

Denise Nash, President
Laurie Huryk, Director to Committee on Policy and Practice
Helen Heimets, Director of Membership
Barbara Blozen, Director of Educ. and Scholarship
Anastasia Klimchenia, County Director
Jocelyn Parker, County Director
Jordan Sulewicz, County Director

Members:

June Brandes Chu
Gina Miranda Diaz, Raffle & Nominations Committee
Orlene Van Duyne, Raffle & Nominations Committee
Sam Volak, Kean student

1. Meeting called to order by Denise Nash, President
2. President's Welcome
 - a. Denise welcomed Region 6 Board members.
3. Roll Call
 - a. A quorum was present (6 of 10 Board Members) at the start of the meeting).
4. Approval of Minutes
 - a. September 10, 2025 Board Meeting minutes approved
5. Reports from Officers and Committees
 - a. President's Report – Denise
 - i. New NJSNA website and Region webpages published, updates to Region pages pending.
 - ii. NJSNA will be instituting a more centralized approach to informing members of Region news and events. More information will be forthcoming over the next month.
 - iii. NJSNA 125th anniversary in 2026. A big celebration is planned, details to follow.
 - iv. Recently federal Title VIII had a 45% decrease in funding for Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) subsidized loans for advanced degrees for nursing faculty education.
 - v. NJSNA Conference
 1. Attendance at the conference has been reduced since the pandemic.
 2. Region 6 members will be attending the 10/16 Comedy Night at the NJSNA conference.
 3. IFN fundraiser, ShopRaise, will support the nursing education scholarships provided at the state level (rather than Regions). ShopRaise is a portal to various internet shopping sites. The vendor donates a percentage of your shopping expenditure to IFN, without additional expenditure by the member. The vendors are typical sites that members shop at usually. IFN is encouraging members to use ShopRaise to support NJSNA education scholarships.
 4. The theme of the Region 6 Basket for the Conference is "Self-Care by the Shore" and includes candles, a Vera Bradley bag, face masks and lotions among other products.
 - vi. Call for Nominations
 1. Membership (2 applications)
 2. County Director (1 application) – there was discussion about Jordan's appointment to fill-in the one year remaining of a previously vacant position. Going forward the County Director positions will alternate the terms with one elected every year for a 2 year term.
 3. Nominations (1 application)

4. Scholarship (0 application) – Barbara cannot submit a Consent to Serve since she's completed 2 consecutive terms. However, members can submit a write-in vote for Barbara.
 5. Treasurer (0 applications) – if anyone is interested please submit Consent to Serve.
- vii. Upcoming Events
1. October - Advocacy in Action presentation by Linda Hassler, Chair of NJSNA INPAC at the TR library. She will review state legislators' positions on nursing issues. 19 people are scheduled to attend. Initially several members did not see the email from Kathy.
 2. February – Jocelyn is a presentation on AI by Kathy and Laurie will be repeated in Atlantic County at an AtlantiCare facility. Laurie confirmed with Taya that the program can be repeated as often as the Region likes and additional attendees will be added to an NJSNA form.
 3. June Annual Meeting – We're planning ahead to promote more attendance. Jordan hasn't followed up yet due to delivery of new baby, Lucas. Members discussed Captain's Inn vs Jumping Brook vs Lobster Shanty. Captain's Inn was more expensive than the others.
- viii. Emails to members
1. Discussion about concern regarding missing emails and notifications to members.
- b. Secretary's Report – Denise in Kathy's absence
- i. Minutes were submitted
- c. Treasurer's Report – Denise in Linda's absence
- i. The audit was completed for 2025.
 - ii. The Region is a 501-C6. Linda will check on whether an audit is required every year.
 - iii. Linda and Sheila are the signer on the main checking account. Linda and Orlene are the signers on the raffle account. Denise and the new Treasurer will replace Linda and Sheila on the accounts.
- d. Director to COPP's Report - Laurie
- i. No COPP meeting since the last Region meeting.
 - ii. The COPP position subcommittee met:
 - iii. The medical marijuana position statement has been submitted to the Board. It will go for public comment and then back to the Board to be adopted.
 - iv. The NJSNA minority nurse position statement will be retired since the ANA has very comprehensive statements about DEI and disparities in healthcare and the new Code of Ethics which was just published this year with very clear directives.
 - v. Renewed focus on the title "Nurse" legislation, and the privilege of using the honorific "Dr" when the degree is earned. Discussion about the relevance of "Dr" considering California's recent suit which prohibited nurse practitioner from using "Dr" but not PT or Pharmacists. Vet technicians and medical assistants are continuing to call themselves "nurses".
- e. Director of Membership's Report – Helen
- i. 1,418 members in Region 6. NJSNA total equals 6963.
- f. County Directors' Report – Anastasia
- i. Directors will be working together on the Annual meeting.
- g. Raffle Committee's Report - Gina
- i. Orlene and Gina will be returning to the bank to add Gina as a second signer on the raffle account.
- h. New Business
- i. None
- i. Next Meeting Date
- i. Wednesday, November 12, 2025 7:00 pm
- j. Adjournment