

Minutes of the Region 6 Board Meeting

November 12, 2025, 6:00 pm

Virtual

Attendance

Officers:

Denise Nash, President

Kathleen Mullen, Secretary

Linda Gural, Treasurer

Helen Heimets, Director of Membership

Laurie Huryk, Director to Comm on Policy & Practice

Anastasia Klimchenia, County Director

Jordan Sulewicz, County Director

Members:

Gina Miranda Diaz, Raffle & Nominations Committee

Monica Loperena

Sheila Quinn

Orlene Van Duyne, Raffle & Nominations Committee

Guest:

Nina Raoli, Deputy Director, NJSNA

1. Meeting called to order by Denise Nash, President

2. President's Welcome

3. Roll Call

4. A quorum was present (5 of 10 Board Members) at the start of the meeting.
a. Approval of Minutes

5. October 8, 2025 Board Meeting minutes approved

6. Reports from Officers and Committees

a. President's Report – Denise

i. NJSNA Conference Comedy Night – Basket from Region 6 was well received. Thank you Gina.
ii. The Region 6 Advocacy in Action presentation by Linda Hassler, Chair of NJSNA INPAC at the TR library was informative. 12 people attended. A tentative date was scheduled a meeting next year prior to the mid-term elections, after the NJSNA Board has voted on endorsements.

iii. NJSNA

1. LPNs membership in NJSNA within a Pilot Program was voted on and approved by NJSNA members. The LPNs will not have voting rights in the Pilot Program.
2. The IFN fundraiser *ShopRaise* can be accessed by members with a browser plug-in. An extensive selections of retailers is available through the app, which tracks personal data.

b. Secretary – Kathy

i. Should we post the Board minutes on the Region website? Motion by Kathy, seconded by Laure, motion carried.

c. Treasurer – Linda reported the balance is \$8462.97

d. COPP Report - Laurie

i. 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. Membership in NJSNA has been drifting down in NJSNA as the region. Currently Region 6 has 1405 members with NJSNA’s total equaling 6956. At the last NJSNA membership meeting there

was robust discussion about increasing membership through centralizing social media to market non-members and send blasts to all members.

- ii. For Region 6, we need to emphasize the value of membership:
 - 1. We can emphasize clinical ladder points for membership at the hospitals in our Region.
 - 2. Leadership courses at nursing schools at all levels could include a requirement to attend Region mtgs.
 - 3. Staff involvement in Advocacy is a new initiative in Magnet which could help our legislative agenda.
 - 4. Gina noted that the Hispanic nurses association involved students and had more than one event per year.
- f. County Directors' Report – Jocelyn, Jordan, Anastasia
 - i. Upcoming Events
 - ii. February – Repeat of the presentation from the June Annual mtg on AI by Kathy and Laurie in Atlantic County. Jocelyn is waiting for approval from AtlantiCare with a date. Possibly alternate sites: Stockton or a County Library.
 - iii. June Annual Meeting – initial pricing: Lobster Shanty \$49 with a deposit, Captains Inn \$60. Important consideration is acquiring the municipal license for the raffle. Jordan is going to check on June 3 availability.
- g. Raffle Committee's Report - Gina
 - i. Once the decision is made on annual mtg location, Gina will acquire the license and print the 50/50 raffle tickets.

- 7. New Business
 - a. None
- 8. Next Meeting Date
 - a. Wednesday, January 14, 2026 6:00 pm
- 9. Adjournment at 7:08p