



Alliance for Nursing Informatics
Governing Directors Town Hall
Conference Call
February 12, 2009
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Tel. 866-469-3239/Code 91216811

MINUTES

Present: AMIA - Karen Greenwood, Charlotte Weaver, Bonnie Westra*
ANIA
AORN - Carol Petersen
ASCI
AWHONN - Karen Peddicord
CARING - Susan Newbold
CNC - Sue Moorhead
Cerner
CSRA-CIN - Gail Erlitz
CHIN - Sherry LaCoursiere
CroNIA
DVNCN - Rosemary Kennedy*
HINJ
HIMSS - Christel Anderson, Mimi Hassett, Joyce Sensmeier*
INFO
MEDITECH - Catherine Turner
MINING - Bonnie Westra
MNRS - Jane Brokel
NANDA - Jane Brokel
NCNA CONI - Deb Aldrige
NENIC - Mark Sugrue
PISUG
PSNI - Karen Curtis
SCINN
SNOMED - Judy Warren
UNIN - Kathy Sward

Related Organizations and Other Partners

ANA - Carol Bickford
ANCC
ANI Connections
ANI Representative to ANCC
ANI Representative to HITSP
CIN - Terry Materese, Leslie Nicoll
TIGER - Donna Dulong

** indicates Steering Committee representative*

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Joyce Sensmeier called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM (Eastern).

II. Approval of Minutes - November 7, 2008

MOTION: Mimi Hassett moved to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2008 meeting as presented. Mark Sugrue seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

III. Activity Update

Joyce Sensmeier updated the governing directors on the work that ANI has been doing with the National eHealth Collaborative (formerly the AHIC Successor). Joyce reported that membership was now open and reported on her appointment to the membership and communications committee and Judy Murphy to the value case committee. Joyce also reminded the directors that Linda Fischetti from the VA is also serving on the NeHC board and is a nurse. The governing directors would like some guidance from the ANI steering committee on the best way to engage Linda to make sure that nurse's voices are being heard.

ACTION: The steering committee will add an agenda item to their next meeting about the continuation of ANI engagement in NeHC.

Joyce also updated the directors on the invitation that ANI had received from NCVHS to present later this month. The National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS) will be holding hearings to gather information on how to improve the processes for developing, selecting, and implementing health care informatics standards. Rosemary Kennedy will be presenting on ANI's behalf.

Karen Greenwood provided an update to the governing directors on ANI emerging leaders program. The program is envisioned to identify and develop emerging leaders in nursing informatics and involve them in a two-year program to learn about their own leadership potential, identify opportunities for professional growth, and gain knowledge and experience necessary to serve nursing informatics practice and/or policy. The ultimate goal of the program is to develop a leader who is able to take a national leadership position in an informatics-related organization.

The governing directors discussed the national piece of the program and asked questions about offering it at the local level. A suggestion was made to make this an exemplar at the national level, and leave the program goal at creating a national leader through ANI and offer it to the members of ANI to model for their own constituencies at the state/local level. There were additional question as to the time commitment of the program and the suggestion to include the number of hours per week that would be required of both the mentor and mentee. Karen Greenwood noted that she was still working on building in an evaluation component of the program and asked if directors have any model evaluation criteria from a similar program that may be applicable to the emerging leaders program. The goal is to have a final copy of the program available for review by the governing directors in April.

ACTION: The steering committee will add an agenda item to their next meeting about the time commitment of mentors and mentees.

ACTION: The governing directors will forward any applicable evaluation criteria to Karen Greenwood for review.

Joyce Sensmeier provided an update on the TIGER Initiative noting that summary reports had been submitted by the co-facilitators to Donna Dulong and that Donna was still in the process of editing the reports and preparing the executive summary. Joyce also reported that the ANI executive team had been asked by Marion Ball to serve on the next advisory group to help formulate a plan for phase III. The goal is to have the reports done by the time of the HIMSS meeting in April. Christel Anderson reviewed the ANI Action Plan for the dissemination of the TIGER reports. An update will be given to the directors once the reports are received by Donna and a dissemination schedule is confirmed.

Joyce Sensmeier provided an update to the directors about Greg Alexander's election as co-chair to the HITSP Care Management and Health Records Committee.

Leslie Nicoll provided an update on CIN noting the ANI Connection content looks promising and reminded the directors to submit advertising and calendar events for their organization's activities. Leslie also noted that CIN will be undergoing technology upgrades which will enhance subscriber services.

IV. Membership Update

Bonnie Westra reminded the governing directors to review the membership contact information provided with the meeting materials and to send any updates to Karen Greenwood or Christel Anderson. Christel also encouraged directors to send calendar updates to her for the ANI website.

Bonnie Westra opened up discussion to the governing directors on an issue that the steering committee has discussed about a general survey to ANI members. As ANI is being contacted to provide testimony and other official statements, it is helpful to provide more demographic information about the individuals that we represent. The steering committee discussed the possibility of surveying the ANI members to gather some of this information. Several directors commented they have policies in place that prevent them from disclosing their individual members' contact information. The directors discussed this issue also asking how we would sort out the duplicate individual members from the organizations so we have an accurate count. The directors agreed to complete a survey of their member demographics on behalf of their organization and to not survey each member individually.

ACTION: The steering committee will develop a list of questions that will be shared with the governing directors for an organizational member survey. The questions should include broad demographic information, practice settings, geographic location of members, top three activities that the members perform, and total number of members.

V. Reminder & Informational Items

Bonnie Westra reminded the group that an open position on the steering committee would be announced in June. She reminded the directors that nominees will be considered from organizations that will not have representation on the steering committee (AMIA, ANIA, CARING, and HIMSS are not eligible).

Bonnie Westra thanked NENIC on behalf of ANI for their leadership in the response to the ANA EHR position statement. The response is posted on the ANI web site. Carol Bickford also shared with the group that ANA will be calling for ANI to participate in the response to the ANA social policy statement. NENIC and DVNCN volunteered to lead the ANA social policy response on behalf of ANI. Further information about this item will be forthcoming.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM. As a reminder, the next governing directors meeting will be held on April 5, 2009 in Chicago in conjunction with the HIMSS meeting.