



Alliance for Nursing Informatics  
Governing Directors Meeting & Dinner  
Sunday, February 28, 2010  
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM  
Omni Hotel at CNN Center  
100 CNN Center  
Atlanta, Georgia  
Dogwood B Room

## MINUTES

Present: AMIA - Karen Greenwood, Charlotte Weaver, Bonnie Westra\*  
ANIA-CARING - Victoria Bradley, Curtis Dikes\*  
AORN - Carol Petersen\*  
AWHONN - Karen Peddicord  
CNC - Sue Moorhead  
Cerner  
CSRA-CIN - Gail Erlitz, Bernie Turner  
CHIN  
CroNIA  
DVNCN  
HINJ  
HIMSS - Christel Anderson, Mimi Hassett, Joyce Sensmeier\*  
INFO  
MEDITECH  
MINING  
MNRS - Bonnie Westra  
NANDA - Kay Avant  
NCNA CONI  
NENIC - Mark Sugrue  
Omaha - Karen Martin  
PISUG  
PSNI - Linda Reeder  
SCINN  
SNOMED - Judy Warren  
UNIN - Nancy Brazzleton

### Related Organizations and Other Partners

ANA - Carol Bickford  
CIN - Terry Materese, Anne Woods  
HITSP - Greg Alexander

### Special Guests

Ellen Makar, Sandy Ng, Dave Roberts, Patrick Weber

*\* indicates Steering Committee representative*

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Bonnie Westra called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM and welcomed all. Bonnie thanked Joyce Sensmeier and Christel Anderson for hosting the governing directors meeting. Joyce noted that Dave Roberts, HIMSS VP of Government Relations would be presenting the legislative update first (for purposes of minutes, the update appears in the order of the agenda). Additionally, Joyce welcomed the newest ANI organizational member, Omaha System, represented by Karen Martin to the meeting.

II. Approval of Minutes - November 13, 2009

MOTION: Charlotte Weaver moved to accept the November 13, 2009 minutes as amended. Mimi Hassett seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

III. Activity Update

- A. Legislative Update - Dave Roberts, HIMSS VP of Government Relations introduced himself to the governing directors and talked about ARRA and this unprecedented time in HIT. Dave encouraged the governing directors to continue staying involved in the policy initiative and stressed the importance of nurse leaders participating in calls for comments. Dave reviewed some legislative highlights including meaningful use, incentives, and privacy and security provisions. Dave noted that it is important for the HIT issues to remain non-partisan. Dave encouraged the governing directors and their members to participate in June's National HIT Week.
- B. Steering Committee Update - Karen Greenwood provided background on the current vacancy in the ANI Steering Committee. The vacancy has come about as a result of the merger of ANIA and CARING. Each organization had a member-at-large on the committee and since the merger, could now have one representative. Jerry Chamberlain is no longer on the committee, Curtis Dikes now serves as the ANIA-CARING representative. Ms. Greenwood discussed the election options with the governing directors noting that the process for a vacancy is not included in the ANI operating guidelines. There are three options on the table that we should consider (1) can appoint a member to serve the remaining term; (2) can elect a member to serve the remaining term; or (3) can elect a member to serve the remaining term and the next full term. The directors discussed the options and process.

MOTION: Victoria Bradley moved that in the event of this vacancy, we elect a member to serve the remaining term and the next full term. Mimi Hassett seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED

- C. Upcoming Policy Comments/Testimony - Bonnie Westra presented background information on meaningful use noting that it is critical that ANI participate. The governing directors discussed how we are now being called upon to participate in policy [comments] because we have been visible. Bonnie noted that cross fertilization at the local level with the organizational members is essential if we are going to continue our reach. We need to encourage our community to network and mentor around these issues. It was suggested that we provide talking points regarding ANI issues that can be used by our members during advocacy opportunities.

ACTION: Greg Alexander, Carol Bickford, Mark Sugrue, and Charlotte Weaver will work on drafting key talking points for ANI that Judy Warren will review.

- D. HITSP - Greg Alexander provided an update on the Care Management and Health Records Domain technical committee as well as the contract extension. Greg noted that the current contract from HHS has been extended through April 30, 2010. This will assure that the thousands of HITSP volunteers stay engaged going forward as we await the next phase of standards harmonization to be funded by ONC. Joyce Sensmeier went on to say that during the contract extension period, the Panel chair will hold monthly informational update calls, participate in the HIMSS10 Annual Conference and Exhibition & the Interoperability Showcase, and work with the Centers for

Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on a Quality Data demonstration project. In addition, the HITSP website ([www.hitsp.org](http://www.hitsp.org)) will continue to be fully operational and accessible.

- E. Emerging Leaders Program - Ellen Makar and Sandy Ng were introduced and applauded as the inaugural class of the ANI Emerging Leaders Program. Ellen Makar is the clinical coordinator in decision support at the Yale-New Haven Health System in Connecticut and Sandra Ng is an informatics nurse specialist and manager of Nursing Informatics at UCSF Medical Center. Both reviewed their leadership projects.
- F. ANI Connections Update - Terry Materese presented information about ANI Connections in CIN. Terry noted that ANI Connections and web site enhancements [Nursing Center] is designed to facilitate the nursing voice. LWW has created a virtual place to share, network, and learn. Anne Woods, Chief Nursing Office at LWW/Ovid was introduced and discussed Nursing Center. Created by nurses, for nurses, Lippincott's NursingCenter.com is the premier destination site for clinical and professional informational needs. NursingCenter.com was created in 1986 as an electronic Bulletin Board Service to help spread clinical information to nurses in rural areas who would otherwise not have access to the latest journals and technology. Today, Lippincott's NursingCenter.com is powered by more than 50 of our leading peer-reviewed nursing journals, including the American Journal of Nursing, Nursing2009, Nursing Management, The Nurse Practitioner, Nursing2009 Critical Care, and many more specialty journals. Anne also discussed the synergies possible with ANI having a "channel" in the Nursing Center.

ACTION: Terry Materese will provide more information about Nursing Center to the Steering Committee and work with them on ideas to develop an ANI channel.

#### IV. Member Updates

Time running short, Bonnie Westra asked the governing directors to share any relevant information about activities happening over the next few months.

NANDA invited the groups to join them in Madrid, Spain for the NANDA-I / AENTDE International Congress Towards a Global Future for Nursing in May. This is the first time a NANDA-I biennial conference will be held outside the United States, presenting an exceptional opportunity to network with nursing colleagues from around the world. The theme of the meeting is Towards a Global Future for Nursing and has a track on EHR as well as workforce.

AORN has just released their new book Perioperative Standards and Recommended Practices which is the perioperative reference with the authoritative information essential to keeping your patients safe. The 2010 edition contains the latest AORN-approved standards, recommended practices, guidelines, and guidance statements, as well as all approved position statements.

ANIA-CARING provided an update on their merger process which is completed.

NENIC provided an update about their meeting on May 21, 2010. The theme of the meeting is Trends in Clinical Informatics: A Nursing Perspective. The meeting is being held in Waltham, MA.

MNRS reported that their meeting is being held April 8-11, 2010 in Kansas City, MO. The theme of the meeting is Nursing Research: Bench to Bedside and will feature a clinical decision support presentation by Jerry Osheroff from Thomson.

#### V. Other Business

The next Governing Directors Town Hall will be April 20 at 3:00pm Eastern.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.