



2020 IDANA Spring Membership Business Meeting May 9th, 2020 | 10:00 a.m. MDT | Zoom

1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum (Michael)

Michael Hunt called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. and noted that a quorum of members is present. Members included Michael Hunt, Gus Powell, Steve Ayers, Jennifer Snider, Jeremy Mortensen, Maria Konen, Delanie Urrutia, Clay Sanders, James Ernest, Roy Morley, Wendy Morley, Amy Daniels, Marguerite Overton, and Catherine Mackie.

2. Introductions of the Board and Staff (Michael)

Michael Hunt introduced IDANA Board members and the IDANA Executive Director.

3. Approval of Minutes – April 2019 (Michael)

Michael Hunt presented the minutes from the 2019 IDANA Spring Membership Business Meeting. Gus Powell motioned to approve the minutes and Jennifer Snider seconded. Motion passes.

4. President's Remarks & Year in Review (Michael)

a. Nurse Anesthesiologist Descriptor

Michael reported that IDANA was successful in lobbying the Board of Nursing to approve the nurse anesthesiologist descriptor policy statement. Next year, we may seek to add this in rule.

b. Sponsorship of Governor's Dinner & Ball

IDANA appreciates those who are monthly PAC donors and are very pleased with the growth of our PAC. With these PAC donations, we were able to sponsor the Governor's dinner and the GOP Ball in January. Benefits for IDANA included making connections with others and receiving recognition through our sponsorship. Michael also attended Senator Crapo's Hook n' Bullet event, and found this to be very beneficial. Michael encouraged everyone to get to know their legislators, as building our legislative network was one of our top priorities that emerged from our Board retreat.

c. CRNA Week Activities

Michael reported that this year's Legislative Reception was well-attended, but we still need more IDANA members to attend in the future to better represent our profession. Unfortunately, the Capitol Day was not as well-attended by members and we definitely need to grow this event next year.

d. New lobbyist: RFP & outcome



Michael reported that IDANA put out an RFP for a new lobbyist at the end of 2019. Unfortunately, after selecting a lobbyist, a conflict of interest was discovered. The Board then hired Executive Director Caroline Merritt to serve as the lobbyist, in addition to her Executive Director duties. Michael and the Board were pleased with how the session went and look forward to going into next session better prepared.

e. IDANA-Branded Material for purchase vs. billboards

Rather than buying billboards for CRNA week again, we elected to purchase IDANA-branded swag items to promote IDANA rather than to generate revenue. Jeremy Mortensen took the lead on this project, and the items turned out great. Delanie and Jennifer suggested that we feature photos of IDANA members wearing our swag items on our website and social media.

f. Newsletters and IDANA CRNA spotlight

Michael reported that we are looking for stories of CRNAs stepping up during COVID-19 as well as CRNA spotlights for our newsletter. These items should be sent to Caroline.

g. Rose Featherstone Scholarship / Student Rep Delanie Urrutia

Michael reported that with the cancellation of AANA Mid-Year, the Rose Featherstone scholarship recipient, Delanie Urrutia, will be given the opportunity to attend next year. Delanie has done a great job as our IDANA Board Student Rep.

5. Treasurer's Report (Steve)

Steve Ayers presented the Treasurer's report. IDANA is in a great financial position and the Board has no concerns at this time, despite the loss of conference revenue this year due to COVID-19.

Steve reported that our membership has increased by 8% and our PAC donations have been strong, allowing us to allocate \$8,500 in PAC donations this year.

Any members who would like to obtain additional detail about IDANA's finances can contact the Executive Director or any member of the Board of Directors.

6. Election Results/Introduction of Incoming Board Members (Jennifer)

- a. Directors
- b. President-Elect

Jennifer Snider reported that we had 11 online ballots cast in our 2019 Board elections, which were all uncontested races.



Jeremy Mortensen was elected Treasurer, replacing Steve Ayers. Steve Ayers and Jonathan Cotten were elected as members of the Board of Directors.

7. Education Committee Update (Jonathan)

a. Fall and Spring meetings

Jonathan reported on the decision to cancel the 2020 Spring Meeting due to COVID-19. There was no 2020 Fall Meeting planned. Our Spring 2021 Conference will be April 9-11 and we are looking at a Fall 2021 Conference in Coeur d'Alene.

b. Online CE option

Jonathan reported that IDANA secured an opportunity to offer discounted CE through Sterling Anesthesia. Interested members should email Caroline.

8. Government Relations Committee Update (Gus)

- a. Bipartisan candidate contributions**
- b. Upcoming struggles and action items**
- c. Anesthesiologist Assistants**
- d. VHA full scope of practice**
- e. National opt out**

Gus reported that IDANA was able to make PAC candidate contributions to many legislators. Following the IDANA retreat, we also researched each members' legislative district with the goal of activating members on individual legislative issues in individual districts as needed.

Gus reported that the Idaho primary election will be conducted entirely by absentee ballot this year, and encouraged everyone to visit IdahoVotes.com for information on requesting their absentee ballot and voting.

Gus reported that COVID-19 may be used to push AAs in the coming year. He also discussed national opt out, being pushed at the national level. Idaho is already an opt-out state.

9. Legislative Report / COVID-19 Update (Caroline)

a. H506 – Surprise Billing

Brought by Idaho's insurance companies, this bill allows insurance companies to set reimbursement rates for out-of-network providers who provide services for patients at a facility at which they are in-network. The bill does not allow for any recourse or input by providers.

Several versions of this bill were introduced in House Health & Welfare. However, the bill did not receive a hearing because, with 4 votes out of 13 committee members, it did not have the



votes to get out of committee. While IDANA, along with several other provider groups, was successful in stopping this bill last session, this bill will be back next year.

b. H515 - Idaho Patient Act

This bill was brought by Melaleuca to eliminate predatory medical debt collection practices by revamping the physician and hospital billing processes. It requires facilities to adhere to stricter timelines and provide a consolidated billing statement to the patient outlining the services provided to the patient during their visit to the facility.

This bill passed the House and the Senate and became law on March 16th.

c. S1252 – Injectable Cosmetics

This bill requires that the injection of a cosmetic treatment into a person’s head or neck can be performed only by certain trained medical professionals, including CRNAs. This legislation would be beneficial to our members who are involved in aesthetics, as it would be in their best interest to limit the number of people who are permitted to perform these services.

This bill was introduced in Senate Health & Welfare on behalf of the Idaho Cosmetics Safety Association, and did not go anywhere after that.

d. DEA Licenses / Controlled Substance Registrations

IDANA may also bring legislation to clarify requirements for controlled substance (CS) registrations through the Idaho State Board of Pharmacy (BOP). Currently, CRNAs must have a separate CS registration for every practice site at which they administer anesthesia. Many CRNAs are part of traveling anesthesia groups that visit roughly 30 different practice sites during the course of a year. At \$60 per BOP CS registration, this cost adds up, especially since these are in addition to DEA licenses which are \$731 per practice site for a three-year license. In the spirit of the Legislature’s efforts to reduce regulatory burdens, including licensing fees, IDANA will explore a change to this requirement that would allow practitioners to obtain only one BOP CS registration with all of their practice sites listed on one registration form. In addition to eliminating costs and extra paperwork, this change would also make it easier for insurance companies to track claims, as the current process has proved cumbersome.

e. PAC Contributions: Legislative races & precinct races

As was mentioned, we were able to make significant PAC contributions to key members of the House & Senate. We targeted those serving on both the House and Senate Health & Welfare Committees, as well as members of leadership. We also made two contributions to CRNAs running for precinct committeeman positions. With every check that we mailed, we included a letter with background information on CRNAs as well as our top legislative issues. We also let them know that while we usually make these contributions in person, we will be reaching out



to them to schedule a meeting with them prior to the session.

10. Questions/Concerns/Input from the Members (Michael)

Michael asked if there were any questions or concerns from the members.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.