

**Mississippi Organization for Associate Degree Nursing
Annual Business Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2024
Vicksburg Convention Center**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Arlene Jones at 11:15 am.

Invocation: The invocation was given by T. Harbinson, President Elect.

Welcome and Introduction of Board Members: The President introduced the current Board members and welcomed attendees. Rebecca Fairchild, Parliamentarian, not present due to illness.

Establishment of Quorum: The secretary, Anna Lane, called the roll of member schools of nursing. Twelve schools of nursing were in attendance. With all board members being present and more than twenty-five members present, a quorum was established.

Adoption of Standing Rules: The President stated the standing rules for members are located on the MOADN website. There have been no changes made to the standing rules.

Approval of the Agenda: The President called for approval of the agenda with no changes. Nan Pritchard made a motion to approve the agenda with no changes. Dana Walker seconded the motion. No objections, no abstentions. The agenda was approved with no changes.

Approval of 2023 Annual Business Meeting Minutes: The President called for approval of the 2023 Annual Business Meeting Minutes. The secretary reminded members that the 2023 Annual Business Meeting had been posted to the MOADN website. A motion was made by Dana Walker and seconded by Paula Rounasville, with no objections or abstentions. The 2023 Annual Business Meeting Minutes were approved.

By-laws Committee Report: Chairman Mel Pinter presented the proposed changes to five by-law articles and stated that the By-laws committee reviewed the by-laws and included the changes on the MOADN website. The By-laws chair, Mel Pinter, made a motion to accept the proposed changes and Tracey Thompson seconded the motion. Members voted in favor with no objections, no abstentions. Approval was received for all five article changes. By-law article changes are approved, motion accepted.

Officer Reports:

President: The President, Arlene Jones expressed thanks for allowing the opportunity to serve. She stated that she will be moving to the Past President position as the new President Elect (Tonay Harbison) takes the position as President.

President Elect: President Elect, T. Harbison expressed thanks for allowing the opportunity to serve.

Secretary: Anna Lane expressed thanks for allowing the opportunity to serve.

Treasurer: Stephanie Roberts reported that the organization is financially sound and informed the members that her report could be found on the MOADN website. She expressed thanks for allowing the opportunity to serve.

Education Director: Nan Pritchard reported her move from Public Relations Director to the acting role of Education Director this past year as Tonya Harbison became President Elect. Nan Pritchard stated that serving on the Board of MOADN has been a privilege wherein she has met new peers and developed professional relationships. She encouraged the membership to run for positions on the MOADN board as well. Nan Prichard stated that the MOADN convention speakers agreed to present for no charge as per usual. She encouraged other faculty members to serve as speakers for future conventions, as this is dissemination of knowledge amongst peers.

Public Relations Director: Amy Eslinger stated that this is her first year to serve on the MOADN board and working with the website. She encouraged the members to reach out to her if they need something, her contact information is on the MAODN website. Amy Eslinger regularly updates the CNE list on the MOADN website and encouraged the members to reach out to her if they were not listed. She explained that the Scholars Bowl is a two-day event this year with Year 1 students being quizzed on day one, and Year 2 students being quizzed on day two. There is a top 10 ranking for both days. They take the combined scores for the top 2 teams for the Scholars Bowl winner.

Committee Chair Reports

Membership: Arlene Jones stated that J. Brownlow serves on the membership committee and explained that she was hosting the speaker for the students attending convention at the time of the business meeting. Arlene Jones encouraged all schools in the state of Mississippi to join OADN. There are also individual memberships for OADN. OADN members are automatically members of MOADN. MAODN utilizes its year end profits to fund scholarships to schools and nursing students. OADN has put together an initiative for all Associate Degree of Nursing schools to join and increase membership. The next OADN Convention is scheduled for October 31st - November 2nd, 2024, in Tampa, Florida.

Legislative: Constance Bradley expressed thanks for the opportunity to serve and stated that her contact information is on the MOADN website. Constance Bradley stated that she added all house bills to the website, so that members may look at and track bills. Members can see if bills have died or been handed off to governor. Note that bills highlighted in gold or yellow are dead for the year. All bills related to nursing, health care, and hospital staffing will be found on the MOADN website and are updated weekly. Constance stated that her role also includes poster

submissions from the students and faculty. She stated that she is having a difficult time with participation and requested that the schools help with this issue. There was one student poster submission from the Year 1 students, 3 student posters from Year 2 students, and one faculty poster submitted for this year's convention. Constance has disseminated information via the Deans and Directors conference this year, which was an attempt to increase participation. There was general discussion concerning missing coins for MS Delta Community College students to vote for posters. Amy Esslinger addressed this issue with replacement coins. Suggestions for increased participation received from general membership: Alpha Delta Nu students' capstone project could include a poster, and voting could be completed with QR Codes instead of coins. The member suggestions were acknowledged.

By-laws: Mel Pinter announced that the proposed by-law changes passed.

MOSA Advisor: Dr. Spring, MOSA advisor, stated the MOSA Board for this year was excellent. They received compliments from the Executive Director of OADN on their performance at the OADN 2024 convention in San Diego, CA. Dr. Spring thanked everyone for their attempts to increase student participation and stated that as a result MOSA will have an election for the multiple nominations. Dr. Spring stated that meetings have moved online through Zoom to decrease travel and to save money.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business: Arlene Jones stated the 2025 MOADN Convention will be held in Tupelo, MS. She explained that MOADN picks a new location every 2 years with rotations through Tupelo, Vicksburg and the Gulf Coast. This moves the convention throughout Mississippi and helps keep event contracts cheaper. The 2024 MOADN Convention at the IP Casino in Biloxi, MS was a contractual obligation that remained from the COVID pandemic.

Recognition/Awards:

Faculty Poster Presentation: Lauren Astors, Itawamba Community College

Nominations Committee Report: Angela "Shay" Jennings, Nominations Committee Chair, announced open positions for membership to include Director of Education, Treasurer, Secretary, Nominations Committee Member, Nominations Committee Chair. Angela requested membership vote electronically. She stated that there are two unopposed positions, Director of Education and Treasurer, with two candidates running. After membership voting was completed, Angela reported the following election results: Director of Education – Nan Pritchard, Treasurer – Angela Jennings, Secretary – Anna Lane, Nominations Committee Chair – Melissa Evans, Nominations Committee Member – Sandra Towns, Stephanie Roberts.

Announcements: President A. Jones asked that students pick up posters before they leave. Nan Pritchard stated that convention surveys followed by CEUs will come to members via email. Raffle drawing for prizes completed.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Lane, Secretary