



MEETING: March 2024 Member Meeting

DATE: March 13, 2024

TIME: 2:00 pm Eastern Standard Time

Topic: PRONA Membership Meeting – March 2024

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Board Members Present: Christine Benedetti, Vicki Vitale, Chris Nelms, Lisa Keung, Kim Hobson, Maggie Murphy

Excused:

Absent:

Guest:

AGENDA

| TOPIC | MEMBER | DISCUSSION | ACTION/CONCLUSION |
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| | Christine Benedetti, Chair | Welcome from Chair. Happy Registered Dietitian Day! | Call to order at 2:05pm |

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| <p>1. Secretarial Updates</p> | <p>Vicki Vitale Secretary</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current member count: 71 members • Renewal yearly – should receive reminders via email prior to expiration. This is corrected now; however, may be auto-renewal on Year 2 for those who signed up prior to June 2023. As of June, all memberships are 1-year only (no auto-renewal). • Benefits to being a member – free pocket guide, webinars, upcoming guidelines, mentorship program, members only patient and clinician content on the website, awards, stipends, leadership opportunities, and much more! (https://www.prona.info/) | |
| <p>2. Chair Updates</p> | <p>Christine Chair</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will send reminder email this month for those who have expired this Fall/Winter & not yet renewed. • Our Board & Committee Leads have been working hard! • Set lofty goals for the year. Already working toward & completed some: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Increasing membership (complete) ○ Pocket guide distribution (in progress) ○ Changed banks to reduce overhead fees (complete) ○ CEUs available (in progress) ○ Recipe submission (in progress) ○ Finalize projects – Vit D guideline, Clinician Cheat Sheet ○ On to our next projects! <p>Board Elections for our August 2024-July 2025 fiscal year will be held at our June Membership Meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider running for a position of interest: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chair-elect ○ Secretary ○ Treasurer ○ Member-at-large | |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look for details on all the role functions coming out via the Listserv. | |
| 3. Pocket Guide Update | Chris Nelms Past Chair | <p>Pocket Guide Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Round 1 (Contributing authors): Printing / shipping completed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Editing feedback period has closed Round 2: Large batch printing (~250 copies) – Goal to begin printing NOW. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-time copies will go out to all members, who didn't receive an author copy All members should have completed the shipping address survey to ensure receipt of your pocket guide. https://forms.gle/v6guXRxWX5WLVbG56 It will be sold through the PRONA website, the NKF Kidney store and as an Amazon e-book. Plan is to update every 3-5 years, starting in 2026 (since it took a while to get out) Updated version is available on the Members Only page on our website https://www.prona.info/members-only-content | Working on putting the index back in now and then it will go to press |
| 4. Financial Updates | Lisa Keung Treasurer | <p>Financial update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current balance: \$6,435.47 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes Vitaflo grant for pocket guide Upcoming expenses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pocket Guide printing Round 2 Pocket Guide shipping 1 of 2 stipend recipients Board changed accountants to better meet our long-term needs. Now with SVAR LLC (WY) <p>-Membership renewal is easy (\$40 USD/\$53.91 CDN annually) via Stripe/PayPal on our website.</p> | |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please check to see if you've expired and consider renewing. (https://www.prona.info/become-a-member) <p>-Non-profit status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501(c)(3) status approved by the IRS (April 2023) – Membership is tax exempt | |
| 5. Member-at-large Updates | Kim Hobson Member-at-large | <p>Annual Professional Stipend – up to \$500 toward 2024 conference fees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications were due 12/15/23 for 2024 conferences (Jan-Dec) 2 Stipend Winners this year! More Information: https://www.prona.info/stipend <p>Pediatric Renal RD of the Year Award</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications NOW OPEN, and due by March 31st | |
| 6. Clinician Resource Committee | Christine Chair | <p>1. Webinars (2 CEU programs per year)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 CEUs available for members (free) & non-members (\$20 each) on our website https://www.prona.info/webinars <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seize the Opportunity to Create Your Own Future Through Mentoring Gut Health & GI Concerns for Pediatric CKD Nutrition Health Literacy & Food Insecurity in Pediatric Renal Disease The next webinar is scheduled for March 20th, 2024 at 1pm (EST): Carnitine and Kidney Disease by Marisa Calderon Register here: https://forms.gle/ysxypcTdGoShDWr67 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Live & Recorded CEU approved Recorded CEU – only valid through May 31, 2024 since new rules going into effect <p>2. Mentorship Program</p> | |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many Mentor/Mentee pairs working together now • Next application opens August 2024, Due September 15th, 2024 <p>3. Pediatric Renal Cheat Sheet Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial meeting November 2022 • Need to schedule follow-up meeting (Goal April/May 2024). | |
| <p>7. Communications Committee</p> | <p>Christine & Maggie Co-Chairs</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website Updates www.prona.info <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Check us out – continual updates! ○ Lots of Members Only Content & general resources available to all. ○ Let us know what else you want to see available. ○ ASK – if your hospital/facility has a website, please ask if they can link PRONA resources on their web pages. • Quarterly Newsletter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Winter Newsletter was sent out via email, website & on social media in January. ○ Next newsletter - April 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lucy Valdez will be helping • Social Media <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Join our Facebook Page! Use the QR Code: <div data-bbox="940 1138 1251 1451" data-label="Image"> </div> | <p>Will send out email to members and on listserv</p> |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Join our PRONA Linked In page: https://www.linkedin.com/groups/14173026/ | |
| 8. Guideline Development | Mary Ann & Lesley Past-Chairs | <p>Vitamin D Guidelines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final edits in progress • Will need feedback/reviewers once guidelines are completed – hopefully within the next 3 months. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Please reach out to Christine/Chris if you are interested in being a reviewer. • Will add to website prior to publication so that it will be available to members. <p>Future Project: Carnitine guideline suggested.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking for new Committee Chairs. | Great resume-builders! Co-chairs would be great. You do NOT have to be an expert in the subject, just be a facilitator |
| 9. Patient Resource | Esther Berenhaut & Linda Walker Co-Chairs | <p>Education materials/resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member survey to determine what patient education/resources are currently needed within our group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ https://forms.gle/fLF7bVsL3urWU9rJ7 • List compiled of existing patient education from PRONA members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ https://www.prona.info/patient-resource-folder • New education (based on our survey): Plan to use a standardized template with PRONA logo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lucy Valdez will be helping with this <p>Pediatric Cookbook</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decided to adjust to an online resource instead of a traditional cookbook, which we can continually update. • Created a Google Form for recipe uploading, currently on the New Recipe page: https://www.prona.info/recipes • If you have a recipe you would like to share, please use this survey link for direct recipe | |

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| | | <p>submission: https://forms.gle/6RrZnbP7MgeNeH9M8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kid-friendly and culturally diverse are a bonus! ● No set nutrient parameters since our patients have varied needs, instead will highlight specific recipe features. ● Esther will run each recipe nutrition facts through her metabolic nutrition analysis program. ● Plan to add a section on the website for other renal, kid-friendly cookbooks available, as well as vetted websites with renal-friendly recipes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If you have a favorite cookbook or website currently, please let us know! | |
| 10. Research & Data Sharing | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Currently inactive and looking for chairs and members interested in being part of this group | |
| 11. Public Policy | Christine Chair | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Check out our website Advocacy page with lots of resources for members: https://www.prona.info/advocacy ● Promoting NKF/AKF/Nephcure Advocacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recent alerts promoting expansion of MNT benefits, & another for WIC funding ● CKD RD database promoting RDs providing CKD education, where practitioners & patients can find you (available on PRONA website) www.kidney.org/ckdrd | |
| 12. PRONA Pride & Promotion and Networking | Board | <p>PRONA Pride Apparel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shirts are available for purchase on the website. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$20 per shirt + shipping cost (\$6 – US, \$10 – Canada) <p>Networking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2024 PRONA Meet-Ups | |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ May: NKF SCM (Long Beach, CA) – Details to come <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Christine can create QR code for PRONA shirts and the pocket guide to easily process payment without shipping fee. Chris plans on taking both items. | Planning informal PRONA get-together in evening |
| 13. Other Business | | <p>Additional Items to discuss?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on our collaboration with NKF / Pocket Guide Sales, we are considering purchasing liability insurance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Professional liability (indemnity) vs Media Liability vs General Liability vs Product Liability Insurance ○ AND promotes ProLiability (Mercer), which offers professional liability – completed contact form & awaiting feedback ○ https://wellresourced.com/liability-insurance-for-dietitians/ | |
| Future Meetings | | Next Membership Meeting – June 2024 | <p>Elections at June meeting!</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 2:48pm</p> |

Respectfully submitted by:

NAME: Vicki Vitale

DATE: 3/13/24