

FSARN Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: April 27, 2026

Time: 8:00 AM

Location: On-site at Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Resort

Recording Secretary: Anabel Velazquez is on medical leave; Ellen Ortu, Corresponding Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by President Ann Wilson. A quorum was established.

Review of Prior Minutes: Corrections to the minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved

Board Members Present: Ann Wilson, Yvette Salas, Peggy Rosier, Ashley Rosa, Brook Jimenez, Sue Brown, Adam Francis, Cindy Hernandez, Ann Marie Cooney.

Members Not Present: Kathie Sobczak, Past President; Anabel Velazquez on Medical leave.

Reports: Sue Brown noted a correction in the minutes: the joint meeting was coordinated by Adam Francis.

Minutes prepared and submitted; corrections accordingly

Treasurer – *Peggy Rosier*

March 9, 2026

2025 FSARN Tax Report has been completed

Checking: \$7,349.62

- Savings: \$62,093.56
- Total: \$69,443.18

Recent revenue included ARN Rebates. Expenses included Constant Contact subscriptions.

Finance Chair – *Ashley Rosa*

March 9, 2026

BUDGET FOR 2025

Estimated Income \$15,350.00

Estimated Expenses \$15,177.25

Estimated Profit \$172.75

BUDGET QUARTER 1 2026

Actual Income \$15,256.49

Actual Expenses \$39,210.55 (due to payment of \$12,697.30 for Wyndham)

Actual Profit -\$23,954.0

Website – *Ina Fletcher*

- The website is current.
- Ina is traveling and will be available through WhatsApp.

National Health Policy –3/9/26 *Yvette Salas*

- ARN signed on to multiple letters in 2025, including those with CMS and the incoming administration. The Health Policy & Advocacy.
- ARN site prepared a virtual presentation for ARN annual conference and hosted a live session at the conference, which included a QR code at the main ARN table to direct people to action alerts and to their local leaders in Congress. A briefing letter was created to support rehabilitation research; the consequences of defunding rehabilitation research and the critical role of research were explained. This letter was intended to be shared with our elected officials. In response to the funding cuts in the FY 2026 budget.
- On January 29, the Department of Education proposed a rule that excludes advanced nursing degrees such as MSNs or DNPs from the definition of a professional degree. The rule states that these degrees are not necessary for entrance into the nursing profession, the scope of work varies for nurses by state, and that since nurses must be supervised by another professional, these degrees do not qualify under the definition. By excluding nurses from the definition of a professional degree, the proposed rule limits the amount of money nurses can borrow. Graduate students will no longer be able to borrow up to the full cost of attendance, and instead students not in professional programs will be limited to \$20,500 annually with a lifetime cap of \$100,000. This varies from the professional programs, which have a limit of \$50,000 annually and \$200,000 for a lifetime.

- There is already a nursing workforce shortage, and making an advanced degree less attainable will exacerbate the shortage and negatively affect patient care. ARN is working on submitting comments to advocate for adequate graduate loans for nurses pursuing an advanced degree.

Scholarship Committee – *Brook Jimenez*

Scholarships remain open for submission year-round. She encouraged those who wanted to attend ARN to submit a request on the website,

Leadership Committee – *Sue Brown*

Planned and Current events:

- The May Educational Virtual Meeting was held Tuesday, May 19th, "[Recreational Therapy to Maximize Client Care](#)," presented by Stella A. Husch, MSA, CTRS, CBIS, President of Strive Recreational Therapy. 1 Nursing CE was provided. There were 34 attendees from 5 states and Puerto Rico.
- October 2026: 2-day CRRN Core Review (virtual) is being planned. This has proven to be a very successful event, generating income for the organization.
- The revised FSARN Strategic Plan was unanimously approved

Continuing Education Chair -Kathleen Sobczak, RN, BS, CRRN, CNLCP, CCM Past President

- In 2025, we provided 38.0 continuing education credits through the Florida and Georgia Boards of Nursing. The process for approval of continuing education credits is simple, and I encourage using our credits because they are recognized for renewal of your CRRN. These certificates can be used to renew other board certifications.

FSARN 2-17-2026 Surviving and Thriving After Severe Stroke 1.0 hours 69 attendees

4-26 & 27-2026 " Rehab Under the Sea...Diving Deep Into Recovery" 10.0 hours, 98 attendees.

NEFARN: 9/8/26 Vagal Nerve Stimulation in Chronic Stroke Recovery 1.0 Hours

- The cost for being a provider is \$250.00 every two years to CEBroker. We are paid until October 31, 2026.

Membership: Cindy Hernandez

A new "Membership Drive" category will be added to improve reporting accuracy.

New Business

Remaining Proposed 2026 Board Meeting Dates: June 1, September 14, December 7

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Ortu RN, CRRN, CCM, CMC, LMT,
Corresponding Secretary, FSARN