



**NFI Board of Directors
FY 2020-2021
Video Conference Call
Wednesday, December 9, 2020
1300-1430 ET**

Attending: Deborah Buehler, PhD, Fatima Clemente, MD, Mandy Daly, ACII, DLDU, Maria López Maestro, MD, Gloria McAnulty, PhD, Jean Powlesland, MS, RNC, Dalia Silberstein, PhD, RN, Juzer Tyebkhan, MBBS, FRCPC, Dorothy Vittner, PhD, RN, CHPE

Absent: Jennifer Degl, MS

Executive Director of Administration and Finance: Sandra Kosta, BA

Time Keeper: Gloria McAnulty, PhD

NFI Mission

The NFI promotes the advancement of the philosophy and science of NIDCAP care and assures the quality of NIDCAP education, training, mentoring and certification for professionals and hospital systems.

NFI Vision

The NFI envisions a global society in which all hospitalized newborns and their families receive care in the evidence-based NIDCAP model. NIDCAP supports development, enhances strengths and minimizes stress for infants, family and staff who care for them. It is individualized and uses a relationship-based, family-integrated approach that yields measurable outcomes.

Highlights of the Meeting

The minutes from the NFI Membership Meeting held on October 22, 2020 and from the virtual NFI Board of Directors Meeting on November 11th were approved.

A summary of the evaluations from the 31st Annual NIDCAP Trainers Meeting was presented and circulated to the NFI Board of Directors. Discussion ensued on the lessons learned and how best to accommodate both in-

person and virtual meetings in the future. The decision on whether to hold the 32nd Annual NIDCAP Trainers Meeting as an in-person meeting will happen in late March.

The virtual meeting format was well received by the NFI Membership. Interest was expressed in the NFI continuing to create online offerings to raise awareness and offer education throughout the year. The Advancement and Program Committees will explore hosting a webinar or short educational session to coincide with World NIDCAP Month. The Board of Directors will invite members to help with the planning and logistics of online initiatives developed over the year.

Meeting Minutes

D. Buehler called the meeting to order at 1304 EST. The meeting began with a short reflection.

Minutes from prior NFI Meetings

J. Powlesland motioned to approve the meeting minutes from the NFI Annual Membership Meeting held on October 22, 2020 as revised. It was seconded by J. Tyebkhan. There was no further discussion.

Upon motion duly made, it was unanimously

Voted: To approve the Minutes from the NFI Annual Membership Meeting as revised.

M. Daly motioned to approve the meeting minutes from the BOD meeting held on November 11, 2020 as revised. It was seconded by J. Tyebkhan. There was no further discussion.

Upon motion duly made, it was unanimously

Voted: To approve the Minutes from the BOD meeting held on November 11, 2020 as revised.

Review of 2020 Annual NIDCAP Trainers Meeting

J. Powlesland summarized the content of the evaluations of the NIDCAP Trainers Meeting and will send the summary document out to the NFI Board of Directors for review. There were a total of 130 meeting participant evaluations submitted. Most of the questions received 80-100 responses. D. Vittner added that there was a great deal of thoughtful information included in the evaluations. F. Clemente said that the 2021 Annual NIDCAP Trainers Meeting (NTM) Planning Subcommittee held their first meeting. At this time, it is unclear as to whether the NFI can host an in-person meeting due to the ongoing

coronavirus pandemic and travel restrictions. In late March the hosts from Tübingen and the NTM Planning Subcommittee will evaluate whether to host a hybrid (in-person and virtual) or complete virtual meeting. There was discussion on the challenges of keeping both the in-person and virtual audiences engaged simultaneously. The NTM Planning Subcommittee has the advantage that the “open day” agenda is set; the speakers who had previously committed to the 2020 program have agreed to present in 2021.

Program/Advancement Committee

One consistent theme from the NTM evaluations’ responses was the desire to connect more frequently by electronic means. Specific education and/or support to the members could be offered throughout the year. D. Vittner presented a proposal to celebrate World NIDCAP Month/Day with a NIDCAP webinar offering that would be educational as well as raise awareness. It was suggested that this could simultaneously generate revenue for the NFI. J. Powlesland offered to assist in recruiting members to assist with the planning and logistics of the Advancement and Program Committees’ efforts. The NTM Planning Subcommittee may also explore arranging additional events to provide support for NIDCAP Trainers.

D. Vittner shared that the Program Committee, including input from the QAAC, has developed guidelines for: 1) online training; and 2) recommendations on how to film NIDCAP Observations. D. Buehler will include this topic on next month’s Board agenda to discuss further.

Deborah Buehler adjourned the meeting at 1435 EST.

The next meeting will take place on January 13, 2021 at 1 pm Eastern Standard Time.

A reminder that the Mid-Year NFI Board of Directors Meeting will be held on May 19 and 20, 2021 from 1000 to 1200 Central Standard Time.



Submitted by Secretary Jean Powlesland