

# Minutes

APNA Wisconsin Meeting  
October 30, 2015  
APNA 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Lake Buena Vista, Florida

**Present:** Linda Denise Oakley (Madison), Sadat Abiri (Madison), Holly Mielke (Green Bay), Crystal Malakar (De Pere), Donna Riemer (Madison)

APNA Updates	Linda Oakley reported on APNA organizational changes in chapter structures. Combined, the changes identify APNA as ‘the’ association with states routinely working more closely with the association and the APNA website. She reminded everyone of the President’s plans to step-down. Mary Tulinnye is moving to AZ to take a very exciting new PMHNP position.
Introductions	Holly Mielke and Crystal Malakar are attending their first APNA conference. They both are employed at Bellin Health Care Systems in Green Bay. Donna Riemer has not missed a conference for “years and years”. Linda Oakley and Sadat Abiri shared news about UW-Madison School of Nursing and Journey Mental Health Center.
State Interests	Several practice related topics of interest were introduced: (1) Is there a way we could create and use a bed-tracker system that would allow hospital nurses to share information about admission beds, (2) How can we build RN competency in mental health nursing, (3) Can we create a state mentor-match to give new PMH nurses the support they need to succeed? (4) Speaker meetings or workshops on horizontal violence. The meeting aim would be to build more positive work environments for nurses
Meeting Suggestions	After much discussion, everyone agreed on a quarterly meeting schedule that includes at least one activity that is recreational and gives everyone a fun opportunity to get to know each other. Meeting formats could be conventional meetings on a week night, online meetings using web-based meeting technology, Saturday lunch meetings at a fun location or fun event.
Next Meeting	Our conference meeting is our 2015 Fall meeting; our 2016 Winter, Spring, and Summer meetings will be announced.