Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:11 a.m. CST. A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order by President Marti Rice. Officers, Board members, and staff present were:

**Officers:**
- Marti Rice, PhD, RN, President
- Patricia B. Crane, PhD, RN, President-Elect
- Anne Turner-Henson, DSN, RN, Vice President
- Elizabeth Reifsnider, PhD, WHNP, PHCNS-BC, Secretary

**Board Members:**
- Cindy Munro, PhD, RN, ANP-C, FAAN, Director of Grants
- Anne Stiles, PhD, RN, Director of Communications
- Nan Smith-Blair, PhD, RN, FAAN, Director of Development
- Deborah Jones, PhD, RN, Director of Membership
- Donna Felber Neff, PhD, RN, Director of Research Interest Groups

**Parliamentarian:**
- Patricia Messmer, PhD, RN-BC, FAAN

**Staff:**
- Ann Mehan Crosse, Executive Director

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the February 18, 2011 meeting were posted on the SNRS Website for members to review in advance of the meeting. *It was moved, seconded and carried (MSC) to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2011 Annual Business Meeting held in Jacksonville, Florida as submitted.*

Awards

Director of Awards Robin Bartlett announced the 2012 award recipients:

- **SNRS Director of RIGs Donna Felber Neff** presented the Award for Research in Minority Health to Jeanne-Marie Stacciariini, PhD, RN, University of Florida.
- **Director of Membership Deborah Jones** presented the SNRS/John A. Hartford Geriatric Research Award to Tracie Harrison, PhD, RN, FNP, University of Texas-Austin.

Director of Grants Cindy Munro announced the 2012 grant award recipients:

- **STTI/SNRS Grant—Jeanne B. Jenkins**
• SNRS Dissertation Award—Erin Ferranti, “Dietary Quality and Cardiometabolic Risk after Gestational Diabetes”
• CANS/SNRS Nursing Science Advancement (NSA) Dissertation Grant Award—Yui Matsuda, “Predictors of Communication and Sexual Decision Making among Latino Couples”
• SNRS Research Grant Award—Mary Cazzell, “Identifying Neural Correlates of Risky Decision-Making in Older Adults: A Functional Near Infrared Spectroscopy (fNIRS) Study”

The student poster awards were given to:

1st Place: Jennifer Sanner, University of Texas Health Sciences Center, Houston
2nd Place: Viktoria Melnyk, University of Kentucky
3rd Place: Renee Burk, University of Tennessee

Overview of State of the Society
President Marti Rice delivered a message on the State of the Society. The following points were featured in the presentation:

• Current membership 1,278. SNRS is now the largest regional nursing research society.
• Support excellent scholarship through small grants and dissertation funding to members
• SNRS finances are in the black and we were able to repay $40,000 back into the reserve funds in 2011.
• Monetary amounts of the research grants were increased.
• Continued revision of Policies and Procedures Manual and Development of RIGS Policies and Procedures
• Acknowledged the SNRS Student Network and stated that we continue working to strengthen.
• A Task Force from the Communications Committee, chaired by Anne Stiles, completed their work for SNRS’ new logo.
• Vision for SNRS 2012:
  o Consistently demonstrating core values of connection, collaboration and communication, SNRS is the nexus of the nursing research community in the southern region.
• Vision for the work of the Board:
  o The SNRS leadership group builds on valued organizational traditions while continuously and creatively positioning the organization to better meet the mission and more effectively respond to the evolving needs of current and future members.
• Strategic Initiatives
  o Developed according to the functions of the Society
  o Strategic initiatives are being used to guide the work of each of the Board members of the organization
  o A copy of the strategic plan is available to the membership on the SNRS Website
• Other initiatives that will be undertaken in the coming year include:
  o More involvement for “non-academic” nurse researchers
Creation of a Senior Researcher Task Force
Focus on new programs for development and fundraising

Report from President-Elect

President-Elect Tricia Crane provided an overview of her activities for the past year:

- Work on the SNRS Strategic Plan continues. Taking a visionary approach for the next 5-7 years. The plan will be posted to the SNRS website for member feedback. The plan is closely linked with the mission & vision of SNRS.

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Demetrius Porche recognized and thanked the Finance Committee for their work. He reported on financial activities conducted in 2011:

- Monthly review of financial statements
- Independent financial audit conducted
- Monitored investments (3 accounts)
- Update finance policy & procedures
- Development of operating and conference budgets

Dr. Porche reported that FY2011 ended with a surplus of $58,852.85. The 2011 Annual Conference realized a surplus of $101,250. The proposed operating budget for 2012 is calculated for a surplus of $14,165, which is very conservative. Increased expenses for 2012 include: $10,000 for SOJNR, $5,000 for development activities, $10,000 for the Mid-year Board meeting and increases in the grant awards. With the surplus from 2011, we were able to repay $40,000 that was borrowed from investment funds for operations in 2010. The Board plans to move an additional $20,000 to build the Endowment fund. A full audit of the 2011 financials will be performed in 2012.

Report from Vice President

Vice President Anne Turner-Henson recognized the 2011 Annual Meeting Program Committee and their efforts toward the 2011 Annual Conference: Ann Horgas, Dana Allen, Bill Buron, Gloria Carr, Victoria Foster, Elizabeth Galik, Eric Hodges, Donna Neff, Becky Parnell, Karen Rice, Jennifer Riggs, Susan Snellgrove, Yvonne Sterling, Christine Williams.

- Chaired 2011 conference and oversaw process working with Conference and Local Planning Committees

Reports of Governing Board Members

- Communications—Anne Stiles, Director

  Dr. Stiles thanked the Communications Committee for their efforts on the design of SNRS’s new logo and updates to the SNRS website this past year. She indicated that the members voted on the new logo design. The website redesign involved moving to a new platform I4A (Internet for Associations), which greatly improved navigation within the site. The new platform allows committee members to complete updates to the site. Dr. Stiles introduce the new Southern Connections newsletter editor, Dr. Denise Linton, who will be replacing Lenora Smith.
She referred attendees to the written report for other annual accomplishments of the committee.

- **Development**—Nan Smith-Blair, Director

  Dr. Smith-Blair provided an update on development activities for 2011.
  
  - Endowment Fund is at $28,000.
  - Circle of Scholars: $4,000
  - Raffle: $3,000
  - Silent Auction: $3,219
  - Mentor Pins: $430
  - Gala Table Sales: $5,500

  Goal is to exceed these levels this year. All donations, no matter what size, help!

**Task Force Updates**

Marti Rice provided updates:

- **SOJNR Task Force**: Dr. Rice thanked Susan Letvak, Mona Shattell and Richard for their efforts. A Request for Proposals was sent to Taylor & Francis, Wiley Blackwell, Sage and Wolters Kluwer for the new journal. Two proposals have been received to date.

- **History & Archives Task Force**: Dr. Rice thanked Dr. Debra Wallace. The Task Force is looking at multiple ways to archive materials. A draft plan has been developed and will be sent to the Board within 90 days.

- **Senior Researchers Task Force**: Dr. Rice extended appreciation to Dr. Nancy McCain and Dr. Sandra Dunbar for their efforts. They will continue work this year to involve senior researchers in the organization at new levels.

**Recognition of Outgoing Board Members/Committee Chairs**

President Rice recognized and presented plaques to outgoing Director of Grants, Dr. Cindy Munro and Director of Communications, Dr. Anne Stiles. She also recognized Patty Gray for her work as Chair of the Succession Planning and Nominations Committee. Dr. Rice thanked Lenora Smith for her service as interim Editor for *Southern Connections*. Dr. Tricia Crane recognized and presented a plaque to Dr. Marti Rice for her service as President.

**New Business**

- **Annual Election** – D. Patricia Gray, Succession Planning and Nominations Committee Chair

  Dr. Gray recognized and thanked the members of the Nominating Committee. She indicated the electronic ballot was sent to 1,194 members via email and 29 paper ballots were mailed. A total of 251 members voted electronically and 7 returned paper ballots for a total of 258. This represents only 21 percent of the membership. She urged members to get more involved in the election of SNRS leadership. She reported the results of the election:

  - Cindy Munro, President-Elect
  - Leanne Lefler, Secretary
  - Donna Scott-Tilley, Member at large, Communications
  - Elizabeth Reifsnider, Member at large, Grants
It was moved, seconded and carried that any materials related to this election be destroyed.

Dr. Gray introduced the new Nominating Committee members: Patricia Newcomb and Carol M. Wiggs. Outgoing committee members Leanne Lefler and Cheryl Zambroski were recognized.

SNRS Bylaws Revision

Liz Reifsnider, Chair, Bylaws Committee

Robert’s Rules of Order were observed; with Dr. Patricia Messmer serving as Parliamentarian

Dr. Reifsnider presented extensive changes to the Bylaws to remove superfluous information that is (see attachment).

Motion to approve the proposed changes to the SNRS Bylaws as presented.

After discussion, motion was withdrawn.

Motion to approve the proposed changes to the SNRS Bylaws, with the exception that Section VI – Governance and Section X Governing Board shall remain unchanged.

New Business

- Institute for the Development of Administrative Research Leaders

  President Marti Rice introduced a proposal for the establishment of the Institute.

Installation of New Officers

Incoming board members Leanne Lefler, Secretary and Donna Scott-Tilley, Member at large, Communications were welcomed to the Board. Dr. Rice recognized and thanks Connie Cephus, outgoing chair of the Student Network and introduced Christina Pettey, incoming chair.

Adjournment: 10:30 am Central Standard Time