

**NAACCR Board Meeting****Minutes**

Monday, June 2, 2025

8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Connecticut Convention Center, Meeting Room #22

**Roll Call and Welcome****1. Roll Call and Welcome****Wendy**

Present: Lori Koch, Bozena Morawski, Lori Swain, Valerie Somma, Sarah Nash, Eric Durbin, Lihua Liu, Wendy Aldinger

ZOOM Attendees: Kevin Ward, Stephanie Hill

Absent: Joshua Mazuryk

Ex Officio: Karen Knight

Staff: Charlie Blackburn

Non-Voting Incoming Board Members: Carolyn Bancroft, Iris Zachary

**2. Thanks and Appreciation of Outgoing Board Members****Wendy**

- Bozena Morawski
- Kevin Ward

Wendy welcomed everyone to the meeting. Wendy thanked Eric for leading the May Board meeting. She also provided some administrative reminders. Wendy and the entire Board thanked Bozena and Kevin for their service on the Board.

**3. Welcome to New and Re-Elected Board Members****Wendy**

- Sarah Nash                      Treasurer
- Carolyn Bancroft              At-Large – New
- Iris Zachary                      At-Large – New

Wendy welcomed new incoming Board members Carolyn and Iris. She also thanked Sarah for running for the Treasurer position. She congratulated everyone for being elected to the Board.

**4. Call for New Agenda Items****Wendy**

A call for new agenda items was requested. No new items were suggested.

**5. Final Annual Conference Updates****Charlie**

- Board 2025 Conference Summary Schedule

Charlie provided final updates on the 2025 conference. As of this meeting date, there are approximately 275 attendees; the final count will be known post-conference. This is about 100 fewer than the year since 2020. The Vesta workshop went well as a pre-conference workshop. SEER\*Stat Advanced and Geocoding workshops co-occurred with the Board meeting. Logistics and other planning aspects are complete. Finally, Charlie noted for the Board to look at the Board summary schedule which outlines major events that the Board should consider attending.

## Governance

### Fiduciary Items

#### 6. Financials Review

Charlie

Charlie provided the Board with the semi-annual financials review. He gave background on NAACCR's balance sheet, revenue and expense statement, investments, and funding mechanisms. He noted that there will be budget updates in July after we know funding amounts for the NCI Task Orders. Overall, NAACCR's fiscal picture for the current year ending May 31, 2025, is stable. There will be questions for the year 2025-2026 but many of those answers will come in the summer. He thanked Kevin Ward for his service and time as the NAACCR Treasurer as well as Karen Knight.

#### 7. Fiscal Year 25-26 Planning

Karen / Charlie

Karen provided an overview of fiscal year 25-26 activities conducted by the office and timelines for decision-making. Sarah said that the NAACCR community needs to work together with funding partners to appropriately match scope of work with budget levels. As cuts happen, scope of work needs to change to match them. The amount of lost work and impact needs to be communicated to partners and the public. Eric emphasized that there needs to be consistency among registries. It may be helpful to have registry PIs get together to align concepts. Kevin voiced his support around the descoping of work with budget cuts. The rest of the Board agreed with both comments.

#### 8. Going Concerns Vote of Confidence (Action)

Charlie

- NAACCR Board annually reaffirms their confidence that the Association will continue to operate in the next 12 months and has the means to do so given the information the Board has at the time of the vote. This vote of confidence is then recorded and included in the annual audit.

**The motion to affirm the Board's vote of confidence was passed.**

## Governance

#### 9. Board Liaison Assignments and Appointments

Eric

- List of all Appointments

All liaison and committee appointments were reviewed. Eric thanked everyone for their dedication and commitment to NAACCR, especially at a time when everyone is quite busy and working through a wide variety of operational and funding challenges.

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## 2025 – 2026 Steering Committee Chairs

### Committee

Standardization and Registry Development  
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### Chair(s)

Jenna Deniaud and **Valerie Yoder**  
 Angela Meisner and **Angela Eckstrand**  
**Barbara Dearmon-Neyland** and **Vijay Medithi**  
 Monique Hernandez and **Kevin Ward**

## 10. 2024 – 2025 Accomplishments

**Karen**

### ➤ Accomplishments Document

Karen noted the list of accomplishments over the last year. In particular, while the accomplishments are intended to reflect the work of the staff, she noted that they would not be possible without the hard work of the Board, volunteers, contractors, and consultants. In particular, some highlighted accomplishments include Mid-Level Tactical Group v26 changes being decided early, increased social media presence, 17 free educational sessions, 47 participating registries in the VPR, over \$290,000 in payments to registries, hiring of Ashley Knealing as the PM of Informatics and Registry Development, and hosting numerous conversations regarding the value of population-based cancer surveillance. These accomplishments will also be listed in the NAACCR Business Meeting agenda.

### Registry Certification Report

**Karen**

- Certification Maps
- Registry Certification 2024 Excel
- Survival and Prevalence 2024 Excel
- Historical Certification Excel

Karen presented the results of the 2025 certification (from 2024 Call for Data). She provided additional detail on the breakdown of US and Canada for gold and silver. She considered this year's certification year a success.

### Other

Prior to the break, Wendy asked everyone to introduce themselves and provide a little background on their role and experience.

## Morning Break

## Priorities and Opportunities Discussion

### 11. Strategic Plan / NAACCR Priorities

**Wendy / Karen**

- Committee Reports
- Steering Committee Reports and Metrics on SHARE Site

Steering Committee reports are due on June 1<sup>st</sup> to the NAACCR Board and Chair Committee SHARE site. Karen did a high-level overview of NAACCR's priorities, initiatives, and mission. These were meant to set the stage for priority discussions in the midst of budget cuts and other NCI/CDC priority changes. She asked for input in regard to NAACCR priorities.

**12. Cancer Surveillance Priorities Discussion****Wendy / Karen**

Discussed with #11 above.

**Strategic Priorities**

Karen summarized several strategic priorities that came out of the discussion earlier in the day. The priorities outlined to delay, ask, or pause are below: certification, innovative approaches to data collection, informatics, improving race and ethnicity reporting, communication, recruitment and retention, expand training for NAACCR members, policy and advocacy, and other initiatives. When speaking of these priorities, the “We” are considered all of NAACCR. Board, members, volunteers, staff, and stakeholders. The Steering Committees are going through some analysis about the evaluation of priorities. After discussion, Eric tried to clarify that the activities listed are where staff will or will not focus their efforts. There was significant discussion about the certification priority and how to proceed with that initiative. Bozena advocated for the continuance of certification updates since most of the work has already been done to communicate the changes to registries. Karen asked the Board for decisions on the items listed and the Board provided recommendations.

**13. Advocacy Updates****Lori S. / Karen**

Lori spoke about current advocacy efforts. Specifically, VA contracts being cut are a concern. July 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a markup to the President’s budget. Part of that is 40% reduction of NIH budget. July 21<sup>st</sup> is the House’s time to meet. If you care about NIH and chronic disease, then having meetings prior to those dates will be important. NCRA has just contracted with a firm to help with the scheduling of meetings with representatives. NCRA contacted NASEM to see if their government affairs division can help. However, they do not do any advocacy. She said that survivorship and pediatrics are the areas that are getting the most bandwidth. Lori recommended that registries tap into any communications resources they have.

Stephanie said that we were in contact with Alex’s Lemonade Stand to incorporate data for their initiatives. She is excited that they are interested in state data. She encouraged states to forward any inquiries to NAACCR when applicable.

ACS-CAN is looking to work on creating model policy and they want input from states on what gaps may be present. There is a survey that will be sent out soon to gain some input on gaps in policy.

**Lunch Break****Steering Committee Reports****Professional Development****14. Steering Committee Update****Lihua / Valerie**

Lihua announced the new leadership of the committee. Barbara Dearmon-Neyland and Vijay Medithi have been confirmed as the new Chairs for 2025-2026. There was some general conversation on eligibility.

**Strategic Planning and Alliances****15. Steering Committee Update****Wendy / Eric**

The committee sent in their yearly report for 2024-2025. There are no updates from recent meetings.

## Standardization and Registry Development

### 16. Steering Committee Update

Lori K. / Joshua

There was an update from CIAG and talk of an updated minimum dataset.

## Research and Data Use

### 17. Steering Committee Update

Sarah / Bozena

Angela Meisner and Angela Eckstrand have accepted their roles as co-chairs. Frank Boscoe provided an update on initiatives with race and ethnicity work. These new algorithms are being developed by Frank with support from federal partners and NAACCR.

## Program Updates

### 18. Program Updates

- Canada

Joshua

Josh is absent and no report available.

- NCRA

Lori S.

Lori is doing a letter writing campaign which is available at their booth here at the conference. They have almost 2,000 letters sent so far. They are also handing out some information regarding regulations around requirements for people using personal time for education for required credentials. She spoke to a lot of grey area around this topic, and they hope that it will elevate dialogue in this area. The entire Board thanked Lori and NCRA for their advocacy efforts. Lihua wanted to take the time to say thanks to Karen and Wendy for a letter of support for her organization.

- NPCR

Wendy

There was a Town Hall Meeting at the beginning of the month. No other updates except they are looking forward to the funding announcements for the upcoming year.

- SEER

Kevin / Lihua

Kevin asked NCI about the status of Lynne Penberthy's was. Due to hiring freezes, there are no updates.

## Afternoon Break

## Other Items

### 19. CERT Update

Bozena

Bozena updated the text in section 2.17 of the certification document. She outlined the updated and provided rationale. She thanked the Board for all of their input.

**The motion to approve section 2.17 in the CERT document was passed.**

### 20. General Meeting Adjournment

All

The general June Board Meeting adjourned, and the Board went in to closed session.

### 21. Lois Dickie Individual Membership Application

The membership application was removed from the consent agenda for discussion.

**The membership of Lois Dickie was removed from the consent agenda and approved.**

### Closed Session

#### 22. ED Review Discussion

Wendy

The Board went into closed session. Karen, Stephanie and Charlie removed themselves from the meeting.

#### 23. Closed Session Adjournment

Wendy

### Consent Agenda

#### 24. Minutes

- May 21, 2025, Draft Minutes

#### 25. Correspondence and Updates

- Mignon Dryden Resolution

#### 26. Membership Application

- Lois Dickie Individual Membership Application

#### 27. Executive Director's Report

- Executive Director's Report

#### 28. Financial

- Full Current Financials

#### 29. Board Year 2025 - 2026

Wendy

- 2025 – 2026 Board Timeline

Board members are asked to review the schedule.

#### 30. 2024-2025 Board and Board / Chair Meetings

Wendy

- Confirm Board Meeting is Third Wednesday of the Month 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM Eastern.

#### ***Please review all dates in advance for potential conflicts***

**Board:** 7/16, 8/20, \*9/17, 10/15, 10/30 (1 hr. Audit Presentation), 11/19, \*12/17, 1/21, 1/30 (1 hr. Financials Review), 2/18, \*3/18, 4/15, 5/20, 6/1 Monday, Hartford, CT (TBD if Board / Chair)

**\*Board / Chair 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM Eastern after BOD Meeting 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM Eastern:** 9/17, 12/17, 3/18

**Finance and Personnel Subcommittee 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM Eastern:** 8/6 (Fees Consideration 2026-2027 to be reported to Board in Sept.), 1/7 (placeholder if needed), 5/6 (Budget Review, Recommendation, and ED Review)

**Quarterly Chairs Only 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM Eastern:** 8/13, 11/12, 2/11, 5/13

#### 31. In-Person 2026 Meetings (Spring 2026, TBD and June 2026, Winnipeg, MB, Canada)

**The motion to approve the consent agenda for June 2, 2025, was passed. Schedule of Board Meetings July 2025 – June 2026**

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Andrea Sipin-Baliwas and Carrie Bateman  
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