

CSN-SNAP Committee Videoconference MINUTES

June 21, 2022: 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. EDT

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| <p>Present</p> <p>Caroline Stigant, (Chair)</p> <p>Neil Finkle, NS</p> <p>Naomi Glick, BC</p> <p>Dan Martinusen, BC</p> <p>Kristen Pederson, MB</p> <p>Ratna Samanta, QC</p> <p>Ahmad Tarakji, ON</p> | <p>Regrets</p> <p>Keefe Davis, SK</p> <p>Syed Obaid Amin, SK</p> <p>Bhavneet Kahlon, AB</p> <p>Tasleem Rajan, BC</p> <p>Administration</p> <p>Filomena Picciano, Director of Operations</p> <p>Marli Sa, Assistant, CSN Admin</p> <p>Minutes</p> <p>Diane Perazzo, Wordsmith Writing and Editing</p> |
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| 1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement | |
| <p>Dr. Stigant welcomed the group and called the meeting to order. She noted that the meeting was taking place on the day of the Summer Solstice which is also recognized as Canada’s National Indigenous People’s Day.</p> <p>Dr. Finkle offered a territorial acknowledgement from the Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq people. He noted that the first of the Peace and Friendship Treaties were signed in 1726 and recognize an ongoing relationship between Nations.</p> | |
| 2. Review of Agenda and Minutes from May 10, 2022 Meeting | |

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| <p>There were no changes to the Agenda or the Minutes of the May 10, 2022 meeting.</p> <p>Dr. Stigant made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2022 meeting. This motion was seconded by Dr. Martinusen and there were no objections.</p> <p><i>Follow up to action items from May 10 Meeting</i></p> <p>Ms. Picciano asked if information about the signing of the Sao Paolo Declaration on Planetary Health should be included in the next CSN President's e-blast. Dr. Stigant agreed that it was important to share this information with CSN members, but that this was one of many of the Committee's most recent accomplishments and that further discussion with Dr. Rigatto regarding profiling SNAP activities might be appropriate.</p> <p>Dr. Stigant will contact CSN Education Committee regarding a possible fall webinar on the <i>Ten-steps to Sustainability Implementation Plan</i>.</p> | <p>A1. Dr. Stigant will contact Dr. Rigatto regarding communication about the activities of the SNAP Committee.</p> <p>A2. Dr. Stigant will continue ongoing discussions with the CASCADE Project including the possibility of some project management support.</p> <p>A3. Dr. Stigant will liaise with CSN education about a fall webinar</p> |
| 3. Updates | |
| <p><i>A New Framework for Planetary Health in Nephrology</i></p> <p>Dr. Rajan was not in attendance and this subject was deferred.</p> | |
| <p><i>Revisions submitted! Pending publication! Congratulations all!</i></p> <p>Dr. Stigant congratulated the Committee and thanked them for their work on the article for the Canadian Journal of Kidney Health and Disease (CJKHD).</p> | |
| <p><i>Seeking SNAP members for important opportunity</i></p> <p>Dr. Stigant informed the group that Dr. Catherine Clase had put forward an invitation for a guest Associate Editorship for a special CJKHD issue focusing on sustainable nephrology that could contain up to ten articles on this subject. Ideally, the individual should have some editorial experience as well as experience as a peer reviewer. This individual would also play a role in the promotion of the Journal.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that this would be a sizable amount of work but that it was a wonderful opportunity to share information about this important issue.</p> <p>Dr. Stigant mentioned that she had recently connected with a group of nephrologists in Australia, Europe, UK, India and Morocco regarding the issue of sustainable nephrology. They were interested in the CSN's work to discuss this issue with industry partners. It is hoped that a session will be held at the upcoming ASN and also the ISN.</p> <p>Ms. Picciano suggested that the CSN could survey members for their interest in the Guest Editorship position.</p> | <p>A4. Committee members will consider possible candidates for the Guest Associate Editor of a special CKJHD issue on sustainable nephrology.</p> <p>A5. Dr. Stigant will talk to Dr. Rigatto regarding CSN international connections on the matter of sustainable nephrology.</p> <p>A6. Committee members will submit ideas regarding content and possible editors to Dr. Stigant regarding the CJKHD special issue on sustainable nephrology.</p> |

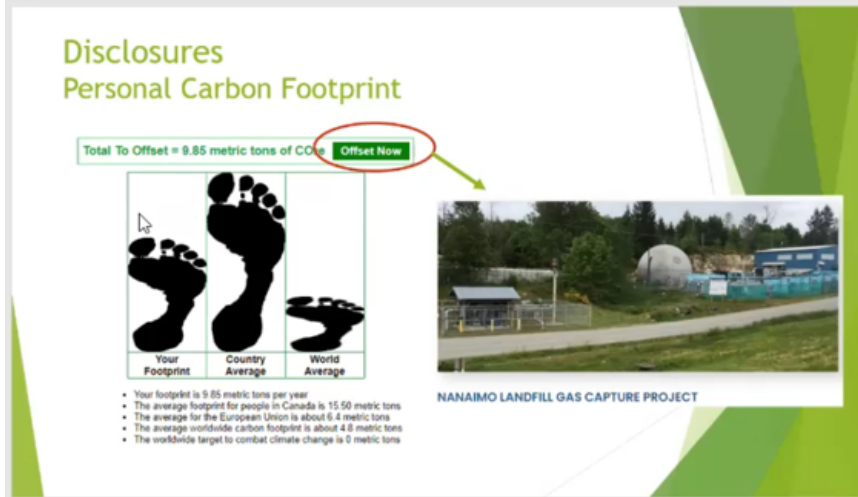
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| <p>In addition, a well-known nephrologist such as Dr. Adeera Levin would be ideal.</p> <p>Dr. Tarakji volunteered to assist with the Journal special issue.</p> <p><i>Possible article subjects for special issue</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Samanta recommended that the CSN take advantage of broad-based initiatives such as the recent Canadian ban on single-use plastics. One possibility would be to ask a hemodialysis nurse educator or nurse to take a photo of the amount of plastics and other wastage. This approach was recently used by a Dutch nurse who made an effective photo/graphic of all the waster materials used during a surgical procedure. • It was also suggested that given the strong connection of primary and secondary prevention with the issue of sustainable nephrology, that an individual with a focus on prevention might be interested in the Guest Editorship position. Another possible secondary focus might be kidney transplantation. • Ideally, the Journal should include practical “primer” type information, e.g. how to deal with grey water issues in dialysis. There is good material from the UK on this issue. • Dr. Tarakji suggested that an open-ended survey of nephrologists as well as nurses be conducted regarding a possible editor and subjects. | |
| 4. Holborn Climate Conference Accord | |
| <p>A representative of the UK National Health Service is currently seeking input regarding the issue of greening medical conferences and is surveying organizers and venues on this matter.</p> <p>Committee members agreed that in-person conferences were extremely expensive and that a “distributed” conference that included smaller gatherings in multiple locations would minimize air travel. In addition, a hybrid online / in-person model also has some advantages.</p> <p>Ms. Picciano noted that hotels and conference centres are currently aware of this issue and are considering a variety of different alternatives. She also mentioned that following the pandemic, there has been a strong call from the CSN membership for an in-person meeting.</p> <p><i>Additional suggestions regarding greening medical conferences</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the frequency of conferences to every two years. • Collaborating with other allied organizations, e.g. CANNT, ORN, KFOC. • Ensuring that excess food be given to food banks, etc. • Use of carbon offsets including by vendors at conferences. | <p>A7. Dr. Stigant will send Ms. Picciano information bout the carbon footprint calculator smart phone app for possible use at the upcoming CSN AGM.</p> |

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- Use of a “hub / spoke” model to connect individuals.

Dr. Stigant shared the following slide regarding personal carbon footprint:



It was agreed that “green washing” by conference organizers and venues should be avoided and that there be clear criteria used.

It was also noted that conference platforms are changing and, as the younger generation ages they will bring an increased familiarity with using computer and screen-based ways to share information.

It was also agreed that networking was more limited during online conferences and many participants find it difficult to devote their full attention to the meeting, especially when they are dealing with multiple priority conflicts.

Dr. Stigant suggested the use of a smart phone app that helps to calculate the carbon footprint of travel and other activities.

5. Future Patient on SNAP Committee

Dr. Stigant noted that the Committee has had a variety of active projects and that the addition of a patient and primary care representative on the Committee should wait until there is a more defined work plan. There has been some discussion about hiring a project manager to work with the Committee. Ideally CASCADES might provide some project management support.

Dr. Stigant shared an info sheet from the Canadian Patient Safety Institute on “Tips for patient engagement in patient safety and quality committees.

<https://www.patientsafetyinstitute.ca/en/toolsResources/pages/pfpsc-patient-engagement-in-safety-committees.aspx>

It was suggested that an article regarding patient engagement would be good for the CKJHD special issue.

A8. The SNAP Committee will further discuss future patient involvement.

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| 6. ASN Climate Change Declaration and Proposed CSN Statement | |
| <p>Dr. Stigant referred to a recent ASN press release which urged action on climate change which had been sent out with the meeting agenda. This includes a wider call for more broad-based action and the adverse affect of climate health on kidney health.</p> <p>She suggested that a similar call for action be developed by the CSN and requested input on this from members. This call could also be linked with the recent Canadian Government ban on single-use plastics.</p> | <p>A9. SNAP Committee members will provide input to Dr. Stigant regarding a CSN Call for action on Kidney Health and Climate Change.</p> |
| 7. Recent Publication | |
| <p>Dr. Stigant drew the Committee’s attention to the recent article “Sources of Variation in the Carbon Footprint of Hemodialysis Treatment” CJASN June 2022</p> | |
| 8. Wrap-up and Next Meeting Date / Time | |
| <p>The Committee discussed the possibility of setting a regular meeting time that might work for all members.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.</p> | <p>A10. CSN Admin will send a Doodle Poll regarding the date of the next SNAP Meeting.</p> |