

SEFANN Zoom Meeting 8/18/2026

Attending: Tahira Smith, Mahala Saunders, Julie Fullerton, Derek Sippio

1. **Treasury report:** TBA (*reported following meeting, \$5518.11*)
2. **Membership:** Current membership is 31. (correction, during meeting reported 27 members)
3. **Community:** Hot Topics report below.
4. **Programming:** July meeting was at Village Tavern in Pembroke Pines sponsored by Vashe. Attendees really enjoyed the presentation by Dr.Carol Marshall on using Vashe in the NICU. Tahira who attended the dinner meeting said that the menu options were really good and that she enjoyed the meal and the presentation. Derek commented how wonderful our host Michelle Spiewak is and her associate from Vashe was very positive as well. Thank you to everyone who came out to dinner with us in July. We are looking forward to having another great get together soon.
5. **Fundraising:** *position open*
6. **Advocacy** *position open*
7. **Research:** Dr. Mahala Saunders NNP, submitted her interest as candidate for Research Committee Chairperson and Board member. Mahala has been a long-time NANN and SEFANN member and has been a contributing speaker for SEFANN educational events presenting up to date clinical education and discussion of her own research.
SEFANN members in attendance voted for Mahala's candidacy. We are happy to have her on our Leadership Team and welcome her. Congratulations to Dr. Mahala Saunders, PhD who by the way, we learned is also on the Faculty of Barry University and is a member of the Board of the Florida Nurses Association. Thank you, Mahala, for volunteering to lead the Research Committee and to share your wisdom and professional expertise as part of the SEFANN leadership Team!!
8. **Hot Topics Conference Oct 2, 2026**
 - a. **Deposit** Rene signed the contract for the Conference venue with Miami Airport DoubleTree Hilton. Monica will be giving them the credit card information for the deposit which is due.
 - b. **Speakers :** Jennifer Bilecki, MSN, APRN, PhD candidate
Jacklyn Cabrera MSN, APRN, FNP & Krystinne Espinosa Valdor, DNP,CNM
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Prof. Mahala Saunders, PhD, NNP offered to present and can recruit her research colleagues to conference faculty as well.

Jacklyn and Krystinne have a question regarding their Baby Steps presentation and whether we prefer a focus on research or community impact. Members present suggest presenting a research basis for the Baby Steps program along with community impact real life engagement stories.
 - c. **AV:** ACD Audio Visual Company replied that they are available and able to provide AV support. Julie will ask for a cost estimate for the same set up we had last time which was a projector, speakers, and a hand-held microphone.
 - d. **Vendor Fee:** Derek will prepare a suggested vendor fee schedule for us to consider by tomorrow based on the expected attendance and facility cost. Julie will meet with Derek tomorrow morning to go over the numbers.
 - e. **Registration Fee:** Do we want to set up e-payment again? Yes!!
 - f. **Speaker Gifts:**
 - g. **Raffle Prizes:**
 - h. **Vendor Passports:**

- i. **Membership Lists/ Name Tags:**
 - j. **Fundraising:** Raise money to donate to a community organization?
9. **New business:** The Zoom Link had “Business” items to respond to rather than just moving to the waiting room. Julie will create a new link next time instead of using the one on the calendar.
10. **Meeting Adjourned**