# Meeting Minutes of the

# Illinois Hispanic Nurse Association

# Held at Professional Diversity Network Offices, 801 West Adams Street, Ste. 600, Chicago, Il

**August 15, 2013**

1. Call to order

President Susana Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

1. Roll call of the Executive Board

Wanda Monterrubio, Secretary, conducted a roll call. The following executive board members were present: Lupe Hernandez, Vice President, Nancy Garcia, Treasurer, Adriana Nava, Past President, and Susana Gonzalez, President, were in attendance.

1. Approval of minutes from last meeting

July minutes approved and posted.

1. Introduction by President Susana Gonzalez
2. IHNA Mission Statement read by one of our members.
3. Recognition of Rudy Martinez of Professional Diversity Network for hosting and catering the meeting.
4. NAHN 2013 Conference Report Held in New Orleans
5. 16 attendees represented Illinois at the National Conference. Next year the conference will be held in Miami.
6. Brief presentation overviews by Adrianna Nava, Juana Ballesteros and Liz Florez.
7. The presentation of research relating to the Hispanic population by Hispanics is valued and necessary.
8. The benefit of attending the conference is to meet and form alliances with key leaders and mentors between IHNA’s chapter and National. Also the NAHN meeting has with Hispanic Ph.D.s who gives valuable modeling and guidance to nurses to pursue career development opportunities.
9. Scholarship opportunities and company reimbursement can help defray the cost of attending the conference. On a positive note the benefits outweigh the cost in terms of enlightening and being enlightened on the Hispanic perspective in National healthcare and Hispanic career advancement.
10. Conference keynote speaker, Patty Solis, delivered a motivational message on the challenges of being a woman, maintaining work/life balance, being Hispanic, and bridging nursing with another career.
11. Enjoy the Pictures of members at the conference are posted on the website and social media outlets.
12. Professional Development Network IHNA Career Portal demonstration with Rudy Martinez
13. Professional Development Network partnership inauguration. Presentation of the career portal website dedicated to IHNA members.
14. Closing by President Susana Gonzalez
15. Meeting Adjourned.