



**1) Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:05pm, Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Quinn presided.

**3) Article 5 Rules Review Including APRN Program Clinical Hours for Additional Certificates (Discussion/Decision)**

**Review:** Committee members reviewed the Article 5 Rules regarding the APRN Clinical Hours for additional Certificates. Thoughts from the committee members included: support for 350 hours for second certificates if in similar areas but expressed concern if in completely different foci, i.e. Family to Psych or visa versa. Majority of members suggested that a minimum of 500 hours be required because many students are not ready even with 500 hours. Concern was expressed that lowering the required hours would be lowering the bar for the profession and with so much criticism from our physician colleagues, we do not want to weaken the foundation. Concern that the national standard is 500 hours and we should be consistent. Discussed that many states do not regulate APRN programs so we do not have the ability to survey what other states are doing. Others expressed that Arizona has one of the better Nurse Practice Acts and we want to keep it that way by ensuring our nurses are appropriately educated. Several members voiced that they had many more than 500 hours in their program and felt they could have used more. Some members thought we should get more data and revisit when we had some evidence to support the change.

**Motion:** Each certificate for a population foci must have a minimum of 500 clinical hours in the program of the respective population foci.

**Vote:** **First, Quinn            Second, Banning**  
Motion passes

**4) Upcoming meetings: 5/29/19; 10/23/19 (Information)**

**Follow up:** Board staff will add discussion regarding R4-19-502(B)(6)(A) add to May Agenda

**5) Call to the Public**

No public was present

**6) Adjournment**

**The meeting adjourned at: 5:48pm**

**Vote:** **First, Quinn            Second, Preston**