



ACCOG National Student Society Meeting Minutes

Saturday, October 3, 2026

4:45 pm Central

Omni Hotel Downtown, Fort Worth, TX

Attendance:

Attendance was recorded electronically, with students scanning a QR code linked to a SmartSheet to capture their name and college. More than 100 students from 36 colleges recorded their attendance at the student track and 60 checked-in for the NSS Annual meeting.

Minutes:

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Pooja Mhatre, 2025-2026 NSS President at 4:47 pm Central.

2. ACCOG President-Elect Remarks

NSS Vice President Breanna Vance introduced Dr. Jennifer Nichols, DO, FACOOG (Dist), ACCOG President-Elect, who shared remarks that emphasized the familial culture of ACCOG and the College's commitment to investing in students as the future of the specialty, highlighting the *Prelude To Residency* resource as an example of how the College works to "be here for you", the students. She encouraged students to "always be learning", not only in school or at conference, but teaching and learning from peers as well.

3. NSS Voting Delegate Roll Call

NSS Secretary Andrea Weitoschova confirmed attendance of registered campus delegates:

1. **Alabama** – David Boose
2. **Burrell-NM** – Brianna Mireku
3. **California Health Sciences** – Hannah Sapinoso
4. **Duquesne** – Gwyneth Hamilton
5. **Edward Via COM Carolinas** – Jaden Walczak
6. **Edward Via COM Virginia** – Allison Jones
7. **Kansas City Univ. KC** – Brooke Seeker
8. **Kansas City Univ. Joplin** – Hafsa Mohammed
9. **Kansas Health Science Univ.** – Lucy Wilfahrt
10. **Lincoln Memorial-DeBusk** – Hannah Himsl
11. **Midwestern Arizona** – Danae Swedberg
12. **NYIT-Arkansas** – Reeja Thomas
13. **Noorda** – Ethan Nelson
14. **Nova Southeastern Ft Lauderdale** – Audrey Lenghea
15. **Nova Southeastern Tampa** – Quinn Kanner
16. **Ohio University Heritage Athens** – Nadia Pokrajac
17. **Ohio University Heritage Dublin** – Yosri Slama
18. **Pacific NW** – Elizabeth Delong
19. **Philadelphia COM South Georgia** – Ashley Persaud
20. **Rocky Vista Univ.-CO** – Nijambi Kimani
21. **UNT Health TCOM** – Maheen Sayeda
22. **Touro California** – Catherine Juliet Keating
23. **Univ. of the Incarnate Word** – Inara Hirani
24. **Univ. of New England** – Deanna Bello



- 25. **West Virginia** – Claudia Albert
- 26. **William Carey** – Garonne Casion

NSS Alternate Delegates were present but roll was not formally taken.

- Burrell-NM Luiza Zaccaria Bertolini
- Edward Via COM Carolinas – Jaclyn Eberting
- Kansas City Univ KC – Savannah Watson
- Kansas City Univ. Joplin – Avni Jain
- Midwestern Arizona – Karisma Nagarkatti
- NYIT Arkansas – Cassidy Garrett
- Ohio University Heritage Dublin – Molly Sheridan
- Philadelphia COM South Georgia – Zena Lekhani
- Touro California – Angela Calaguas
- Univ. of New England – Emily Morrison
- West Virginia – Clare Bishop
- William Carey – Kennedy Armstrong

4. Review of Fall 2025 Meeting Minutes

NSS Vice President Breanna Vance reviewed the minutes from the Fall 2025 meeting; the minutes were approved without changes.

5. E-Board 2025-2026 Reports:

- 2025-26 year in review Pooja Mhatre, President
- Educational webinars, quarterly roundtables Andrea Weitoshova, Secretary
- Social media and communications Railey Abell, Social Media Chair
- Membership and chapter engagement Railey Abell, Social Media Chair
- First national community service initiative Breanna Vance, Vice President
- Advocacy Subcommittee: Human Trafficking awareness Pooja Mhatre, President

6. 2026-2027 NSS Executive Board Election

A brief overview of the roles, responsibilities, and expectations for each officer position was displayed on-screen. Candidates had 1-2 minutes to present their qualifications. Electronic voting was conducted via the ACOOG app, managed by ACOOG staff (K. Ware, A. Crim).

- **President** Pooja Mhatre, President
Zena Moody (NovaSE-Ft Lauderdale, FL) **ELECTED**
Himaja Vendidandi (Touro-CA)
- **Vice President** Breanna Vance, Vice President
Katie Benaquista (Ohio Univ.) **Abrionne Pope** (Lincoln Mem.) **ELECTED**
Gabriella Garas (Alabama) Vyshnavi Pottepalli (UNTHealth, TX)
Inara Hirani (Incarnate Word, TX) Angel Walker (William Carey)
Stephanie Mroz (NYIT, AR)
- **Secretary** Andrea Weitoshova, Secretary
Mikah Chandler (Lincoln Mem.) Olivia Ferrell (Ohio Univ.)
Dana Farsakh (UNTHealth, TX) Hannah Sapinoso (Calif. HSU)
ELECTED
(after a run-off with Olivia Ferrell)



7. Additional Roles & Responsibilities Railey Abell, Social Media Chair

Continuing as established by the NSS E-board 2 years ago, the following positions are open for application and will be filled by appointment by the NSS Board.

Applications are due by October 12, 2026 at 11:00 pm Eastern.

- **Membership Engagement & Outreach**
- **Social Media**

These positions, having been formally recognized by the ACCOG Board of Trustees earlier this week, will be elected positions beginning next year.

8. Roundtable/Chapter Updates

- **PCOM-South Georgia:**
Chloe Davis shared details of the popular skills workshops their chapter has offered
- **Burrell:**
Briana Mireku enthusiastically described the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk their chapter hosts
- **Nova Southeastern:**
Audrey Lenghea described her chapter's women's health month, collaborating with other campus clubs
- **Midwestern – Chicago**
Vani Ganesh shared details of the IUD workshop they held as well as Period Awareness Days (using TENS machines) as a novel educational fundraiser
- **West Virginia**
Claudia Albert described the gender affirming series her club offered.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm Central.

2025-2026 NSS Executive Board and Officer(s):

- Pooja Mhatre, OMS-III (Touro Univ.-CA), President
- Breanna Vance, OMS-III (Ohio University), Vice President
- Andrea Weitoshova, OMS-IV (Kansas City Univ.), Secretary
- Railey Abel, OMS-IV (Lincoln Memorial Univ.), Social Media Chair

Not in attendance: Vanessa Siega, OMS IV (Burrell), Member Engagement Chair