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CONSTITUENTS ELECT NEW CCNE BOARD AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Washington, DC, July 19, 2017 - The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) has successfully completed its 2017 elections process. Ballots were distributed to CCNE-accredited nursing education programs (baccalaureate, master's, Doctor of Nursing Practice, and post-graduate APRN certificate) and CCNE-accredited entry-to-practice nurse residency programs, to be cast in the elections for the CCNE Board of Commissioners and the CCNE Nominating Committee. Ballots were cast electronically by institutions, resulting in a 64% response rate. The election results are presented below.

CCNE Board of Commissioners

Representing Chief Nurse Administrators

Christine M. Pacini, PhD, RN
Dean and Professor
College of Health Professions & McAuley School of Nursing
University of Detroit Mercy
Detroit, MI

Representing Faculty

Elizabeth Ritt, EdD, MSN, RN, CNE, NEA-BC
Professor of Nursing
Department of Nursing and Health
Benedictine University
Lisle, IL

Representing Practicing Nurses

Fern Beavers, MSN, RN, APRN
Clinical Nurse Specialist - ANP
VA Western New York Healthcare Systems
Buffalo, NY

Philip Martinez, Jr., EdD, MSN, APRN-BC
Advanced Practice Nurse
Department of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine
Middlesex Hospital
Middletown, CT

Representing Professional Consumers

Nicole Weimer, RN, MSN
Manager, Department of Nursing Excellence
University of New Mexico Hospitals
Albuquerque, NM

Representing Public Consumers

Valerie Osland Paton, PhD
Professor, Higher Education Research
College of Education
Texas Tech University - Lubbock
Lubbock, TX

CCNE Nominating Committee

Chair:

*Kit Smith, PhD, RN, CNE
Assistant Dean for Program Evaluation
School of Nursing & Health Studies
University of Missouri Kansas City
Kansas City, MO

Members:

Patricia Cowan, PhD, RN, FAAN
Dean and Professor
College of Nursing
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
Little Rock, AR

Michelle Edmonds, PhD, FNP-BC, CNE
Professor of Nursing
School of Nursing
Jacksonville University
Jacksonville, FL

Kenneth Lowrance, DNP, APRN, CNS, FNP-BC, NEA-BC
Associate Professor of Professional Practice; Director, Post-Master's DNP and CNS
Programs
Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences
Texas Christian University
Fort Worth, TX

Judy Neubrandner, EdD, FNP-BC, CNE
Dean
Mennonite College of Nursing
Illinois State University
Norman, IL

*The members of the Nominating Committee elect one of its members to chair the committee the following year.

The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education is an autonomous accrediting agency contributing to the improvement of the public's health. CCNE ensures the quality and integrity of baccalaureate and graduate nursing education programs and entry-to-practice nurse residency programs. As a voluntary, self-regulatory process, CCNE accreditation supports and encourages continuing self-assessment by nursing programs and supports continuing growth and improvement of collegiate professional education and nurse residency programs.