

## **Program Committee Report March 2016**

The Program Committee, led by chair Susan Bakewell-Sachs, PhD (Oregon Health and Science University) last met in person during the 2015 Fall Semiannual Meeting to plan the 2016 Spring Annual Meeting around the theme: *Diversity, Inclusion, and Sustainability in Nursing Education*. The committee will meet again on March 19<sup>th</sup> to begin planning the 2016 Fall Semiannual Meeting. AACN conference updates are as follows:

### **EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT SERIES (EDS)**

Chair: **Catherine Alicia Georges**, EdD, Lehmann College

*Leading Change: Building Academic Leadership Teams*

**November 18-19, 2015, Buena Vista Palace, Orlando, FL**

**March 18-19, 2016, The Fairmont Washington, Washington, DC**

This popular series is designed for new and aspiring academic leaders as well as for experienced faculty members who want to improve their leadership skills for a variety of positions within the nursing academic unit. The same program precedes both the Baccalaureate Education Conference and the Spring Annual Meeting. The fall event attracted 105 attendees and was evaluated highly with an overall score of 4.26 on a 5-point scale. General sessions included: *Leading Change: Opportunities and Challenges*; *Building Your Academic Leadership Team*; *Return on Investment: Getting Results*; *Developing our Next Generation of Leaders*; *Tabletop Discussions – Leading Change: Building Academic Leadership Teams*; and *Building Your Team beyond Your School*. As of February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 58 deans/directors/chairs have preregistered for the spring version of EDS.

Subcommittee Members: **Jill Winters Berg**, PhD, Columbia College of Nursing; **Shelley Conroy**, EdD, Baylor University; **Anne Hirsch**, PhD, Seattle University; **Janice Hoffman**, PhD, University of Missouri-Columbia; **Jean Lange**, PhD, Quinnipiac University; and **Linda Scott**, PhD, University of Illinois at Chicago

### **BACCALAUREATE EDUCATION CONFERENCE**

Chair: **Julie Sanford**, DNS, James Madison University

*Optimizing Strategies for Success*

**November 19-21, 2015, Buena Vista Palace, Orlando, FL**

This annual conference is devoted to issues of particular interest to baccalaureate and prelicensure nursing educators. The general sessions included: *Lessons Learned: Optimizing Civil Learning Environments*; *National Council of State Boards of Nursing Update*; *Tabletop Discussions: Successful Strategies for Improving First-Time Test-Taker NCLEX-RN Pass Rates*; *The Law and the Nurse Educator*; and *Creating a Balanced Work Life*. Group discussions, poster sessions, and abstract presentations encouraged participants to clarify issues and share successful approaches. A record number of 591 educators attended the conference and gave it an overall score of 4.29 on a 5-point scale. The Instructional Leadership Network (ILN) Meeting took place in conjunction with this main event.

Subcommittee Members: **Larry Goins**, EdD, Methodist University; **Nancy Haugen**, PhD, Samuel Merritt University; **Terran Mathers**, DNS, Spring Hill College; **Maureen Murphy**, PhD, Curry College; **Joanne Noone**, PhD, Oregon Health and Science University; and **Monica Scheibmeir**, PhD, Washburn University

### **DOCTORAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE**

Chair: **William Holzemer**, PhD, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey  
*Enhancing Nursing Science and Improving Patient Care through Big Data*

**January 21-23, 2016, Naples Grande Beach Resort, Naples, FL**

This annual conference brings together deans, associate deans for research, directors of doctoral programs, and other faculty to chart the future of doctoral nursing education. The general/breakout sessions included: Data Science and the Nursing Doctorate; AACN Updates; Big Data Analytics for Healthcare; Integrating Data Science Concepts and Methods into the PhD Curriculum; Implementation of the DNP Task Force: Recommendations; Enhancing Nursing Science and Improving Patient Care; and PhD-DNP Collaborative Studies. Participants were also encouraged to explore personal interests through concurrent sessions (categorized on the agenda as research, practice, or both), breakfast gatherings, and abstract and poster presentations. Over 710 participated and they evaluated the conference favorably, with an overall score of 4.06 on a 5-point scale. The Nursing Science and the Research-Focused Doctorate Pre-Conference Workshop, the Faculty Practice Pre-Conference, and the Research Leadership Network (RLN) Meeting took place in conjunction with this main event.

Subcommittee Members: **Susan Bulfin**, DNP, Florida Atlantic University; **Lynda Davidson**, PhD, Robert Morris University; **Patricia Howard**, PhD, University of Kentucky; **Nalini Jairath**, PhD, The Catholic University of America; **Katherine Kenny**, DNP, Arizona State University; **Marsha Lewis**, PhD, University at Buffalo – SUNY; **Maridee D. Shogren**, DNP, University of North Dakota; and **Carole Leone White**, PhD, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

### **FACULTY DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE**

Chair: **Lin Zhan**, PhD, University of Memphis  
*Success Strategies for New Faculty*

**February 4-6, 2016, Hilton St. Petersburg, St. Petersburg, FL**

This annual conference is aimed at those new to the faculty role and those who want to gain more self-confidence in teaching in baccalaureate and higher degree programs. In addition to five plenary topics – Leadership in the Delivery of Nursing Education: Preparing the Next Generation of Nurses; Curriculum Integration of the International Nursing Association of Clinical Simulation and Learning (INACSL) Standards of Best Practice for Simulation; Facilitating Success for Students with Disabilities; Best Practices in Online Education; The Joys of Mentoring and How to Find a Mentor; and Success in the Faculty Role: Nuts and Bolts for Your Faculty Toolkit – attendees selected two concurrent topics from a slate of five, all offering pragmatic guidance on specifics of classroom and clinical teaching. This event attracted 167 participants and evaluations are in progress.

Subcommittee Members: **Francesca Armmer**, PhD, Bradley University; **Julie Beck**, DEd, York College of Pennsylvania; **Sandra C. Garmon Bibb**, DNSc, Wichita State University; **Robin E. Remsburg**, PhD, University of North Carolina-Greensboro; **Christie Shelton**, PhD, Jacksonville State University; **Lynnette Leeseberg Stamler**, PhD, University of Nebraska Medical Center; and **Adele A. Webb**, PhD, Chamberlain College of Nursing

### **MASTER'S EDUCATION CONFERENCE**

Chair: **Jean Giddens**, PhD, Virginia Commonwealth University

*Master's Education: Navigating the Present and Anticipating the Future*

**February 25-27, 2016, Royal Sonesta Houston, Houston, TX**

This annual conference addresses issues and concerns of master's programs focused on direct care roles (e.g., CNLs and nurse educators) and indirect care roles (e.g., public health nurses, informaticists, clinical research coordinators, and nurse administrators or managers). General sessions include: Master's Education: Are Nurse Faculty Prepared for their Role?; Academic Nursing Leadership: The Best Days of Your Life!; Preparing Master's Graduates for Future Practice in Today's Healthcare Environment; and Legal Issues Confronting Graduate Nursing Faculty Today. Multiple opportunities exist for participants to discuss mutual concerns, offer successful strategies, and share successes via discussions, posters, and abstract presentations. As of February 22nd, 350 participants have preregistered for this conference.

Subcommittee Members: **Betty Adams**, PhD, Prairie View A&M University; **Lenora R. Campbell**, PhD, Winston Salem State University; **Lillia Loriz**, PhD, University of North Florida; **Cynthia Mailloux**, PhD, Misericordia University; **Helen Melland**, PhD, Montana State University; and **Mary Wickman**, PhD, Vanguard University

### **SUMMER SEMINAR**

Planned by the Program Committee

*An Academic's Guide to Leading Change*

**July 17-20, 2016, Parc 55 San Francisco, San Francisco, CA**

Summer Seminar is a popular annual event that allows deans/directors/chairs and senior faculty to explore critical concerns in a setting away from the pressures of daily administration. Themes and topics change each year, addressing nursing higher education issues and providing executive development for aspiring, new, and experienced deans as well as others in academic leadership positions. This year's Summer Seminar is presented by Kathy Pearson, PhD, President and Founder of Enterprise Learning Solutions, a firm focused on executive development and learning across industries.