

Membership Committee Report Spring 2015

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing has 767 institutional members. AACN currently represents 80% of the institutions offering baccalaureate and graduate nursing programs known to be eligible for membership in the Association.

The following 28 schools have been granted membership with AACN in Fiscal Year 2015:

Averett University (Virginia)	Pensacola State College (Florida)
California State University-Monterey Bay (California)	Rider College (New Jersey)
Campbell University (North Carolina)	Rockford University (Illinois)
Charles R. Drew University of Medicine (California)	Saint Gregory's University (Oklahoma)
Defiance College (Ohio)	Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College (Indiana)
Dominican University of Illinois (Illinois)	Texas A&M University-Central Texas (Texas)
Fisher College (Massachusetts)	Texas Lutheran University (Texas)
Galen College of Nursing (Kentucky)	Touro University California (California)
Georgia Gwinnett College (Georgia)	Tusculum College (Tennessee)
Hondros College (Ohio)	Unitek College (California)
Langston University (Oklahoma)	University of Arkansas- Fort Smith (Arkansas)
Lee University (Tennessee)	University of Central Oklahoma (Oklahoma)
Lincoln University (Pennsylvania)	University of North Georgia (Georgia)
Mayville State University (North Dakota)	Youngstown State University (Ohio)

The following deans are observing as prospective members at the Spring Annual Meeting:

Nina Beaman, Aspen University (membership application was just accepted)

Mary Blankenship, Bacone College

Drew Gogian, Mary Baldwin College

William Baker, Ohio Christian University

Susan Leight, West Virginia Wesleyan College

NEW DEAN MENTORING PROGRAM UPDATE

AACN's New Dean Mentoring Program (NDMP) matches an experienced AACN member dean with a member who is new to the dean's role for a period of mutual development. AACN members volunteer to serve as mentors in the program. New deans are matched to mentors based on their responses to the **Interest in Being Mentored** survey in *MyAACN*. Staff have updated materials for the New Dean Mentoring Program.

Since the 2014 Fall Semiannual Meeting, 20 new deans/directors have been paired with experienced deans for a total of 79 mentor/mentee pairs in the program. AACN continues to solicit mentor volunteers as needed throughout the year. AACN is hosting a wine and cheese reception followed by dinners coordinated by staff on Saturday, March 21 during the Spring Annual Meeting. Dr. Judith Lewis will facilitate a breakfast discussion on *Nursing Deans Who are New to their Role* on Tuesday, March 24.

The Board of Directors and Membership Committee will welcome new members, new deans and prospective members on Saturday, March 21, 2015.

Membership Committee Members:

- Ann Cary, Chair, University of Missouri-Kansas City
- Marquis D. Foreman, Rush University
- Judith Lewis, D'Youville College
- Marlaine Smith, Florida Atlantic University
- Jan Strom, Northern Illinois University
- Rita Trofino, Saint Francis University

LEADERSHIP NETWORKS UPDATE

To date, more than 1420 individuals have joined or renewed their leadership network membership.

UPCOMING LEADERSHIP NETWORK CONFERENCES:

Organizational Leadership Network (OLN)

The Organizational Leadership Network currently has 368 members.

The program session, *Leading Change and Managing Transitions: Required Skills for Nursing Academic Leaders* was held on Friday, October 24, 2014 and, *Program Session: Managing Transition: Insightful Strategies to Frame Leadership Practices* was held on Saturday, October 25, 2014 at The JW Marriott, Washington DC.

104 people attended the OLN program. The guest speaker, for both days, was evaluated at 4.7 on a 5-point scale. The OLN program sessions are designed to enhance the development of academic leaders, especially those who serve as associate/assistant deans and deans who are new to the deanship. This year's theme emphasized the important subject of Appreciative Inquiry, an organizational development method which focuses on increasing what an organization does well rather than on eliminating what it does badly. Attendee group work focused on studying an individual's leadership strengths and figuring out ways to deploy those strengths.

Organizational Leadership Network Steering Committee Members: Chair: Mary Kunes-Connell, Creighton University; Chair Elect: Rita D'Aoust, University of South Florida; Secretary: Teresa Wehrwein, Michigan State University; Communications Chair: Mayola Rowser, University of Southern Indiana; Program Committee Chair: Angela Phillips-Lowe, Mount Carmel College of Nursing; and Past Chair: Judy Didion, Lourdes University College of Nursing

Instructional Leadership Network (ILN)

The Instructional Leadership Network currently has 331 members.

The program session, *Legal Issues Confronting Nursing Educators* took place on Thursday, November 20, 2014 at the Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace, Baltimore, MD.

74 people attend the ILN conference. The speaker was evaluated at 4.86 for teaching effectiveness and 4.86 for expertise. The annual ILN conference is designed for nursing faculty responsible for educational programs including curriculum development experts. The conference included the following table top discussions: Use of Standardized Testing; Civility Issues; Policies on Drug Math Competency; Policies for Clinical Absences; Community Based Clinical Experiences; and Innovative ways to provide clinical experiences for the RN-BSN Student

Instructional Leadership Network Steering Committee Members: Chair: Kerry Kosmoski-Goepfert, Marquette University; Chair-Elect: Kelly J. Betts, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences; Secretary: Rhonda Maneval, Michigan State University; Program Committee Co-Chair: Linda Eastham, University of Virginia; Program Committee Co-Chair: Katherine Leigh, Troy University; Communication Chair: Vacant

Research Leadership Network (RLN)

The Research Leadership Network currently has 193 members.

The program session, *Advancing Nursing Science in an Environment of Limited Resources*, was held on January 29, 2015 at The Hotel Del Coronado, San Diego, CA.

66 people attended the RLN program. Based on evaluation feedback from the 2014 RLN conference we included both a formal panel presentation and small group discussions. The size of the attendance allowed for in-depth small group work. The discussions centered around research funding strategies, including the following two elements:

1. Exploration of successful strategies for promoting nursing research in a variety of settings (e.g., collaborative relationships, student involvement, ways to promote a culture of inquiry).
2. Exploration of successful strategies for communicating the value of nursing science (e.g., approaches to advance policies to improve funding; appreciation of knowledge gained from rigorous research regardless of funding source or amount of funding).

The RLN program is aimed at those who have leadership roles facilitating research within their nursing programs. The goal of the program was to increase one's knowledge regarding open access publication as it pertains to nursing scholarship/science and to maximizing the benefits of open access and minimizing limitations at the individual and institutional level.

Research Leadership Network Steering Committee Members: Chair: Margaret Barton-Burke, University of Missouri-St. Louis; Chair Elect: Julie Zadinsky, Georgia Regents University; Secretary: Ruth Palan Lopez, MGH Institute of Health Profession; Communications Chair: VACANT; Program Committee Co-Chair: Ernest Lapiere, Norwich University; and Program Committee Co-Chair: Alyce S. Ashcraft, Texas Tech University Health Science Center

Practice Leadership Network (PLN)

The Practice Leadership Network currently has 119 members.

The conferences, *Contemporary Issues Impacting Faculty Practice* was held on January 28, 2015 at The Hotel Del Coronado, San Diego, CA. 125 people attended the Faculty Practice Preconference.

This pre-conference is designed for those who promote, administer, and engage in faculty practice. It precedes the Doctoral Education Conference and is coordinated by the Practice Leadership Network (PLN). The general sessions included: Statutes and Regulations: Where NPs Stand Today and Where they are Headed; Legal Considerations for Faculty Practices; Faculty Practice Models: Strategies for Success; and Five Great Ideas in Healthcare: Implications for APRNs in an Era of Healthcare Reform. The speakers, overall, scored a 4.35 on a 5-point scale on the conference evaluations.

Working Group Members: Co-Chair: Sandra Bellini, University of Connecticut; Co-Chair: Susann Farberman, University of Missouri-St. Louis; Jennifer Clifton, University of Utah; Suling Li, Lewis University; Susan Lynch, Quinnipiac University; Pam Strohfus, Boise State University; and Amy Toone, University of Texas at Tyler

Practice Leadership Network Steering Committee Members: Chair: Sandra Bellini, University of Connecticut; Chair Elect: Susann Farberman, University of Missouri-St. Louis; Secretary: Lauren Diegal-Vacek, University of Illinois at Chicago; Communications Chair: Mary DiGiulio, Rutgers School of Nursing; and Past Chair: Marilyn Wideman, Rush University

Nursing Advancement Professionals (NAP)

The Nursing Advancement Professionals Network currently has 110 members.

The conference, *Advancing the Future of Nursing*, will take place on April 16-18, 2015 at the Hyatt Regency, San Antonio, TX.

The annual Nursing Advancement Professionals (NAP) Meeting is a networking and educational opportunity for advancement, development, marketing, and communications professionals; deans and directors; volunteer foundation and alumni board members; and anyone interested in learning more about how nursing schools can build their external relations programs.

Nursing Advancement Professionals Steering Committee Members: Chair-elect: Anne Webb, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill; Chair Elect: Peggy Person, University of Kansas; Secretary: Debby Powell, University of Tennessee-Knoxville; Membership Chair: Kimberly English, Florida International University; Conference Planning Co-Chair: Mark Alexander, East Carolina; Program Committee Co-Chair: Jenny Carrick, Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing; Marketing and Communications Chair: Robin Hutchinson-Bell, Mount Carmel College of Nursing; and Past Chair: Shelly Jordan, Capstone College of Nursing at University of Alabama

Graduate Nursing Admissions Professionals (GNAP)

The Graduate Nursing Admissions Professionals Network currently has 136 members.

The conference, *Graduate Nursing: A Vast "Canyon" of Opportunity*, will take place on April 7-8, 2015 at The Sheraton Downtown, Phoenix, AZ.

Graduate Nursing Admissions Professionals is a diverse group comprised of nursing education administrators and faculty responsible for graduate nursing student recruitment, admissions, marketing, and programming.

The conference is designed to provide an opportunity for those most involved in recruiting graduate nursing students to share their successes, develop new strategies, and to establish a resource network of peers. The general sessions include: Transformation through Collaboration: Working Together to Improve Health & Health Care; Energy for Life: One Day at a Time, The Use of Transformational Learning to Attract the Graduate Student; Civility in Nursing; Diversity in Nursing; and Holistic Admission in Nursing: Evidence from a National Study.

Graduate Nursing Advancement Professionals Steering Committee Members: Chair: Stephanie Boyd, Frontier Nursing University; Chair Elect: Jerryl Morris, Kennesaw State University, Secretary: Shannon Brecheisen, Michigan State University; Program Committee Chair: Angela Serpetti, University of Michigan; Communications Co-Chair: Kim Ferguson, University of Mississippi; Communications Co-Chair: Kim Bailey, California Baptist University; Hospitality: Jane Dolan, Pace University; Sponsorship: Jackie Min, The Ohio State University; and Past Chair: Carol Aspinwall, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Business Officers of Nursing Schools (BONUS)

The Business Officers of Nursing Schools Network currently has 173 members.

The annual BONUS conference will take place on April 22-24, 2015, at the W San Diego Hotel, San Diego, CA.

Business Officers of Nursing Schools is dedicated to facilitating networking among those who work in the administration of nursing education and to providing education in areas of business, technology, and financial and administrative management of nursing schools.

As the BONUS group celebrates their 30th year as a networking group their conference is appropriately titled, *30 Years: Collaboration, Innovation and Leadership*. A few of the topics in this year program include: Operationalizing Successful Nursing Simulation Programs; Sustaining an Integrated Nurse-Managed Clinic; and Civility in the Workplace.

Business Officers of Nursing Schools Steering Committee Members: Chair: Susan Perez, University of Texas HSC; Chair-elect: Delores Armstrong, Virginia Commonwealth University; Secretary: Sylvia Mason, Indiana University- Kokomo; Membership Committee Chair: Allen Edmunds, Georgia Regents University; Nominating Committee Chair: Vanessa Johnson, Alcorn State University; Communications Committee Chair: Susan Frey, Case Western Reserve University; Planning Committee Chair: Cyndi Cusick, University of Missouri-Kansas City; Special Projects Committee Chair: Mary Androne, University of South Carolina; Past Chair: Katharine Bonneson, University of Minnesota
