

Membership Committee Report Spring 2018

FY2018 MEMBERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Membership with AACN includes 813 institutional members
- AACN acquired 15 new institutional members
- The institutional membership renewal rate is 98.6%



The following 15 schools have been granted membership with AACN in Fiscal Year 2018:

Bay Path University (Massachusetts)	Mars Hill University (North Carolina)
Baylor College of Medicine (Texas)	Reinhardt University (Georgia)
Emporia State University (Kansas)	Rosalind Franklin University (Illinois)
Farmingdale State College (New York)	Saint Thomas University (Florida)
Indiana University-Purdue University-Columbus (IN)	University of the Cumberlands (Kentucky)
Iowa Wesleyan University (Iowa)	Westminster College (Pennsylvania)
King's College (Pennsylvania)	Wittenberg University (Ohio)
Lawrence Technical University (Michigan)	

The following deans are observing as prospective members:

Linda Quinn, Midland University; Sandra Welling, Presentation College; Linda Dune, University of Houston-Downtown; Richard Cowling, Argosy University; and Dianna Scherlin, Nexus University

The following schools have an application in process:

Nexus University; Southwest University at El Paso; and Argosy University

NEW DEAN MENTORING PROGRAM

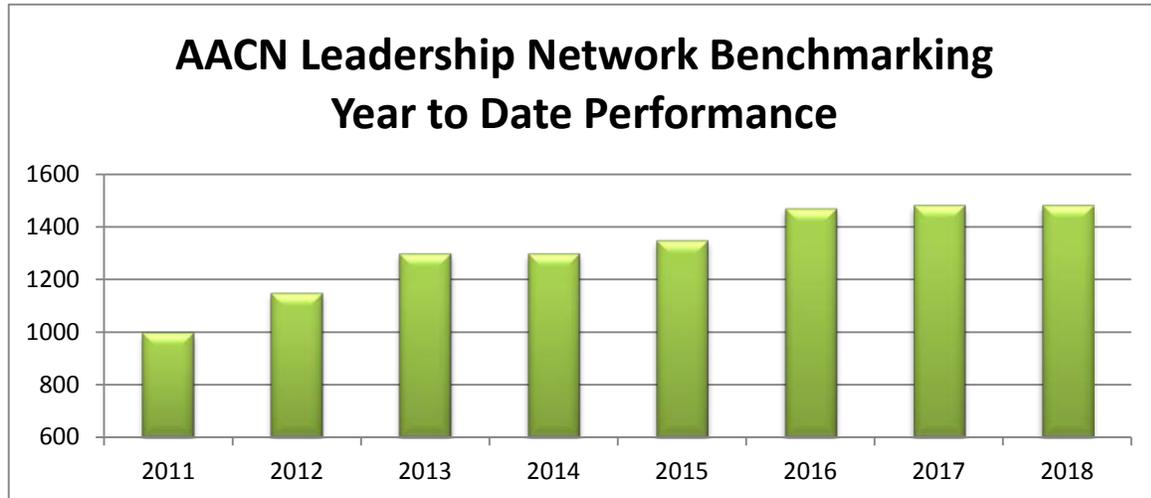
- 16 new mentor/mentee matches have been made since the 2017 Academic Nursing Leadership Conference. 54 total participants in the program currently.
- The Membership Committee will host a Wine and Cheese Social on Saturday, March 24.
- Membership is hosting an informal breakfast on Monday morning, March 26, called the New Deans Dialogue, facilitated by the Chair of the New Dean Mentoring Program, Dr. Marlane Smith from the Florida Atlantic University

MEMBERSHIP ORIENTATION

- The Board of Directors and Membership Committee will welcome new members, new deans and prospective members at 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 24, 2018.

LEADERSHIP NETWORK HIGHLIGHTS

- Currently there are close to 1600 individual leadership network members.



This past fall the Instructional Leadership Network (ILN) successfully adopted a new name: the Faculty Resource Network (FRN) as well as a new purpose statement. The new purpose statement is: The FRN provides a forum for nursing faculty to explore real world issues, pose pedagogy questions, and exchange ideas related to teaching and curriculum in professional nursing education. The FRN will facilitate faculty networking and foster development of its members through webinars, conference sessions, and electronic communications that support the evolution of teaching and learning.

Announcing the new name required deliberate, strategic thought and planning to ensure that our members not only remained engaged but to continue to increase their engagement. AACN secured a small sponsorship from ATI which financed the promotion and marketing efforts of this new initiative. The timeline included explanations as to why the decision was made and when the change would take place. The launch coincided with the Baccalaureate Education Conference. An initial announcement was made in the opening remarks, messages were posted in various AACN social media outlets; a special program session was held to discuss the future of the network and as an additional celebratory event we presented a special dessert display at the opening reception.

The steering committee (based on feedback from the membership) believed that the new name and purpose statement are more inclusive and will appeal to a more diverse group of faculty. We will continue to listen for feedback and make any adjustments to serve the membership.

Membership Committee Members:

- Cynthia McCurren, Chair, Grand Valley State University
- Maija Anderson, Morgan State University
- Joyce P. Griffin-Sobel, Washington State University
- Kathleen B. Scoble, Elms College
- Marlaine Smith, Florida Atlantic University
- Rita Trofino, Saint Francis University