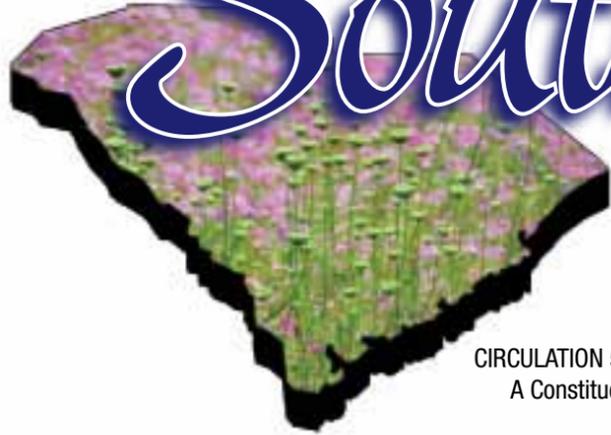


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SCNA Annual Meeting

Members of SCNA met on October 25, 2008 at the South Carolina Archives and History Building in Columbia for the Annual Meeting of SCNA. The meeting was preceded by the annual meeting of each of the Chapters of SCNA. The Annual Meeting is in its third year as the governing meeting for all members of SCNA to attend to the affairs of the association. SCNA welcomed the attendance of several students from USC-Aiken School of Nursing for the entire day.

Among the items on the agenda for action at this Annual Meeting were: Bylaws proposals, including an option for membership only in SCNA or ANA, which was defeated by those present; Resolutions for future actions by the SCNA; adoption of the biennial Legislative Priorities to form the basis for SCNA's actions in the public policy arena; and the announcement of the results of the 2008 SCNA election and swearing in of the newly elected and continuing members of the Board of Directors and the Chapters.

Following a luncheon, there were two education sessions provided for the attendees: one, featuring Dr. Stephanie Burgess and Dr. Maggie Johnson on the Legal Aspects of Nursing Practice and one featuring Jerry Stafford of Morgan Stanley on Retirement Planning. Both sessions were well attended and very well received.

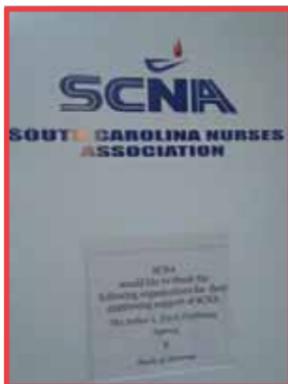
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President's Column

Vicki Green, SCNA President

Wow! I'm President of SCNA. Thank you to all who supported my nomination and will continue to provide support during my tenure. It is a great honor to be elected as your leader for Professional Nursing in South Carolina. I'm looking forward to the opportunities and challenges presenting in the next 2 years.



Vicki Green

If the first week is any indication of the future, I definitely need to take my vitamins! After becoming "official" at the Annual Meeting on Oct. 25th, you sent Judy and me off to Washington to attend ANA's CMA Leadership Day Seminar/New Presidents Orientation on Oct. 31st and the Constituent Assembly on Nov. 1st and 2nd. (The Constituent Assembly is made from the Executive Directors and Presidents from all the states, plus FEDNA, Guam and the Virgin Islands.)

During Leadership Day, Becky Burrows co-presented a session on "What New Nurses Want from Their Professional Association. Alice Wyatt, our former president presided over the 2-day CMA meeting in her last event as Chair of the Assembly. Both Becky and Alice "did SC proud."

During New President's Orientation, I was the newest—at 6 days. At the completion of the day, I was asked if I felt overwhelmed. Well, I really didn't as I still didn't know enough about what was to come to be overwhelmed. But, I am learning.

Learning continues as weeks progress. However, I must credit the first president's-lesson-learned to Becky's presentation. She was asked why nurses should join ANA in addition or in lieu of specialty associations. Her explanation can be summed-up as.... "ANA- yo momma."

Becky compared ANA to the relationship with "yo momma" for professionalism. No matter where you work, what your specialty, ANA will always be relevant and represent your overall professional issues—like your mother.

Other specialty organizations are compared to a relationship with your "husband"/spouse. You may not stay in the same job, doing the same type of specialty nursing your whole career, i.e. you may change husbands/spouses, but you will always need/have a relationship with "your momma." What a great analogy! ANA is always there to represent—our memberships will keep ANA there for future generations.

Another lesson-learned came from listening and "taking it all in" at the The Constituent Assembly. Included was how to answer the most-asked question since becoming president—"what are your goals as president?"

In response to goals, I see two as most important. First, SCNA must engage our members and potential members. SCNA/ANA must be relevant to all nurses practicing within the state, utilizing the tools/technology available. We must engage our newest generations of nurses. Technology is the way.

As part of this effort, Judy has a blackberry! She can check her e-mails, answer calls and be more accessible away from the office. Additionally, Judy and I volunteered to be the pilot state for ANA's further development of ANA NurseSpace—linking it with our SCNA web page. I would love to hear your ideas on how to move SCNA forward with reaching our technology-savvy generations.

Secondly, SCNA must maximize our resources. In a time of global economic distress, we must evaluate the activities planned for 2009 and utilize our resources wisely. Judy will be exploring "GOTOMEETING" for some of our future board and/or chapter meetings. Also, 2009 will be a convention year. . .

As we are all SCNA, all Chapter Activities fall under the umbrella of SCNA. We must assure the 2009 SCNA Convention doesn't compete with any other Fall SCNA activity. For best resource allocation, maximizing SCNA staff resources, we plan to merge all Fall Chapter activities with the Convention. Given the sharp minds of our members, we should be able to figure out how best to accomplish this task so Chapters and SCNA will jointly benefit.

In closing, thank you, again, for giving me this wonderful opportunity. I look forward to meeting many of you and having dialogue with more over my tenure as President.

Yours in Nursing,
Vicki

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Executive Director's Report

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**Judith Curfman Thompson, IOM
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**Judith Curfman
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2009, last year for single digits in this century...don't know why that hit me as I was writing it, but it did. One wonders where this year will lead. We certainly have had our share of excitement over the past months in this nation. An unprecedented economic disturbance in our world, an unprecedented election in the United States, a continuing shortage of nurses in South Carolina and in the US and the world, new and vastly creative breaks-through in the healthcare field. So, we balance up and down and up and down. Whatever else, 2008 did not leave the scene quietly!

2009 promises to be full of great opportunities for creative approaches to any number of very serious issues. Now often when the words "creative approaches" come to mind they seem to be code words for making a diamond out of a lump of coal without the many years and pressure needed for the journey! My thought about creative approaches is more in line with the area of communications and how we can get information and services to you, our members, and yes, our readers who are not yet members, in better and easier ways.

We are looking at all the newest systems of communication and trying to decide what balance is the right one for SCNA in 2009. We may not always be the first with the newest gizmo...but, every time we do move forward with a new "gizmo" it is because we think that we

will be better able to serve the members by doing so. We may not always succeed. We will always try. We may not always be the most up to the minute with the latest "hot" item, but we will always be looking at what is available.

We do have a first step in mind: A complete update and review of the information that we currently have for each member of SCNA. SO "Watch for the Mail..." Coming soon to a mailbox at your house, a copy of your membership profile as we currently have it. We will ask you to update this and send it back to SCNA. The source of the current information is what you have given to ANA through the years. SCNA is creating its own member data base IN ADDITION to the ANA one. We hope to be able to get this done very quickly, since we will be sending you a postage paid envelope for your reply. Our goal is to be able to do this yearly...by email...so that we know what you want to do and how you want to do it, so we are sure that we know about your latest educational achievements and your position changes as you progress. We will continue to use ANA as the collector of dues...a really great benefit to SCNA, but we shall have a better idea about you the members. Meanwhile, I wish you a Happy New Year and trust that 2009 will fulfill the ancient Chinese proverb: May you live in interesting times!

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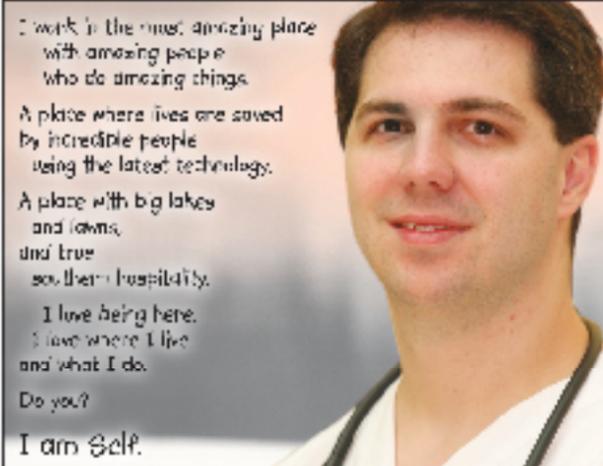
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“SCNF Award Winners present at SCNA Annual Meeting. Sharon Bond, Karen Brown (SCNF President), and Lauren Watson”



“Stephanie Burgess and Maggie Johnson presenting an update on the legislative process and how RNs should get involved”



“Newly elected and sworn in Board of Directors and other SCNA officers for the 2008-2009 program year”



“Jerry Stafford, of Morgan Stanley, presenting program on retirement planning. Great Information for all in attendance”



“Linda Johnston at the microphone during the discussion of the Bylaw changes”



“Immediate Past President, Gwen Davis, passing the President’s Pin over to the new SCNA President Vicki Green”



“Gwen Davis, immediate Past President, addressing the SCNA Annual Meeting”



“Newly sworn in President Vicki Green addressing the Annual Meeting”

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Annual Meeting Adopts SCNA Legislative Priorities 2008-2010

The biennial presentation of the SCNA Legislative Priorities was proposed and passed at the Annual Meeting on October 25, 2008. These priorities form the basis for actions that are taken during the two year period in the policy and legislative arenas. The purposes of the Legislative Priorities are to guide the work of the Legislative Committee and SCNA Lobbyists, Judith Curfman Thompson, Executive Director and Lobbyist and Wendy Holmquist, Candice Spencer, Julie Cox and Shanna Amerson of the CIA firm of lobbyists who work with and for SCNA. The Legislative Priorities may be found at www.scnurses.org as well as below:

“The South Carolina Nurses Association has among its purposes:

- To promote the quality of life and health care for all people
- To foster the nursing profession as a leading, positive force in the health care delivery system

To achieve these broad purposes, the SCNA will provide leadership in the legislative and public policy arena

To promote the quality of life and health care for all people in South Carolina, SCNA will:

- Promote access to and delivery of safe, cost effective, quality health services for the public
- Protect nursing care services to the public with emphasis in the licensed nurses' roles as qualified providers of healthcare services
- Support equal rights and opportunities for all peoples unrestricted by consideration of age, color, creed, disability, gender, health status, lifestyle, nationality, race, religion or sexual orientation
- Support legislation that promotes and protects environmental health in the home, at the worksite, in the community
- Initiate and/or support legislation to assure comprehensive health care services to all people, especially vulnerable populations

To foster the nursing profession in its role as a provider, leader and collaborator in the health care delivery system, SCNA will:

1. Initiate, monitor and respond to all activity which would affect the practice of nursing
2. Assure nursing participation in planning, development, and evaluation of policies related to health care
3. Support and protect the rights of nurses in the workplace
4. Initiate and support the procurement of public and private funding for nursing education and nursing research.”

Annual Meeting Adopts Resolutions

SCNA members attending the SCNA Annual Meeting, October 25, 2008 took action to adopt a variety of Resolutions for action by SCNA. The full text of each Resolution may be found at www.scnurses.org where they are available for downloading.

Just as the membership of SCNA reflects the wide diversity of interests and specialties in the nursing profession, so do the Resolutions that were proposed for action at the Annual Meeting. Adopted Resolutions include:

- Protection for Doctorally Prepared Nurses
- In Support of Building a Positive Workplace Environment and Decreasing Lateral Violence
- Suicide Risk Assessment
- Intimate Partner Violence
- Environmental Health and Nursing Awareness in the Workplace
- Oral Care for the Elderly

These Resolutions will be added to the others that support the forward progress of the profession of nursing.

Time of Remembrance Honors Members

The annual Time of Remembrance was held at the SCNA Annual Meeting in October 2008. This is a special time set aside at each annual meeting to honor those who have died in the previous year. SCNA also presented these names for inclusion in the ANA Book of Remembrance in June.

Those honored at this time were past members:

Myrtle Irene Brown, Columbia
Virginia Coker Phillips, Florence
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Ella Garrison
Vera R. Bonnette, Orangeburg

This ceremony was adapted from the one created by the Kansas State Nurses Association. A printed copy of the ceremony can be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to SCNA. There is no charge for this service. SCNA encourages all RNs and LPNs to add this beautiful and meaningful service to their pre-planning for funerals and memorials. We welcome inquiries from hospitals, nursing homes, hospices and others as well.

Annual Meeting Passes Updates to SCNA Bylaws

This article is a brief synopsis of the changes made to the SCNA Bylaws during the Annual Meeting on October 25, 2008. A full copy of the Bylaws is available on the SCNA web pages, www.scnurse.org and is available for download from the web.

Attendees at the Annual Meeting passed Bylaw Changes to:

- Eliminate any reference to the Center for American Nurses (CAN) from the SCNA Bylaws as the Center is no longer an official part of the ANA as the workforce advocacy organization. The Center still exists, but the status has changed.
- Retain the current membership structure of SCNA/ANA. Members discussed the options presented to create two new categories of members: a State-Only member and an ANA-Only member. This change was not voted on favorably.
- Enlarge the SCNA Board of Directors by adding a new Director, Seat 4. This new Director will be a newly licensed graduate of a basic nursing program who is employed in direct patient care. This Director will take office within five years of graduation/licensure. This was an addition to the SCNA Board of Directors that mirrored the action taken at ANA's House of Delegate in June 2008 to add the voice of a new to the profession registered nurse to the Board of Directors. SCNA has been most fortunate in the past years to have been served by many talented “young in the profession” members of the Board of Directors. This change

SCNA Board of Directors Holds Annual Meeting

The Bylaws of SCNA require that the SCNA Board of Directors hold an Annual Meeting at some time during the year. This meeting was held immediately following the SCNA Annual Meeting on October 25, 2008. The chief purpose for the SCNA Board of Directors Annual Meeting is adopting a calendar for the Board of Directors' meetings for the upcoming year.

The Calendar was proposed and subsequently adopted by the members of the SCNA Board of Directors. The meeting calendar for 2009 is:

January 23, 2009
April 24, 2009
July 24, 2009
October 23, 2009

Arrangements will be made for conference calls as needed. The Executive Committee will meet as called. An exploration of methods allowing both computer as well as telephone meetings is being explored to help cut down on travel to Columbia.

will codify the desire of the organization to ensure this participation avenue.

- Make an editorial change to ensure that the correct title for the *Code of Ethics for Nurses with Interpretive Statements, 2001* is used wherever the reference to the “Code” is found. The *Code of Ethics for Nurses with Interpretive Statements, 2001* is one of the fundamental documents of the nursing profession. While the “Code” does not change frequently, it is important that everyone knows which edition is being referenced in the Bylaws.
- Add the capability of electronic voting for elections by the members. This addition would be allowed only if the integrity of the ballot is preserved and that SCNA would not have access to the ballots cast for the purpose of identifying how an individual member voted. This addition would further protect the rights of the members.
- Change the notification to Chapter and other CMAs after any disciplinary action has been taken by SCNA against an SCNA member. The language is now more inclusive to cover all disciplinary actions.
- Add the Legislative Committee to the list of Commissions and what they have responsibility for in the organization.



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SCNA APRNs at the Kingston Plantation Resort in Myrtle Beach

The APRN Chapter held the 15th Annual Fall Pharmacology in Advanced Practice Conference this past October in Myrtle Beach. The event was very successful with 235 in attendance. The conference started with a Pre-Conference Event and the topic of the Pre-Conference was "Simple Officer Procedures...Interactive Pearls of Practice. Hands on learned took place in IUD Insertion, 12 Lead EKG Interpretation, and Wound Care. The planning team plans to continue to offer this type of event each Fall. If you have procedure suggestions or feel you are a "expert" in a particular procedure the APRN Planning Team would love to hear from you. Contact Rosie Robinson in the SCNA office at rosie@scnurses.org. The three general sessions that took place during the Regular Conference event where: *Seek and Destroy: Therapeutic Pearls for Effective Antibiotics Use, Billing Update, and Alzheimer's Disease 2008: Early Recognition and Treatment to Attenuate Disease Progression*. As usual evaluations of the event reflected that the Conference met the overall purpose/goal of the event: *To improve/update the skills of Nurse Practitioners in recognizing and treating clients across the lifespan*. Look for more information about the 16th Annual Fall Pharmacology in Advanced Practice Conference in the next issue of the SC Nurse and on the SCNA webpage www.scnurses.org



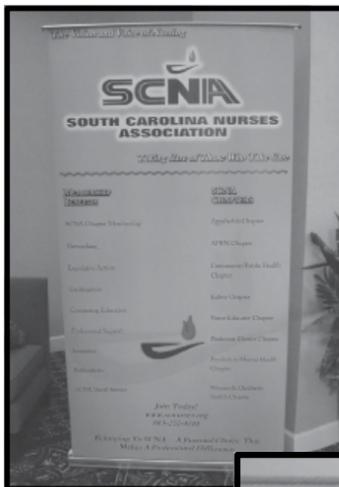
"Door Prizes that raised \$700 for the SCNA Building Fund"



"Conference Attendees taking a break between sessions"



"Kahlil Demonbreun and Rondey Peake are networking at the SCNA APRN Conference"



"New SCNA exhibit debuts at SCNA APRN Fall Conference"



"David Hodson pushing those donation tickets for the door prizes"

In Memory

The loving care and concern of SCNA is sent to Carrie Houser James at the death of her elder daughter, Gabrielle James on November 23, 2008 of cancer. Gabrielle was 34 years old. SCNA also sends condolence to Annemarie Donato in the passing of her mother the week of October 20th.

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Chapters



Psychiatric-Mental Health Chapter

by Peggy Dulaney, Chairperson

The PMH Chapter has been busy this fall. On Nov. 15, we sponsored a workshop on PTSD: From the Battlefield and Beyond. Our speakers were Peggy Grant, a nurse practitioner at the Dorn VA Hospital in Columbia and Fred Astle, a faculty member at USC in Columbia. They did a great job describing the diagnosis and treatment of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, not just as a problem among veterans but also as a growing problem among many other populations. We had several non-psych nurses in attendance and shared some great discussion.

The PMH Chapter also sponsored three resolutions at the SCNA Annual Membership Meeting in October. These were on the issues of 1) lateral violence (workplace conflict and bullying) in nursing, 2) intimate partner violence and 3) suicide risk assessment. The “resolved” statements from these three resolutions will serve as our focus for the coming year. If you are interested in working with us on any of these important topics, please let us know. We are always interested in finding colleagues with expertise or a special interest in an area to get involved and help out with the project. Just contact me, Peggy Dulaney, at pdulaney@bellsouth.net

bellsouth.net or 864-859-8445. I will put you in touch with the group working on your topic.

Do you need continuing education hours in psychopharmacology? Next March 31-April 4, the International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses will hold its annual Psychopharmacology Institute and Conference at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Greenville. The first two days, March 31 and April 1, are completely devoted to psychopharmacology. The remaining time is a conference featuring nationally and internationally known speakers on a variety of practice and research issues. There are tracks for adult/gero, child/adolescent, consultation-liaison, education and research. You can register either for the Psychopharmacology Institute alone or for the entire conference. For complete information, check the ISPN website, www.ispn-psych.org.

One important project in which many of our chapter members became involved this year was lobbying for passage of the mental health parity bill. We try to keep our members informed about all sorts of opportunities to get involved in improving psychiatric and mental health care. If you have an interest in psychiatric-mental health nursing, please join the PMH Chapter. There is no additional fee and it will give you a great opportunity to network with others and get involved.

Piedmont District Chapter

The members of the Piedmont District Chapter are celebrating the well attended workshop, “A Matter of Size...A Universal Problem” on September 25, 2008. Since 1994 the district/chapter has presented a yearly workshop with the assistance of Nelda Hope from the Department of Education at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center. Our first workshop was almost a disaster with the morning speakers from Columbia caught in a traffic accident on I26 and we short-circuited a part of the auditorium making coffee with several small coffeemakers trying to save money. Thank goodness, a couple of our afternoon speakers were present early. We apologized to the 130 participants, threw one of the afternoon speakers on the stage and made coffee on about four different nursing units adding it to a larger urn in the auditorium. The speakers arrived around 11am, so we went back to the original schedule and made a great profit which we used to award a scholarship to a nursing student at USC-S and we finally had money in the treasury. I am always amazed at the ability that nurses are able to improvise in work and home settings

Our Chapter would not be what is today without the leadership of a cluster of nurses from the past: Judy West, Pauline Scott, Gayle Williams, Anita Stoddard Hammerbeck, Mary Jo Tone, Angie Davis, Pam Mabry, Juanita Thaxton, Karen Peel, Estelle McCraw, and Karen Peel just to name a few. These ladies traveled from one district to another each month to have meetings in every district in the chapter. There was no question whether to be a member of ANA or not. It was their professional organization and they supported it.

Pauline Scott has been a member of our District since 1958. She has served in every office in the District and a few in SCNA. She named the walkway leading to the SCNA office building in Columbia, and there is a brick inscribed with her name. With her guidance and foresight, the chapter continues to grow.

Submitted by,
Ellen Duncan, Chair

Membership Dues Deductibility for the SC Nurses Association Calendar Year 2008

	Full	Reduced	Special
Total Dues:	\$264	\$132	\$66
Breakdown:			
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- Community and Public Health Chapter
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2009 Official Call for Suggested SCNA Bylaw Revisions

Please consider this the official call for any suggested SCNA bylaw revisions for consideration at the 2009 SCNA Annual Meeting. A full set of current SCNA Bylaws can be obtained via the SCNA web site at www.scnurses.org. All proposed revisions must be submitted to SCNA by **May 1, 2009**.

Please forward to:
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1821 Gadsden Street
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“Christian Science Nurses” Presented to State Board of Nursing

Judith Curfman Thompson, IOM,
SCNA Executive Director and Lobbyist

At the meeting of the State Board of Nursing on November 20, 2008, a presentation was made by Mr. Joel Orr representing Christian Scientists in South Carolina. Mr. Orr's presentation is a follow-up to the proposals made during the last General Assembly session to permit the use of the title “Christian Science Nurse” in South Carolina. The proposal was not passed thanks to the efforts of those who worked hard to maintain the current law that protects the title “Nurse” in South Carolina.

During Mr. Orr's presentation to the State Board of Nursing, he explained that this time the effort would be to have language inserted that would allow the word nurse to continue to be used by those in the Christian Science faith to define a person who provides services to another of the same faith. The services that were described are services that are usually defined as home-based assistance services. The person who is providing the services is reimbursed for the services. There are also liability issues that have caused the Christian Science Church to encourage having some “legal protection” for the title in each state. Many other states are seeing this issue arise in their legislatures as well as in South Carolina. Some states have current general laws that might affect this issue, but then they do not have title protection for the terms being discussed. There are several states that have been in touch with us about the language that we have in South Carolina to protect the title “nurse.”

Members of the State Board of Nursing firmly upheld the current language in the law that protects the title of “nurse” and further firmly upheld the current law that describes how a person may become a “nurse” in South Carolina. They also were firm in their support for the fact that in order to use the title “nurse” as a noun in a title, one must possess the proper education and licensure as described in the Nurse Practice Act.

SCNA is opposed to any use of the word “nurse” by anyone who is not legally entitled to use the term. SCNA supports the continued protection of the public, and acknowledgement of the education and licensing of all persons entitled to use the title nurse, that is provided by the laws in South Carolina regarding who may be a nurse and the process by which one becomes a Licensed Practical Nurse, a Registered Nurse and/or an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse. This is not an issue of religious freedom. This is an issue that is intruding upon legally decided and excellent standards to protect the health and welfare of all those who expect that the term nurse is clearly defined and legally adhered to by all. SCNA will continue to monitor this issue and take action if necessary.

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Call for Nominations 2009

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- Secretary**
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- Commission Chair**—Workforce Advocacy
- Commission Chair**—Marketing and Communication
- Director Seat 2**
- Director Seat 3**

- Current Officers and eligibility to run again:
- Vice President**—Marilyn Coleman (not eligible served maximum terms) May run for other office.
 - Secretary**—Connie Varn (not eligible served maximum terms) May run for other office.
 - Commission Chair**—Public Policy/Legislation—Maggie Johnson (eligible)
 - Commission Chair**—Workforce Advocacy—Susan Lyons (eligible)
 - Commission Chair**—Marketing and Communication—Currently Vacant
 - Director Seat 2**—Cathy Mattingly (eligible)
 - Director Seat 3**—Rebecca Burrows (not eligible served maximum terms) May run for other office.

SCNA Chapters will also hold elections for the first time for:

- Vice-Chairperson**
- Secretary/Treasurer**

These offices will appear with the SCNA Ballot, and will be sent with the SCNA Ballots to those SCNA members who are also signed up as SCNA Chapter members. Nominations may be submitted at the same time as nominations for SCNA officers. All nominations are due to SCNA by May 1, 2009.

Please use this form and send your nominations to:
Gwen Davis, Chair
SCNA Nominating Committee
 1821 Gadsden St.
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Both the nominator and nominee for the SCNA 2009 elections must be SCNA members in good standing. Call SCNA at 803-252-4781 if you would like more information on any of these positions.

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Members



SCNA Official Call For Resolutions: All You Need To Know

Call for Resolutions

Any SCNA member may research, write and submit resolutions for consideration by the 2009 SCNA Annual Meeting. Resolutions should be submitted in form for printing to the Reference Committee through SCNA at 1821 Gadsden St., Columbia, SC 29201. Resolutions are due by **May 1, 2009**.

What is a Resolution?

A resolution is a motion or call for action in formal writing on a subject of great importance. It often serves to establish the position of SCNA on matters of national or statewide significance which affects nurses, nursing, and the health needs of the public. Resolutions may be sent to other organizations, governmental bodies, and agencies, as well as individuals of state or national prominence. Presentation and voting on resolutions is one of the most important functions of the Annual Meeting.

What are the classifications of Resolutions?

Resolutions shall be classified as follows:

- 1) **Substantive Resolutions**
Resolutions which deal with basic principles and policies of the Association, or with issues of statewide concern to nurses as practitioners and citizens.
- 2) **Courtesy Resolutions**
Resolutions which give recognition to outstanding persons who have made especially valuable contributions to the Association or to the nursing profession.
- 3) **Commemorative Resolutions**
Resolutions which deal with the commemoration of important events or developments in nursing, in allied professions, or in government.
- 4) **Emergency Resolutions**
Resolutions which have significance for the Association which require immediate action.

Submission of Resolutions

Resolutions submitted on or before the **May 1, 2009** deadline will be published in the SCNA Book of Reports for distribution at the SCNA 2009 Annual Meeting. Resolutions may be submitted after this deadline but will not be able to be published in the SCNA 2009 Book of Reports. These unpublished resolutions must first receive a majority vote of the members to be considered at the SCNA Annual Meeting and then receive a three-fourths vote to be adopted.

Resolutions which have as their focus the complimenting, recognition or appreciation of person(s) by SCNA (courtesy resolutions) are constructed in the same

way as other resolutions, but are not published in the *South Carolina Nurse* and are not discussed at the resolutions forum.

At the 2009 Annual Meeting, all resolutions on the agenda may be presented and discussed at a resolutions hearing. This hearing is a preliminary forum for resolutions in which the submitters and the delegates freely discuss the resolutions to clarify and resolve issues, as well as propose alternatives if appropriate.

Editorial changes are often made in the resolution hearing. These changes automatically become a part of the resolution when it is presented to the SCNA members at the Annual Meeting.

How is a Resolution Composed?

Resolutions are composed of two parts—the "whereas" section and the "resolved" section.

The first section, the "whereas" section, consists of a series of single item factual statements which, when taken as an entire group, provides the background to the subject matter of the resolution. These statements usually begin with a very general "whereas" (e.g., whereas, nursing education in S.C. has become nationally recognized) and proceeds specifically to provide the facts of the subject matter (e.g., whereas, there are associate degrees and baccalaureate programs in S.C.).

The "whereas" section, although extremely important in providing the information necessary for the delegate to be knowledgeable about the issue at hand, is not voted on in a resolution. These statements are not debatable and are addressed only if incorrect or in need of editorial changes. The real action parts of a resolution are aptly termed the "resolves."

"Resolves" are recommended by the submitters of the resolution. It is in these statements that the specific activities mandated are identified and, if necessary, explained.

"Resolves" are the statements of position by the association and are the actions by which the intended result will be obtained. Vague or ambiguous wording should be avoided. Words such as encourage, facilitate, and prompt, should be avoided and words such as reject, accept, support, or endorse should be used.

If the action deemed appropriate for a resolution includes sending the resolution to interested, affected, or involved persons, then the final resolve should name those persons to whom copies of the resolution should be sent after its acceptance.

The resolves section, if made up of more than one resolve, may either be voted on in a single motion or voted on resolve by resolve, each as a separate motion. This usually occurs when the resolves are varied in their intent or direction, and should, therefore, be a consideration of the resolution writers.

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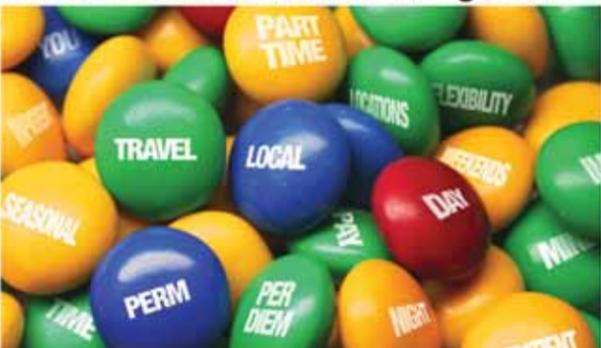
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New Look for South Carolina Nurses Foundation



From left to right, are as follows: Ann Lee (former SCNF Board of Trustees member), Jennifer DuMont (Project Grant Manager for BCBSSC Foundation), Karen Brown (President, SCNF Board of Trustees), Renatta Loquist (Project Director, SCNF Board Member), Harvey Galloway (Executive Director of the BCBSSC Foundation), Peggy Hewlett (Dean, College of Nursing, USC-Columbia), Gail Stuart (Dean, College of Nursing, MUSC), Roseanne Pruitt (Professor and Director, Clemson University School of Nursing)



Nurse Faculty Fellows with Renatta Loquist, Project Director and Harvey Galloway, Executive Director of the BCBSSC Foundation.

The Board wishes to thank Nancy C. Cooper of Image Resource Group for working with us on a volunteer basis to develop our new logo. We hope you agree that this logo summarizes the scope of SCNF.

South Carolina Nurses Foundation Announces 2009 Annual Campaign

The South Carolina Nurses Foundation (SCNF) is pleased to announce the theme for the 2009 Annual Campaign: **HOPE—Helping Others Pursue Education**. SCNF challenges everyone to “Plant hope today to grow the nurses of tomorrow” by making a tax-deductible donation to the campaign. This year’s campaign was selected from the work of students in the Studio Practicum I (ARV 276) class at Trident Technical College. The Board recognized the work of Julie Larson’s with a \$100 savings bond.

BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Foundation Hosts Reception Honoring First Nurse Faculty Fellows

On October 21, 2008 Harvey Galloway, Executive Director of the BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Foundation presented a check to the South Carolina Nurses Foundation, Inc. for \$1.5 million dollars to fund the SC Nurse Faculty Development Program. The grant will be administered over a period of three years for the purpose of funding scholarships to graduate students pursuing Masters and Doctoral degrees who commit to teaching in a state-approved registered nurse program for a period of three years upon graduation. The generosity and vision of the BCBSSC Foundation in tackling the nurse faculty shortage in South Carolina will help to assure that nursing programs will have the faculty resources needed to sustain and increase enrollments during a time of critical nurse shortages.

The first class of BlueCross BlueShield Nurse Faculty Fellows was presented with certificates of recognition by members of the Board of Trustees of the South Carolina Nurses Foundation. Family members joined the Fellows and guests to enjoy a reception immediately following the recognition ceremony.

The first class of BCBSSC Nurse Faculty Fellows includes:

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| Mary Beth Steck | Clemson University |
| Holisa Wharton | Clemson University |
| Theresa Lawson | Medical University of South Carolina |
| Sharon Bond | Medical University of South Carolina |
| Pamela Murphy | Medical University of South Carolina |
| Lisa Sternke | Medical University of South Carolina |
| Lisa Duggan | University of South Carolina |
| Kathryn Mock | University of South Carolina |
| Jada Quinn | University of South Carolina |
| Christy BuShea | University of South Carolina |



Masters Students

- | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Leigh Heintze | Clemson University |
| Tomeka Samples | Clemson University |
| Meaghan Askea | Medical University of South Carolina |
| Cathy Mulloy | Medical University of South Carolina |
| Michael Winfree | University of South Carolina |
| Ashley Haynes | University of South Carolina |

Headquartered in Columbia, the BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Foundation (www.bcbsscfoundation.org) is a philanthropic affiliate of BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina. It was created to identify and help solve South Carolinians’ health problems, with special emphasis on access, affordability and quality of healthcare. The BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Foundation and BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina are independent licensees of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.

The South Carolina Nurses Foundation, Inc. (www.scnursesfoundation.org) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to advance the profession of nursing through scholarships, awards, and programs of excellence. It is affiliated with the South Carolina Nurses Association, and is located in Columbia, SC.

Calling All Graduate Students – Apply for Nurses Care Graduate Scholarships

Are you seeking a graduate degree in nursing? If so, you are eligible to apply for the \$1000 graduate *Nurses Care* scholarship. Please watch this column in *The South Carolina Nurse* for application deadlines. In 2008, one of these scholarships was not awarded due to lack of applicants.

Speaking of the *Nurses Care* license plate, if you do not have yours already, please consider getting one to help make nursing more visible in South Carolina. Those with a *Nurses Care* license plate are eligible to enter their license plate number in a quarterly drawing to receive a \$100 savings bond. This quarter’s recipient is Diane Razo of Mt. Pleasant, SC. To register your license plate number, visit the SCNF website at www.scnursesfoundation.org. Click on the license plate and then the word Foundation so that you can send this information to Karen Brown at Brownk1@aol.com.

South Carolina Nurses Walk

The SCNF is excited to announce that the first annual Nurses Walk is being planned for fall 2009. This walk is designed to increase the visibility of nurses in South Carolina along with that of the SCNF. The funds raised

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through the walk will support the mission of the SCNF. Anyone interested in helping to organize this walk should contact Carl Humphries at carl@hope-health.org or Priscilla Davis at priscillad@usca.edu.

**South Carolina Nurses Foundation, Inc.
Annual Report September 2007-September 2008**

Board of Trustees:
2008 Officers: Karen M. Brown, RN, President; Marilyn Brady, RN Vice-President; Rebecca Carr, RN, Secretary; Eleanor Rogers, Treasurer
2008 Committee Chairs: Karen M. Brown, RN, Scholarship and Awards, Marilyn Brady, RN, Marketing and Development; Carl Humphries, Finance; Cheryl Bullard, Bylaws; Renatta Loquist, RN, Blue Cross Blue Shield Scholarships Awards. Representatives to the Palmetto Gold Steering Committee: Pi Johnson, RN, Treasurer Designee; Karen M. Brown, RN and Cheryl Bullard.
Additional Members: Mary Brown, RN; Veronica Parker; Ann Alexander, RN; A. Priscilla Carver-Davis, RN; Karen Thompson, RN; Kathryn Zeigler, RN, Cathy Mattingly, RN, SCNA Representative, Gwen Davis, RN, SCNA President.

Meetings of the Board of Trustees:
 The Board of Trustees met October 12, 2007, January 11, 2008, March 14, 2008, May 9, 2008 and August 8, 2008. Future meetings are projected for November, February, May, August and November on the second Friday of the month.

Summary of Fiscal Information:

Total Net Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets—Cash Basis	August 2007	\$371,896.85
Total Revenues, Gains and Other Support	June 30, 2008	\$590,284.70
Expenditures	June 30, 2008	\$84,516.87
Net Assets	June 30, 2008	\$889,094.42

Scholarships Awarded in 2007-2008:
 Evelyn J. Entekin Scholarship (\$750)
 2008 LaToya Brown, University of SC, Upstate
 Nurses Care Scholarships (\$1000 each)
 Undergraduate:
 2008 Lauren Watson, University of SC, Upstate

- Kimberly Spruell, University of SC, Columbia
 Renee Waddell, Clemson University
- Graduate:
 2007 Theresa Lawson
 Jennifer Myers
 2008 Rachel Ward, Clemson University
 Denise Cone, University of Phoenix
- Virginia C. Phillips Scholarships (\$1000 each)
 Undergraduate: Fall 2008 Robin McCutchen from Lander and lives in Bishopville
 Graduate: Fall 2008 Denise Cone from University of Phoenix and lives in Sycamore
- Appalachia Chapter Scholarship (\$500) to Eric Todd Chesney
- Palmetto Gold Scholarships (\$1000 each)
 Akeitha Nicole Brown Tricounty Technical College, AD
 Nancy Jones Bruyere Piedmont Technical College, AD
 Liana Byers Charleston Southern University, BSN
 Olubusola Daramola USC Upstate, RN-BSN
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 Robert Reynolds Florence Darlington Technical College, AD
 Sherry Ribble Greenville Technical College, AD
 Megan E. Smith Bob Jones University, BSN
 Jason Webber Aiken Technical College, AD
 Amanda M. Zeigler SC State University, BSN

Healthy Communities Grants were not awarded in 2008 due to insufficient funds.

Ruth A. Nicholson Research Award (\$1000 each)
 Debbie Herman—Nurse Legislators: the Journey to State Capitals
 Sharon Bond—Reaching underserved women and adolescents with the new HPV vaccine for prevention of cervical cancer.
 Blue Cross Blue Shield of SC Fellows: Stipends will be awarded in the fall and the spring to assist doctoral and masters students striving to be nurse educators attending Clemson University, Medical University of South Carolina and The University of South Carolina.

Total Awards for 2007-2008 \$274,250

Committee Activities:
Scholarship and Awards Committee
 There are two additional scholarship endowments—the Mary Ellen Hatfield School Nurse Scholarship Fund, and the Upper Savannah Educational Fund. The Board of Trustees also approved the award of the Nurses Care Scholarships to six per year—three undergraduate and three undergraduate scholarships. The Appalachia Chapter created criteria which was approved by the Board to give a scholarship for the first time this year from the interest accumulated on their investment. The newly established Renatta S. Loquist Graduate Nurse Scholarship by Palmetto Gold will be awarded in 2009 by the Palmetto Gold Steering Committee. Scholarship application forms are now on the website and updated. (www.scnursesfoundation.org)

Marketing & Development Committee
 The ongoing activities of the Marketing & Development Committee include an annual campaign, quarterly articles in *SC Nurse*, the *Nurses Care* license plate initiative, the website and other fundraising initiatives. The annual campaign, “Spend” Time with the South Carolina Nurses Foundation, was launched in September 2007 and will run until the end of 2008. Thereafter, a new campaign will begin each January. Information about the annual campaign is published quarterly. In addition, letters about the annual campaign were mailed to nurse leaders in the state. The quarterly articles in *SC Nurse* summarize the activities of the Foundation, and include information about

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Palmetto Gold activities and recognition of scholarship recipients and donors. This year, to increase awareness of the license plate initiative, individuals with *Nurses Care* license plates have been encouraged to enter their license plate number for a drawing. Winners of this drawing receive a \$100 savings bond and are announced in the newsletter. The website has been updated and is being monitored on a regular basis. The sale of *Pins by Lucinda* has been successful and will continue at state-wide events. The Committee is discussing the implementation of a state-wide *Nurses Walk* to be held in Fall 2009.

Blue Cross Blue Shield Scholarship Awards Committee

In May 2008, the Blue Cross Blue Shield South Carolina Foundation granted \$1.5 million over three years to establish graduate-level nursing scholarships through the South Carolina Nurses Foundation, Inc. The grant will provide financial support through stipends to nurses enrolled in PhD, DNP, and MSN programs in SC graduate education programs who agree to become faculty in SC state-approved nursing education programs. The grant will be administered in cooperation with the three graduate nursing programs—Clemson University School of Nursing, Medical University of South Carolina College of Nursing, and University of South Carolina College of Nursing—who will serve on an Advisory committee along with representatives of other nursing education programs.

The grant is a significant step to ameliorate the nursing shortage by preparing qualified faculty for nursing programs to maintain or increase enrollment. Renatta Loquist will serve as Project Director for the grant. For information on eligibility for the stipends, one may contact their school of nursing or Renatta Loquist at rloquist@earthlink.net.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee continues to monitor the Foundation's Investment Portfolio with Morgan Stanley. A Moderate Balanced Index has been utilized to maximize our investments this past year. Due to market uncertainty, the Board voted to move to a more Conservative portfolio for now. The Board approved Administrative fee of 1.5% annually created an income of \$7405.98 for the two year period of 2006-2007 and will be utilized as operating capital. This fee is based on the closing balance as of December 31 in each of the investment accounts unless otherwise stated in the contract with the investor. The Director's and Officer's Liability Policy was renewed this year and an Employee's Dishonesty Policy or Crime Policy was purchased.

McGregor and Company, LLP conducted an audit as of December 31, 2007. It is in their opinion, "the financial statements... present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities and net assets—cash basis of South Carolina Nurses Foundation, Inc. as of December 31, 2007, and its support, revenue and expenses and changes in net assets—cash basis for the year then ended, on the basis of accounting described..."

Palmetto Gold Steering Committee

The Palmetto Gold Nurse Recognition and Scholarship Program celebrated its seventh anniversary on April 18,

2008 with the Palmetto Gold Gala at Seawell's Convention Center in Columbia, SC. The total revenues, gains and other support as of June 30, 2008 was \$84, 227.54. The Gala also had expenses of \$82, 275.89 and Net assets—Cash Basis—End of Period of \$187,608.07. Over 700 nurses have been recognized for their outstanding contributions to excellence in nursing in South Carolina. Nursing scholarships of \$1000 each have been awarded to more than 150 nursing students over the past seven years as well. The 2009 Gala will be held at Seawell's Convention Center on April 25, 2009.

Bylaws Committee

Current bylaws are being reviewed, updated and prepared for voting.

Other activities of the Board of Trustees

The Board has continued its membership in SCANPO as well as maintained its registration with the SC Secretary of State's Office. A Form 990 was filed with the Internal Revenue Service for 2007-2008. The South Carolina Nurses Foundation now also has an email address_info@scnursesfoundation.org.

Thank You, Donors!

The South Carolina Nurses Foundation was able to distribute scholarships and awards during 2008 thanks to the support of donors who have given to the various designated scholarship funds. Thank you for your investment in nursing and health care for the citizens of our State.

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Scholarships and Awards Available

The South Carolina Nurses Foundation is pleased to announce the following scholarships and awards that will be distributed during 2009. Applications for most of the scholarships will be sent to nursing programs in the state in January 2009. Award criteria and applications will be sent to nursing education programs and to employment settings and will be available for download on the Foundation's website (www.scnursesfoundation.org).

Scholarships

- **Evelyn J. Entrekin Scholarship**—A \$750 scholarship is awarded to an undergraduate student enrolled in a baccalaureate nursing program.
- **Virginia C. Phillips**—Two \$1000 scholarships are presented based on criteria established by the public health nursing membership. The awards are presented at the discretion of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control Office of Nursing.
- **Mary Ellen Hatfield School Nurse Scholarships**—A \$500 scholarship is presented to an RN or LPN in a school nurse role, who is continuing his/her nursing education. The award is presented by the SC School Nurse Coordinating Committee during the annual School Nurse Conference.
- **Palmetto Gold Nursing Scholarships**—Twenty-four \$1000 scholarships are awarded each year, one for each approved registered nursing program in the state. Nominations are made by each school of nursing based on the scholarship criteria. In addition, the Renatta S. Loquist Graduate Nursing Scholarship is awarded.
- **Nurses Care Scholarships**—Four \$1000 scholarships will be awarded from proceeds from the sale of Nurses Care License plates. Two of these scholarships are awarded to undergraduate nursing students and two are awarded to graduate students.

Ruth A. Nicholson Research Award

A \$1000 award is available to encourage and support nursing research through recognition of new or experienced nurse researchers. Applications will be accepted through May 15, 2009 and the award will be made by September 2009.

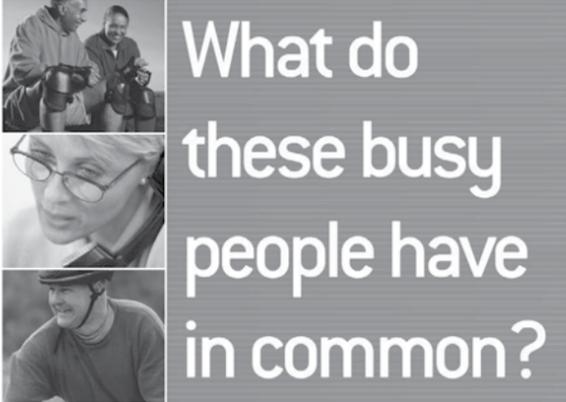
Healthy Community Grants

The amount for the Health Community grant will be determined by the Board in 2009. The purpose of the grant is to encourage and support nursing participation in health promotion related projects and/or disease prevention within the community. The successful recipient must demonstrate collaboration with a community group or organization, be led by a licensed registered nurse, and have a specific timeline for completion. The award will be presented in Fall 2009.

For questions about the scholarships and awards, please visit the South Carolina Nurses Foundation website at www.scnursesfoundation.org.

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In Your Workplace**
A South Carolina Summit for Nurses
Saluda Shoals Park River Center, Columbia, SC
March 10, 2009
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SCNA is hosting an Environmental Health Hazards in Your Workplace Summit on March 10, 2009 at Saluda Shoals Park River Center in Columbia South Carolina.

The goals of this Summit are to:

- Expand and deepen the involvement of nurses in environmental health issues with increased awareness and education.
- Promote advocacy activities in the local workplace.
- Showcase local success stories that address
- Connect nurses to local environmental health exhibitors. The day is structured to allow attendees time to access these information stations to ensure linkages for follow up post Summit.

The day's agenda includes (subject to change)

0815-0900: Registration

0900-0930: Welcome

0930-1100: "Toxic Tour: Environmental Exposures in our Homes, Schools, Communities, and Workplaces" Barbara Sattler, RN, DrPH University of Maryland School of Nursing "

1100-1130: Break with exhibitors

1145-100: Lunch with an update on the IOM Report by South Carolina's own Lil Mood

100-130: Exhibitors

130-230; Nurses' Health and Chemical Exposures: As you help others is your health at risk? Kathryn V. Hall, RN, MS Outreach Coordinator Environmental Health Education Center University of Maryland School of Nursing

230-315; Break (Exhibitors)

315-415; Panel Discussions on Success Stories in the Workplace

Nurses Perspective

Hospital Perspective

Financial Perspective

SCNA invites all interested parties to attend this one-day workshop. The workshop hours are 8:30a to 4:15pm. Cost is \$75 for nonmembers and \$50 for SCNA members. Exhibitors will be present and lunch provided. This project will allow SCNA to gather nurses from across the state at this Environmental Health Summit.

From this Summit, we will recruit RNs to join the Professional Practice Advocacy Committee with a commitment to implement a plan to promote less toxic substitutes for chemical hazards in the workplace. This summit will serve as a vehicle to better inform SC nurses about environmental health issues and will result in the development of a plan to address workplace environmental health issues.

Saluda Shoals is a wonderful place to spend the day discussing our environment. To learn more about the setting for this event, visit <http://www.icrc.net/saludashoals/rivercentermeetingfacilities.aspx>

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American Nurses Association

ANA's Longtime CEO Linda J. Stierle, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, Announces Her Retirement from Full-Time Employment

Stierle to Manage a Smooth Transition

SILVER SPRING, MD—After a long, accomplished tenure of more than eight years as Chief Executive Officer at the American Nurses Association (ANA), The Honorable Linda J. Stierle, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, is announcing her retirement. Since April 1, 2000 Stierle has served in this top role developing and implementing programs designed to meet the vision and goals of the association and leading and managing the association's national headquarters, its operations and its staff of nearly 200 individuals. Stierle also serves as CEO of the American Nurses Foundation.

As ANA's CEO, Stierle has provided the corporate continuity in the ANA enterprise between the association and its three subsidiaries, the American Nurses Foundation, the American Academy of Nursing, and the American Nurses Credentialing Center as well as its workforce advocacy affiliate, the Center for American Nurses. Stierle joined the ANA staff on March 13, 2000 as Deputy Executive Director, Chief Operating Officer and was quickly named the association's CEO.

Stierle, a long-time member of the Texas Nurses Association until February 2000 when she transferred her membership to the Maryland Nurses Association, was instrumental in the creation of ANA's newest constituency for nurses in the uniformed services, the Federal Nurses Association (FedNA).

This constituency was created by bylaws changes passed in 1999 by the ANA House of Delegates. On March 23, 2000, the ANA board of directors accepted FedNA as the 54th constituent member.

Prior to her distinguished career at ANA, Stierle retired as a Brigadier General in the United States Air Force Nurse Corps where she served as the twelfth Chief of the Nurse Corps. Stierle began her military career in 1970 as a staff nurse in intensive care. During her career she held various clinical and management positions including chief nursing officer at Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, the Air Force's largest medical center with 1,000 beds and at the 48th Tactical Fighter Wing Hospital, Royal Air Force in Lakenheath, England. In addition, Stierle has both regional

and national headquarters corporate experience. From 1995 until her retirement from the military on February 1, 2000, Stierle was assigned to Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, DC as director, medical readiness and Chief of the Air Force Nurse Corps. In these key roles Stierle shared responsibilities for the development of health care policy in support of 46,000 medical personnel, 80 medical treatment facilities and oversight of a \$4.5B budget. She developed policies affecting 19,000 nursing personnel in active and reserve components and was responsible for training, organizing, and equipping all Air Force medics.

"I planned to semi-retire and only work part-time when I completed my almost 30 years of service in the United States Air Force. But when ANA called me very shortly thereafter and asked me to consider full-time employment, I was honored. At that time, I had been an ANA member for over 30 years. Despite my commitment to my family and myself that I would not work full-time after retirement from the military, I accepted this once-in-a-life-time opportunity because I knew it would allow me to continue to be involved with my two overarching passions outside of my family—my country and my profession. I have been very fortunate that both of my full-time career choices have completely fulfilled my professional goals," said Linda J. Stierle, MSN, RN, NEA-BC.

"Linda's effective leadership has made ANA not only a thriving, financially viable organization poised for continued growth, but one that is more stable than anytime in its long history. Linda is a visionary nurse leader responsible for developing and implementing ANA's cutting-edge programs responsive to the needs of the individual nurse. These include the National Data Base of Nursing Quality Indicators program (NDNQI), expanding the number of ANA's organizational affiliates to 23 national nursing specialty organizations representing 330,000 members, and fully establishing ANA as the nursing organization convening the profession around systemic issues. ANA has addressed a variety of systemic issues through the following initiatives and activities: Nursing's Agenda for the Future, the Economic Value of Nursing, the Coalition for Patient's Rights, the APRN Consensus Model, the Safe Staffing Saves Lives Campaign, ANA's work on genetics, and by creating and

implementing ANA's Healthcare Policy Conference. Linda's strategic vision, fortitude and irrefutable commitment to the nursing profession have had a profound impact not only on ANA but for the entire nursing profession and the public that we serve," said ANA President Rebecca M. Patton, MSN, RN, CNOR.

"As has been my life-long practice, I started at ANA with the ideal endpoint in mind. I anticipated that if ANA was a good fit, then the maximum number of years that I would continue to work full-time would be my sixtieth birthday. I am delighted that it certainly worked out that way. In August of 2008, I turned 60. I have reflected on the future, and now seems the right time for a leadership transition for ANA as well as for a transition for me, personally. Working together over these many years with the dedicated ANA staff, volunteers, and elected leaders, I believe we can all have a strong sense of pride for our accomplishments in advancing the nursing profession and in improving the healthcare of the residents of this great country of ours," said Linda J. Stierle, MSN, RN, NEA-BC.

In 2002, President Bush appointed Stierle to a five-year term on the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences where she served as the Vice Chair of the Board. She is also a member of the consumer advisory board of the American Academy of Family Physicians. In addition to her membership in ANA and the Maryland Nurses Association, she is also a member of the Tau Theta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, the American Organization of Nurse Executives, the Society of Air Force Nurses, and the American Society of Association Executives.

Stierle earned a master's of science in nursing from the University of California, San Francisco, and a bachelors of science in nursing from Incarnate Word College, San Antonio, Texas, and a diploma in nursing from Spartanburg General Hospital in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Stierle's military awards include the Air Force Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, and National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star.

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American Nurses Association

The American Nurses Association Announces Jacqueline Edwards to Join Board of Directors

SILVER SPRING, MD—The American Nurses Association (ANA) is pleased to announce Jacqueline Edwards, BSN, RN, will join its board of directors, as the director-at-large, staff nurse.

"Jacqueline Edwards is a valuable addition to our board of directors. She has shown a strong commitment to advancing the nursing profession, and brings a unique perspective as someone who has chosen nursing as a second career," said ANA President Rebecca M. Patton, MSN, RN, CNOR.

After working in sales and real estate, Edwards was inspired to begin her career in nursing after caring for her own children and an aging relative. She graduated in 1997 from Arizona State University with a bachelor's in nursing and began her work at Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center as a recovery RN in a cath lab and cardiac treatment center. Since joining the nursing profession, Edwards has been an active member of the Arizona Nursing Association, serving on the Finance Committee as treasurer, and more recently as an Arizona delegate to the ANA House of Delegates. Edwards is also a member of the Preventative Cardiovascular Nurses Association and Sigma Theta Tau, International.

Nurses Voted Most Trusted Profession

SILVER SPRING, MD—For the seventh consecutive year, nurses were voted the most trusted profession in America in Gallup's annual survey of professions for their honesty and ethical standards. Eighty-four percent of Americans believe nurses' honesty and ethical standards are either "high" or "very high."

"It's a proud day for nurses and for nursing," remarked ANA President Rebecca M. Patton, MSN, RN, CNOR. "The fundamental principles of nursing are compassion and respect for the individual patient. They are what inspire each nurse to strive to promote health, prevent illness and alleviate suffering. It's gratifying to see those principles recognized by the public we serve."

Since being included in the Gallup poll in 1999, nurses have received the highest ranking every year except in 2001, when fire fighters received top honors. Results were based on telephone interviews with more than 1,000 adults.

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AA/EOE/ADA

ANA Gives Statement at Health Care Reform Hearings

SILVER SPRING, MD—The American Nurses Association (ANA) gave a statement on Capitol Hill Wednesday, November 19th on the issue of health care reform. ANA submitted a statement at the Senate Finance Committee hearing on *Health Care Reform: An Economic Perspective* emphasizing the need to address workforce issues along with the issues of quality, access and cost.

While ANA applauded the plan's author, Senator Max Baucus (D-MT), for bringing attention to this vital issue, and voiced willingness to work with Senator Baucus and others to achieve comprehensive health reform, ANA also stressed the fundamental role registered nurses must play to transform the current "sick care" system into a true "health care" system. "RNs are the backbone of hospitals, community clinics, school health programs, home health and long-term care programs, among many other roles and settings. The support, development and deployment of this keystone profession is essential for any quality health reform plan to succeed."

ANA addressed the need to examine the issue of workforce as a vital component of any health care plan. "Concentrating one's focus on a guarantee of coverage only promises to place more people into a broken system. Failure to address issues related to the delivery of care will strain the health infrastructure even more than it already is today."

To see ANA's complete statement please visit, <http://nursingworld.org/FunctionalMenuCategories/MediaResources/PressReleases/2008PR/Written-Statement-Health-Care-Reform-An-Economic-Perspective.aspx>

In addition to its work on Capitol Hill, ANA is taking an active role in raising public awareness of the need for health system reform. ANA is a partner in Health Care for America Now (HCAN) and Divided We Fail, campaigns working to organize millions of Americans to work toward health care for all. ANA has also been a partner in Cover the Uninsured Week since its inception in 2000. The campaign is an annual event designed to focus attention on the plight of the nearly 47 million Americans, who lack health coverage, as well as to highlight the efforts being made by various states and communities to cover these individuals and their families. The campaign also works to ensure that people who are uninsured get enrolled in public coverage programs if they are eligible.

ANA's advocacy for guaranteed affordable health care for all is reflected in its recently revised *ANA's Health System Reform Agenda*, rooted in decades of policy work. In 1989, ANA's "Task Force on Health Policy Support of Access, Quality and Cost Efficiency" began a collaboration with the broader nursing community to create *Nursing's Agenda for Health Care Reform* (ANA, 1991). This blueprint for reform, endorsed by 60 nursing and health care organizations, serves as an urgent call for health system reform and is part of ANA's professional and ethical obligation to maintain the integrity of nursing practice and pursue the best possible health care for the nation's people.

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The American Nurses Association, Louisiana State Nurses Association And Louisiana Alliance Of Nursing Organizations Filed An Amicus Brief Supporting:

The Full Scope of Practice for Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists

Groups' Position Supports Access to Health Care for All and Protects the Full Professional Scope of Nursing

SILVER SPRING, MD—The American Nurses Association (ANA), Louisiana State Nurses Association (LSNA) and the Louisiana Alliance of Nursing Organizations (LANO) filed an amicus brief as a Friend of the Court in a case scheduled for oral argument today in the First Circuit Court of Appeal in the state of Louisiana. ANA's Friend of the Court brief supports the arguments advanced by the Appellant, the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) which was prohibited from taking further action on an Advisory Opinion request regarding whether it was within the scope of practice for a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA) practicing in Louisiana to perform procedures involving the injection of local anesthetics, steroids, and analgesics for interventional pain management purposes. The prohibition was as a result of a petition for injunctive relief and declaratory judgment filed by Spine Diagnostics Center of Baton Rouge, Inc., seeking to enjoin the Nursing Board from taking any further procedural action on the Advisory Opinion request and seeking to prevent the CRNA from practicing interventional pain procedures or practicing anesthesia related management unless under a physician's order and supervision.

The appeal is focused on the January 10, 2008 decision of the 19th Judicial District Court in Louisiana in which the court erred in holding that LSBN had substantively expanded the scope of practice for CRNAs into areas where they have not traditionally practiced and that interventional pain management is not within the scope of practice for CRNAs but is instead the practice of medicine. Also, the court incorrectly found that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing's Advisory Opinion was an improper attempt at rulemaking. As a consequence, the court issued a permanent injunction prohibiting the LSBN from enforcing its position statement, prohibiting the CRNA involved in the case from performing interventional pain management (even under the order and supervision of a physician) and directed the LSBN to remove the Advisory Opinion from its Web site.

"ANA will not stand idly by and allow the medically underserved citizens of Louisiana who are in critical need of treatment for their chronic pain to endure needless suffering by not having access to safe, accessible, and cost-effective anesthesia services provided by CRNAs. On behalf of America's nurses, ANA's legal efforts are designed to stop Louisiana from being designated as the only state in the nation to exclude 'interventional pain management' from the CRNA scope of practice," said ANA President Rebecca M. Patton, MSN, RN, CNOR.

Historically, CRNAs have provided pain management as an inherent part of the administration of anesthetics. Established in the late 1800s, nurse anesthetists became the first clinical nursing specialty in the United States. CRNAs are trained through graduate level education to provide anesthesia and associated care. In fact the Trial Court heard testimony from CRNAs who, for many years, have safely injected local anesthetics, steroids, and analgesics, peripheral nerve blocks, epidural injections and spinal facet joint injections for chronic pain management for their patients. The LSBN testimony and evidentiary submissions prove that the CRNAs in Louisiana have the documented education, training, and experience to safely perform procedures involving the injection of anesthetics, steroids, and analgesics; therefore, making interventional pain management a long-standing element of a Louisiana CRNAs scope of practice.

I Am A Nurse Walkway—A Reality

The bricks were ordered. The bricks arrived. The volunteer talents of President Gwen Davis and Vice-President Marilyn Coleman came together to create the "I AM A NURSE" brick walkway in front of SCNA. It is wonderful! The walkway was named by long time member, Pauline Scott. The top and the bottom of each side of the walk proudly proclaims its name. A special brick to honor Mrs. Scott is found at the base of the right hand side of the walk.

Gwen and Marilyn were joined by a man who lives in the office neighborhood, Henry Aiken, to lay the bricks and create the walkway we had all been dreaming about for so long. Mr. Aiken had walked by and observed what Gwen and Marilyn were up to and then come back to see if he could lend a hand. It turned out that he does construction and landscaping, so he was a real asset to the team as they worked in the heat to put in the bricks.

So, the first edition of the walkway is in and beautiful. There are still spots to be filled with engraved commemorative bricks. Just this year at the SCNA Annual Meeting, the awards given by the president were bricks for the walkway. Receiving bricks for their outstanding work on behalf of SCNA were: Gwen Davis, outgoing President; Susan Clark, outgoing Treasurer; Wanda Anderson Loftin, Chair of Commission on Legislation and Public Policy; Carrie Houser James, Chair of Commission on Workforce

Advocacy; Vicki Green, Chair of Commission on SCNA Chapters; Ellen Riddle, Director, SCNA; Alice Wyatt, Chair of ANA Constituent Assembly; Carrie Houser James, President of The Center for American Nurses; Gail Stuart, recipient of the ANA Hildegard Peplum Award; Ruby Tumblin, past Chair of the SCNA Ethics Committee; Jane Lankford, De Anna Cox, Pat Hickey, Wessinger, and Cynthia Williams all members of the SCNA Nominating Committee.

You can use the form found in the *SC Nurse* to order your bricks for inclusion in this wonderful addition to SCNA.



Help build the "I Am a Nurse" walkway

You can support the SCNA by donating to the Capital Campaign for a brick in the walkway to the front door on Gadsden Street. You may list your name as a supporter, or honor or memorialize someone special with an engraved brick. Bricks in the walkway are available for a \$100 donation. Donate \$150 to the campaign to place one brick in the walk AND take a second engraved brick home or to your office to keep as a reminder of your commitment to South Carolina nurses.

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What the Recession Means to South Carolina's Healthcare System

Lynn Bailey

What is happening in our economy?

The United States' economy (and the rest of the world) entered a recession in December 2007. A recession is a sustained period (at least 6 months) of no growth in our economy. The symptoms of a recession are increases in unemployment and a noticeable slowing in retail spending—consumers stop shopping.

By Christmas 2008, almost everyone was feeling the effects of the economic slow-down. Retail sales were down and stores at the mall started their big Christmas sales before Halloween, South Carolinians stopped buying homes and cars, and the state's unemployment rate reached a new 25 year high of 8%. State government cut agencies budgets and furloughed employees. Think of a furlough or leave without pay as temporary unemployment.

The outlook for 2009 is grim and it may take two or more years for South Carolina to recover. South Carolina anticipates losing 22,000 jobs in 2009. Sales and income tax revenues are expected to decrease from their 2008 levels. Shrinking sales taxes reflects the fact we aren't buying stuff as well as recent changes such as removing the sales tax from groceries. Shrinking income tax revenues reflects high rates of unemployment and household losing income.

Complicating this recession is the meltdown of the US's financial sector. The financial sector's role in our economy is to transfer household savings (your IRA or 401k retirement account) into business investments in new

plants, equipment, products and ultimately new jobs and increased value in your 401k accounts. A prolonged period of poorly regulated, badly managed, and speculative (think gambling) financial transactions by mortgage companies, banks, insurance companies, and other financial institutions resulted in a collapse of the US's financial sector in the summer of 2008. This resulted in even excellent businesses, many in healthcare, not being able to borrow the funds they need to operate normally, grinding our economy almost to a stop. Actions by the Federal Reserve and the US Treasury have restored a modest level of lending and borrowing.

Our new president asked Congress to approve a huge government spending program targeted at repairing, maintaining, and expanding our nation's infrastructure (roads, bridges, dams, electrical grids, and public buildings) and spending directed to states' Medicaid programs. The purpose of this massive government spending is to stimulate the economy by creating jobs to build roads, bridges, dams, electrical grids and school buildings and keeping and growing jobs in the healthcare sector. All of this will take a little time to take effect.

What does this mean for healthcare workers?

So what does this economic activity or lack of activity mean to nurses and other folks employed in healthcare? Our economy is a huge complex collection of trillions of interactions between buyers and sellers, workers and employers, borrowers and lenders, businesses and customers, and importers and exporters. Our economy is the sum of all these daily transactions. Even when we chose not to purchase a good it's an economic action.

Let's look at some basic healthcare economic actions. Most of us get our health insurance through our employer. Health insurance pays for us to see the doctor, have lab tests or imaging procedures, and stay in the hospital. When we lose our jobs too many of us lose our health insurance.

Some people can afford to continue their insurance coverage through COBRA, the federal law that requires employers to offer former employee the option to maintain their health benefits. Many people laid-off from their jobs will find they can't afford to maintain the employer's health plan. Some will seek health insurance as an individual in the private health insurance market. Some will find it but many will not find a policy they can afford or company that will insure them. So they will join the ranks of the uninsured. In South Carolina about 20% of the adult population lack health insurance, that's about 800,000 folks.

Without health insurance, people stop going to the doctor until they are very sick and are in an emergency condition. Then they turn to the hospital emergency department for care. This means hospital will see lower inpatient census and higher volumes in the ED. It ultimately means hospitals will see a decrease in their operating incomes. This will hit small and rural hospitals the hardest since they often have no savings to cover the hard times. It will eventually ripple to regional referral medical centers as small hospitals step up the transfer the patient game sending more and more patients on to regional medical centers.

Until the Federal injection of funds to the Medicaid program start to flow, the state will look to reduce spending in Medicaid program. This will adversely affect nursing homes, hospitals, and doctors caring for our very poorest and sick citizens. This further stresses operating revenues at hospitals, nursing homes, and doctors offices.

When hospitals, nursing homes, and physicians' offices receive less income they look for ways to maintain their "bottom line" by reducing their costs. In healthcare, half the costs of providing care to patients is related to fixed cost such as paying the utilities, the loans on the buildings and equipment, and a minimal level of staffing. The other half of the cost of care is variable and is primarily in supplies and labor. So when times get too tough, even in healthcare, some folks lose their jobs.

The healthcare sector is assumed to "recession-proof" because people continue to get sick and hurt and need care. But a significant portion of healthcare is elective and scheduled to meet the patient's and physician's convenience. Patients without health insurance avoid care. Patients afraid of losing their job may also avoid care because they can't afford their out of pocket co-insurance or co-pays. Patients will cut back on the amount of prescriptions they take either by not refilling their prescriptions or reducing their dose to make a prescription last longer. (Consumer not spending for healthcare!)

Data from across the country show hospitals are already facing declines in admissions and pharmacies are filling fewer prescriptions or are seeing more use of low cost generics. Physicians are seeing patients postpone or cancel follow-up visits and not following through on referrals to specialists.

Complicating this picture is the financial sector's meltdown. Healthcare is a capital intensive economic sector, that is they depend on lots of high tech equipment and expensive buildings to house the equipment. Healthcare is unusual in many hospitals are not for profit organizations. This means they can't sell stock to raise money to build or buy equipment, but must turn to debt or borrow the money needed to build or expand their facilities and to acquire new equipment. Hospitals are finding it increasingly difficult to borrow because of the financial markets' melt-down and when they can borrow it is more expensive. As a result, many hospitals are postponing and delaying construction projects and the installation of new equipment (both diagnostic and information management technology).

For the next two to three years, South Carolina's health care providers will be under increasing stress from increasing amounts of uncompensated care, tighter operating budgets and reduced revenues from Medicare and Medicaid. Many nurses may find they are working fewer hours (less overtime) some may even be laid-off because of reduced inpatient volumes. Those working will find they are caring for more patients and must make do with old equipment and fewer supplies. Nurses and other healthcare workers most likely will not receive generous pay increases some won't see any pay increases. The good news is that most of you will have a job and a job with benefits, many of your friends and neighbors may not.

Lynn Bailey is a consulting healthcare economist based in Columbia, SC and drives a car with SC Nurses Care license tag!

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South Carolina Board of Nursing

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MISSION OF THE BOARD OF NURSING

The mission of the State Board of Nursing for South Carolina is the protection of public health, safety, and welfare by assuring safe and competent practice of nursing.

This mission is accomplished by assuring safe initial practice as well as continuing competency in the practice of nursing and by promoting nursing excellence in the areas of education and practice. The Board licenses qualified individuals as licensed practical nurses, registered nurses or advanced practice registered nurses. Complaints against nurses are investigated and disciplinary action taken when necessary. Schools of nursing are surveyed and approved to ensure quality education for future nurses.

BOARD VACANCY

There are currently four vacancies on the Board of Nursing. Members serve terms of four years and until their successors are appointed and qualify. Board members must be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

When appointing members to the Board of Nursing, the Governor will give consideration to include a diverse representation of principal areas of nursing including, but not limited to, hospital, acute care, advanced practice, community health, and nursing education. Registered nurse and licensed practical nurse members must be licensed in South Carolina, must be employed in nursing, must have at least three years of practice in their respective professions immediately preceding their appointment, and shall reside in the district they represent.

The first vacancy on the Board is for the Registered Nurse (RN) representative from Congressional District 4. The second vacancies are for Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) representatives for Regions I and II. Region I includes Congressional Districts 1, 2, and 3. Region II includes Congressional Districts 4, 5 and 6. There is also a vacancy for a Lay Member. Lay members represent the public at large as a consumer of nursing services and may not be licensed or employed as a health care provider. No board member may serve as an officer of a professional health-related state association.

An individual, group, or association may nominate qualified persons and submit them to the Governor for consideration. Vacancies must be filled for the unexpired portion of a term by appointment of the Governor. If you are interested or someone you know is interested in one of these positions on the Board of Nursing, they should submit a letter of request, along with a resume or curriculum vitae to Boards and Commissions, Governor's Office, Post Office Box 11829, Columbia, SC 29211. If you are not sure of your congressional district, you may check your district at http://www.scvotes.org/check_your_voter_registration.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

Advanced Practice Committee (APC)

The Advanced Practice Committee (APC) assists the Board of Nursing with issues such as, but not limited to, advanced nursing practice, practice requirements and scope of practice. The APC meets quarterly on the first Friday in February, May, August and November of each year. There are currently positions open for Family Nurse Practitioner representatives on the APC.

All APC members must be currently licensed in South Carolina, not under a current disciplinary order, certified and practicing in the area they represent. APC members are appointed for an initial term of two years with a possibility of reappointment by the Board for three years to provide for staggering of terms. Information from all interested parties is submitted to the Board for review and appointment/reappointment. Members' perspectives and participation are valued and necessary for continuity, so regular committee meeting attendance is very important. If you or someone you know is interested in serving as Family Nurse Practitioner representative on the Advanced Practice Committee, please submit a letter expressing which position are you interested in, along with your curriculum vitae, to Joan K. Bainer, Administrator, Advanced Practice Committee, LLR-Board of Nursing, P O Box 12367, Columbia, SC 29211.

Advisory Committee On Nursing (ACON)

The Advisory Committee on Nursing (ACON) assists the Board of Nursing with long-range planning for nursing and facilitates collaboration between education and practice. The ACON meets on the third Tuesday in

February, April, June and October. They meet on the last Tuesday in August and first Tuesday in December each year. Under the new ACON charter, there are currently positions available for large/urban, as well as small/rural, hospital nursing service administrator, advanced practice registered nurse (APRN), associate degree educator, baccalaureate educator, and graduate educator representatives.

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Nursing Practice And Standards Committee (NPSC)

The Nursing Practice and Standards Committee (NPSC) assists the Board of Nursing on issues affecting nursing practice in our state. The NPSC is charged with developing and revising advisory opinions and position statements. The NPSC meets on the third Thursday in February, April, June, August, October and December each year. There are currently positions available on NPSC for an Acute Care Licensed Practical Nurse and Advanced Practice Registered Nurse representatives.

All NPSC members must be currently licensed in South Carolina, practicing in the area they represent and not be under a current disciplinary order. Members' perspectives and participation are valued and necessary for continuity. If you or someone you know is interested in serving as Acute Care Licensed Practical Nurse and Advanced Practice Registered Nurse representative on the Nursing Practice and Standards Committee, submit a letter expressing which position you are interested in, along with your curriculum vitae, to Joan K. Bainer, Administrator, Nursing Practice and Standards Committee, LLR-Board of Nursing, P O Box 12367, Columbia, SC 29211.

Out-of-State Nursing Education Program Utilizing South Carolina Clinical Facilities

As of May 25, 2007, nursing educational programs

outside of South Carolina that prepare students for initial licensure must receive approval from the Board of Nursing to conduct clinical experiences in a South Carolina facility. For more information, refer to the Board's Web site at www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing. When you arrive on the home page, select Laws/ Policies, then Nurse Regulations, Chapter 91, followed by Article 2 Nursing Education Programs, Section 91-6, Out-of-State Nursing Programs Conducting Clinical Experiences in South Carolina. This section includes the Board's requirements.

For more information, contact Nancy Murphy at murphy@llr.sc.gov or call her at 803-896-4529.

LEGAL NAME ON REQUIRED ON LICENSE

Section 40-33-36 of the Nurse Practice Act requires a license to be issued in the applicant's legal name as verified by a birth certificate or other legal document acceptable to the Board (i.e., copy of marriage certificate, divorce decree, court order). You must use the name on your license when signing nursing documents.

If a licensee changes her or his name after a license has been issued, notification of the change must be filed with the Board within 15 business days, accompanied by a copy of the legal document authorizing the change. If you get married, please let us know how you wish to have your name on your license. For example, if Jane Ann Doe marries John Smith, does Jane want her license to have Jane Doe Smith or Jane Ann Smith or Jane Ann Doe Smith? If the last name is not hyphenated, Smith would be listed as the last name. A licensee's name may not be changed on a record in the office of the Board without written authorization for the change and an adequate identification of the applicant.

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Section 40-33-38(C) of the Nurse Practice Act requires that all licensees notify the Board *in writing* within 15 days of an address change. Address changes are not accepted over the telephone. If you use a post office box for mailing purposes, we will also require a physical address for our records. So that you do not

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TOOLS OF THE TRADE

When was the last time you went on the Board's Web site? The Board recommends that all nurses visit the Web site (www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing/) at least monthly for up-to-date information on nursing licensure in South Carolina. When a new advisory opinion or position statement is issued or revised, it is updated on the Web site within two weeks. The Competency Requirement, Competency Requirement Criteria, which includes continuing education contact hours, Licensure information, Advisory Opinions, Position Statements, and the Nurse Practice Act are just a few of the valuable tools and information you will find on the Web site.

Information on obtaining a license or changing a license is found under Licensure. The applications under Applications/Forms also contain information on the licensure process. The Advisory Opinions, Position Statements and the Nurse Practice Act are located under Laws/Policies. The Competency Requirement and Competency Requirement Criteria, which include continuing education contact hours, are located under Licensure.

The Board hopes you will find this information useful in your nursing practice.

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Office of Licensure and Compliance

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Office Location/Hours of Operation

The Board of Nursing is located at Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Suite 202, Columbia, SC 29210. Directions to our office can be found on our Web site—www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing/

Our mailing address is LLR—South Carolina Board of Nursing, Post Office Box 12367, Columbia, SC 29211-2367.

Our normal business hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Our offices are closed for holidays designated by the State.

VISIT US ON OUR WEB SITE: www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing/

The Board of Nursing Web site contains the Nurse Practice Act, Regulations, Compact Information, Advisory Opinions, Licensure applications, Application Status, Licensee Lookup, Disciplinary Actions, and other information. All nurses are encouraged to visit the Web site at least monthly for up-to-date information.

2009 Board of Nursing Meeting Calendar

(Agendas are posted at www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing/ at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.)

Board of Nursing Meeting January 29-30, 2009
 Board of Nursing Meeting March 26-27, 2009
 Board of Nursing Meeting May 14-15, 2009
 Board of Nursing Meeting July 23-24, 2009
 Board of Nursing Meeting September 24-25, 2009
 Board of Nursing Meeting November 19-20, 2009

Advanced Practice Committee Meeting February 6, 2009
 Advanced Practice Committee Meeting May 1, 2009
 Advanced Practice Committee Meeting August 7, 2009
 Advanced Practice Committee Meeting November 6, 2009

Advisory Committee on Nursing Meeting February 17, 2009
 Advisory Committee on Nursing Meeting April 21, 2009
 Advisory Committee on Nursing Meeting June 16, 2009
 Advisory Committee on Nursing Meeting August 25, 2009
 Advisory Committee on Nursing Meeting October 20, 2009
 Advisory Committee on Nursing Meeting December 1, 2009

Nursing Practice & Standards Committee Meeting February 19, 2009
 Nursing Practice & Standards Committee Meeting April 23, 2009
 Nursing Practice & Standards Committee Meeting June 18, 2009
 Nursing Practice & Standards Committee Meeting August 20, 2009
 Nursing Practice & Standards Committee Meeting October 15, 2009
 Nursing Practice & Standards Committee Meeting December 17, 2009

2009 Designated State Holidays

New Year's Day January 1, 2009
 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day January 19, 2009
 George Washington's Birthday/President's Day February 16, 2009
 Confederate Memorial Day May 11, 2009 (Observed)
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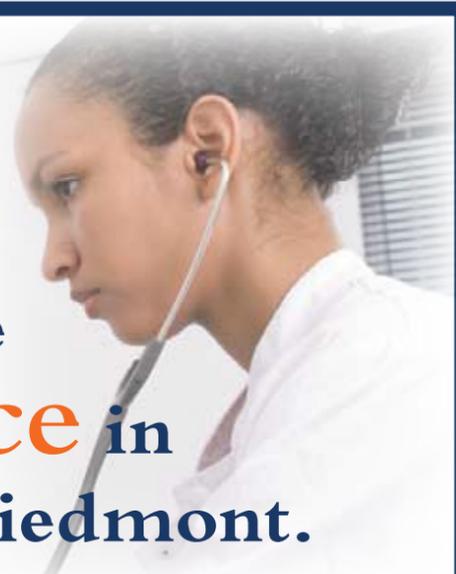
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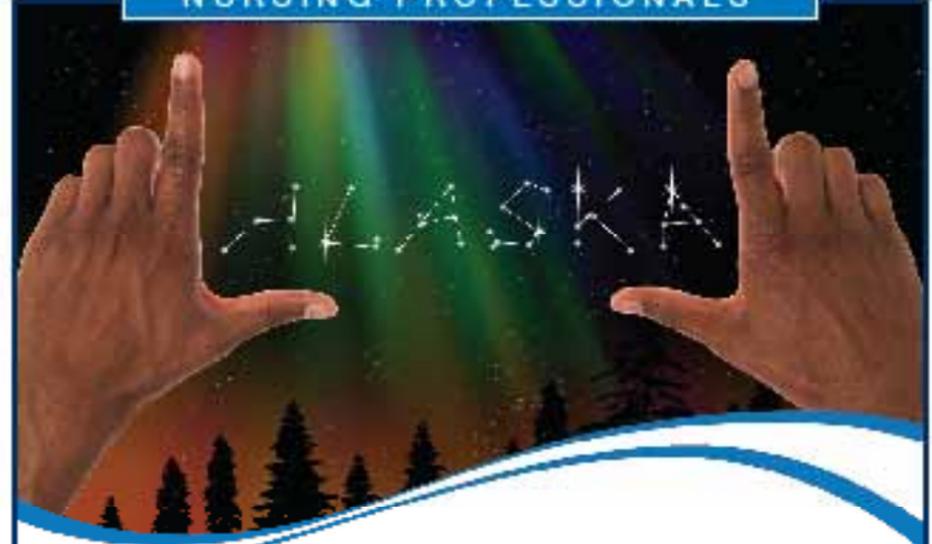
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