A Message from the President

MNA Goes to Washington: ANA House of Delegates

by Gayle Harrell, NP-C, CWCN

The Mississippi Nurses Association was represented by our executive director, Teresa Malone, and me at the Constituent Assembly in Washington, D.C. June 12, 2012. Teresa and I worked with over 20 other state associations to discuss the effects of by-law changes and to make adjustments to the proposed by-law changes. After, many hours of meetings, and on the advice of the parliamentarian, changes were made to present to the House of Delegates during a special transformation session. It was very impressive to see states from across the country representing many different membership arrangements, stand together to present these changes. The group represented large states, small states, union states, and workforce advocacy states. Our eleven delegates met on Thursday night to discuss the changes and decide what our options were and what our voting plans would be for Friday and Saturday. Due to the time spent beforehand and experience of the leaders of these associations and delegates, the discussions and voting in the HOD moved as smoothly as I have experienced as a delegate and as president of MNA. While drastic change is never easy, nurses have always stepped up to the plate to do what is needed. This was no exception.

As many of you know, all state associations are members of ANA. Individuals are a member of their state association or a member of the Individual Members Division (IMD), which makes that individual a member of ANA. Over the last several years, some union states have either willingly left ANA to join the Union Nurses Association, or have been raided and withdrawn from ANA. Discussions over the last several months have initiated changes to ANA to maintain their voice for nursing and provide on-going nurse support through continuing education and policies to promote and protect nursing.

There were several by-law changes that were discussed including ANA’s interest in changing the present model from individuals joining through the state of residency to joining individually with ANA. This was not approved at the 2012 House of Delegates. Those nurses wishing to join ANA directly, presently become a member of the IMD. Most states did not want to change the present model as it could drastically decrease revenue for the state associations. A by-law change that was approved allows nurses that retire with licenses in good standing to continue to be a member of ANA.

Amy Forrythe, Council on Organizational Affairs Director, is working with the By-Laws committee to have amendments ready for MNA’s 2012 Convention in Biloxi in October. I appreciate the delegates that have dedicated their efforts and time to advise MNA’s Board of Directors in the past. Please consider participating as a delegate this year. There will not only be amendments for changes of the by-laws, but on changes that will need to be addressed in the next two years. Changes nationally at ANA will affect decisions that we will have to make at the state level to keep MNA growing and successful.

Regarding ANA elections, Karen Daley was re-elected as President of ANA. President Daley has been very diligent in requesting information, listening to responses and revising plans in preparation for the changes that were to be presented. I appreciate her dedication and representation to nursing during this opportunity for change that ANA has undertaken. I would like to recognize Kristi Henderson, DNP, NP-BC from the University of Mississippi Hospital for her invitation to speak in Washington, D.C. about the success of the Telemedicine Program in Mississippi and the importance of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses involved in that program. MNA has some of the finest nurses and nursing advocates in the world. Please let us know of others that have received recognition for their activities for nursing and health care so we can share their stories and accomplishments.

The “Truth in Advertising” law went into effect July 1, 2012. This law requires any health care provider that gives direct patient care in an out-patient location, to display their credentials so that patients can be informed of the type of license held by their provider. If you have questions regarding your responsibilities and the consequences of this law, contact the Board of Nursing.

One other change that will be initiated for providers who see patients with Medicaid is the “after 5:00 pm amendment.” Providers that see patients after 5:00 pm will be reimbursed at 100% of the allowable charge. Providing patients access to after-hours clinics is one way to relieve the use of emergency rooms by patients with non-emergency health care problems.

As summer ends and fall moves in, MNA will be preparing for the annual 2012 Convention in Biloxi. We look forward to hearing from exciting speakers, interesting educational sessions, exhibitors, and nurses from all over the state. I hope you have already made plans to attend. The Mississippi Association of Student Nurses is expecting record breaking numbers again this year. It is always exciting to see their energetic faces as they move forward into this great profession. Come join us on the Mississippi Gulf Coast October 16-19, 2012 for our 101st MNA Annual Convention!
Executive Director’s Column

Teresa Malone

One of our members recently told me that she came to MNA at an exciting time. I wholeheartedly agree! In the few short weeks since joining MNA, I’ve had the pleasure of attending the ANA Constituent Assembly, District Meetings, NP Nites Out, and have participated in numerous other networking opportunities across the State. The most exciting thing for me, though, has been meeting you—the nurses who serve here in Mississippi.

Speaking of excitement, I hope to meet even more of you at our upcoming convention in Biloxi, scheduled for October 16 through the 19th. With this year’s theme, Nursing: Our Kaleidoscope of Health, the 2012 MNA convention promises to be a wonderful opportunity to receive continuing education, learn what’s new from experts and leaders in the healthcare delivery industry, and network with your colleagues from across the State, all while enjoying the great food and fun that the Mississippi Coast has to offer! I want to recognize some of the many individuals who are helping to make this special event possible—the members of the Convention Planning Committee and Provider Unit. Frequently you hear a group described as they “worked hard,” “devoted much time” and other similar sayings. Such compliments simply do not do justice to the dedication of these members. The best way I know how to describe these individuals is “they have put their heart and soul” into making this convention the best it can be for the nurses in Mississippi. When you leave a session and think how much you enjoyed it, when you go on the cruise and think how much fun you had, when you walk into a reception and think how nice it looks—remember these nurses. As you enjoy the many exciting aspects of the 2012 Convention, please let these nurses know how much you appreciate the time and energy they have committed to helping make this event a success.

I am honored to be a part of this great team, and pledge to work as hard as I can to continue the tradition of professionalism and excellence for which MNA is known. I look forward to seeing you at the MNA 2012 Convention in Biloxi, October 16-19!
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Robert Galli, MD, recipient of the Mississippi 2012 AANP Nurse Practitioner Advocate Award for Excellence. This award recognizes outstanding achievements by nurse practitioner advocates in Mississippi.

Gayle Harrell, NP-C, CWCN, recipient of the Mississippi 2012 AANP Nurse Practitioner Award for Excellence. This award recognizes outstanding achievements by nurse practitioners in Mississippi.

Save the Date

- Controlled Substances Workshop: August 23-24, 2012
- MS Nurses’ Association Annual Convention: Biloxi, October 16-19, 2012
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Student Nurses News

by Monica Vincent, Director of Communications & Adam Welch, President

Monica Vincent
Adam Welch

The Mississippi Association of Student Nurses’ (MASN) Board is working hard on the last few details of the upcoming joint annual convention with the Mississippi Nurses Association (MNA). We are excited about our Hollywood theme, “Setting the Stage for Your Nursing Career,” and we are looking forward to having a full audience. During each convention, the MASN board shines the spotlight on a school chapter by presenting the “Nightingale Chapter of the Year” award. This award is given to a chapter that exceeds expectations as set forth by the MASN Board. The board evaluates each chapter by its participation in community service projects, attendance at annual convention, membership involvement, and projection of a positive image of nursing in order to be awarded the “Nightingale Chapter of the Year.” Each year the MASN Board organizes a Breakthrough to Nursing (BTN) project to guide the schools to be a “Nightingale Chapter.”

The BTN project is a community service project that helps people in need as well as promotes the positive image of the nursing profession. This year’s project is entitled “Love Packs.” MASN has set high goals for the project, and we hope to make a big splash. Cypress Park Elementary School in Cleveland, Mississippi will be the recipient of our efforts this year. “Love Packs” has three main parts. The first part of the project provides canned or imperishable food items to needy children. The second part assists the children in the classroom by providing school supplies that will help the students be their very best. The third and final part of our project consists of teaching basic first aid and providing various safety and first aid equipment for these children. To learn more about convention and the BTN project visit www.missentinenurses.org.

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Smell the roses...
I am so thrilled to have the opportunity to tell you about our big plans for the 2012 MNA Convention. The Convention Planning Committee (CPC) has been working hard all year to put together an amazing convention! We are so grateful to be able to have a convention for Mississippi nurses every year and hope to make it better and better each time. There are some new and very exciting changes and you will not want to miss any of them!

Our theme this year is “Nursing: Our Kaleidoscope of Health.” The many beautiful colors of the kaleidoscope mirror the same beauty and diversity found in the nurses of Mississippi and all the facets of healthcare where those nurses touch lives every day. We are planning a lively, colorful and inspiring convention! This year we will get the ball rolling with an opening ceremony where we can all join together to disseminate the value of research to the practicing nurse and nurses to embrace evidence-based nursing practice.

At this year’s MNA Convention: October 16-19, in Biloxi, the Research Poster Session will again include both original nursing research and examples from those changing nursing practice based on current evidence.

The Convention Planning Committee for their ideas, hard work and commitment to organizing this convention and volunteering their time in October to make sure everything runs like a well-oiled machine! It has also been a wonderful opportunity to work with Teresa Malone, MNA Executive Director, who has infected me with her enthusiasm for new ways to put on a fabulous convention (and I thought I was the enthusiastic one)! Lastly, thank you to the Convention Poster Session. The Sigma Theta Tau luncheon will be hosted by UMC’s Theta Beta Chapter who always proves to have exciting new research information to disseminate. I would like to give special thanks to the Convention Planning Committee for their ideas, hard work and commitment to organizing this convention and volunteering their time in October to make sure everything runs like a well-oiled machine!

We invited MNA nurses and Health Care Agencies who are utilizing evidence based practice to share their projects in poster form during the 2012 MNA Convention Research Poster Session. We continue to be committed to the Nurse Researcher and nurse researchers to submit their abstracts for approval to be shown in the 2012 MNA Convention Research Poster Session.

MNA’s 2012 Annual Convention October 16-19, Biloxi, MS.
Special Thanks to the Provider Unit and the Convention Planning Committee for Making the 2012 Convention the Best It Can Be!!

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The New Face of Continuing Nursing Education

by Susan Hart, PhD, RN
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In today’s changing health care environment, continuing nursing education (CNE) is imperative in equipping nurses to gain competencies needed to provide quality health care to a variety of populations. Nurses must stay abreast of new developments in their area of practice. Budget constraints, rising cost of healthcare and training, and the challenge to “do more with less” generate various demands on nurses as well as educators.

The call for a new face of continuing education is to shape CNE into more learner-driven educational activities to promote life-learning as well as time and cost efficiency. Education, health care, and professional organizations partnerships are essential in providing current, adaptable, point-of-care CNE to meet the life-long learning needs of nurses.

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Report on Advanced Practice Council MNA

by Linda Sullivan, RN, DSN, PNP/FNP

Greetings from the Advanced Practice Director and Council! Hope that you are all enjoying the summer and that you have all been busy in your clinics but remembering to take time for yourselves as well.

The council is becoming active for the coming year and getting ready for its retreat this summer. During that retreat we will examine what our priorities are and where we need to focus our energies for the coming year. We know we have an uphill battle with the current electorate of the state but among these we have many friends who are so greatly appreciated and who continue to want to assist us in our endeavors. We need to remember to maintain contact with our local legislators and be sure to tell them about the services you are providing and to let them know you are providing them to.

We know that the majority of advanced practice nurses provide services to the underserved and those who otherwise would have no access to the health care system, so please be sure to keep your legislators up to date about this.

As we ready ourselves for the retreat, I want to invite those who have not already signed up for the council to do so now. We welcome all advanced practice nurses and need your input. Even if you chose not to be a council member, be sure to let us know what priorities you think need to be addressed this year.

Finally, I would like to take a moment to step up on my very own soap box and once again ask you all to consider sending a contribution right now to the PAC! There are a few left at 2700 APR, so can you imagine how much influence we could maybe get if each of you would contribute only $50? I am asking you to please pass this request on to those who are not members of MNA as well and while you are at it, ask them to join. There is strength in numbers and we need all of you to join. I am so proud of all who contributed at the past NP Convention and want to thank you all again. We raised nearly $10,000 at that meeting. A fifty dollar contribution will go a long way in helping to make the changes that we are all seeking! We need your help and appreciate anything you can provide.

Southern Miss Prepares Groundwork for Nurse Anesthesia Program

The School of Nursing at The University of Southern Mississippi will soon take a giant leap in healthcare education and training by offering the state’s first degree-granting nurse anesthesia program.

The new program will include 36 consecutive months of study and award a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree. School of Nursing officials hope to receive final approval from the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs in October with classes set to begin in January 2013.

“The benefit of this type of program to residents of Mississippi is access to an in-state nurse anesthesia program which will eliminate out-of-state tuition expenses,” said Dr. Vickie Stuart, Nurse Anesthesia Program Director and Assistant Clinical Professor at Southern Miss. “The nurse anesthesia program will benefit Southern Miss by strengthening the partnerships between the university and the health community.”

According to Dr. Stuart, the new program’s mission is to supply doctoral prepared graduates with the advanced knowledge in the area of clinical specialization of nurse anesthesia. The DNP prepares the Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) to assume leadership positions in education, management and patient care by offering a curriculum concentrating on quality assessment and improvement, health care systems and organizations, leadership, best evidence of practice, health policy and health care economics.

Hattiesburg’s Forrest General Hospital will serve as the primary clinical site for the students in the nurse anesthesia program, Stuart points out that Southern Miss will accept up to 20 students per year in the program.

A DeRidder, Louisiana, native, Dr. Stuart has practiced as a CRNA in Hattiesburg since 1998. For the past several years she has been involved in the didactic and clinical education of student anesthetists as faculty at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, nurse anesthesia program and as the associate director of the Baylor College of Medicine's graduate program in nurse anesthesia.

Dr. Stuart states that the Southern Miss nurse anesthesia program will emerge as a premier practice-oriented doctoral nurse anesthesia program that excels in scholarship, practice and research,“ said Dr. Stuart.

For more information about the admissions criteria for the program visit: www.usm.edu/nursing/nurse-anesthesia-program-nap.

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One of the best ways to engage in professional networking is to be active in your professional organization. The key word is active. It is one thing to be a member of your professional organization, but it is another thing to be an active participant. MNA District 13 recently held “Southern Comfort Summer Soiree” on July 26th at Nick’s Restaurant in the Fondren neighborhood of Jackson. The event held on the patio offered the perfect setting for new members to socialize and network with one another while snacking on the delicious hors d’oeuvres. Attendees heard updates from MNA President, Gayle Harrell, about upcoming changes to ANA and the impact on MNA. Teresa Malone, new Executive Director for MNA, was introduced to the group. There was also an opportunity for attendees to support the Diabetic Camp for Kids, Inc. by participating in a raffle for a gift basket including gifts valued over $375.

MNA District 13 is also considering other networking opportunities. Board members are pursuing the possibility of holding joint meetings with other nursing professional organizations. This will allow for a broader networking audience by placing attendees in contact with other professionals in which they may have had limited or no interaction.

Here are some tips that will help prepare you for your networking event:

1. Hang up and Live!—Put your phone away! How can you expect others to engage with you if you are only engaged with your mobile phone?
2. Prepare your elevator speech—The first question most people ask is “what do you do?” or “where do you work?” Think about how you would like a professional contact to perceive you. Make sure it isn’t too lengthy, just some quick facts about you or your job to trigger additional conversation.
3. The Eyes are the Windows to the Soul—Make eye contact to show you are engaged. Non-verbal cues are very important in a social atmosphere.
4. Speak Up—Don’t try to just blend in, listen, and nod your head. Be an active participant in the conversation. We are all unique individuals with different backgrounds. We all have ideas that we can contribute.
5. Practice Makes Perfect—Start networking! Be active! Meet new people in your profession. You will be surprised how much you can offer one another.

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Professional Networking
by Keith Hodges, BSN, MHSA
District 13 President

Mississippi Nurses Foundation Awards $60,000 Through NURSES TOUCH LIVES Car Tag Program

The Mississippi Nurses Foundation recently awarded $60,000 in stipends. Stipend funds were raised through the State of Mississippi Nurses Car Tag Program–Nurses Touch Lives and awarded to registered nurses and nursing students enrolled in an accredited Associate, Baccalaureate, Masters or Doctoral Nursing Program in Mississippi.

After a thorough review of applications, 10 recipients were chosen. As full-time students, the recipients will be awarded a total of $6,000 to be received in increments of $500 each month for 12 months beginning in August, 2012 through July, 2013. Recipients are required to sign a contract with the Mississippi Nurses Foundation to work as a full time Nurse in Mississippi within the first two years following completion of the program.

The 2012 Stipend Recipients are as follows:

Associate Program
Leah Rigney
East Central Community College

Baccalaureate Program
Renee Bolden
University of Mississippi Medical Center
Michell Burns
Mississippi College
Heather Logan
University of Mississippi Medical Center
Leigh Moller
Mallori Watson
Mallory Watson
Mississippi University for Women

RN to BSN Program
Amanda Walton
University of Mississippi Medical Center

Masters Program
Grace Cox Applewhite
University of Mississippi Medical Center
Betsy Mann
University of Mississippi Medical Center
Kate Totty
University of Mississippi Medical Center

Congratulations to our 2012 Car Tag stipend recipients!

The Mississippi Nurses Foundation’s mission is to raise, accept and disperse charitable donations to promote professional nursing and better health in Mississippi.
Welcome New Members

MNA welcomes new members who joined from April through June 2012
Sharon Brady
Deedy Cain
Lydia Franklin
Katherine Griffis
Lucy Hodges
Gloria Jaques
Pam Jeffries
Yvette Jenkins
Patricia Lindsay
Jerry McLarty
Angela Pitcher
Susan Prather
Leslie Rhodes
Rhonda Smith
Virginia Sumrall
Stephanie Viner
Karen Walker
Lesa Whitehead
Jeffrey Barnette
Lauren Bertucci
Arletha Coffey
Jamie Fortner
Thrisona Freeman
Charissa Gentry
Shelia Gordon
Dawn Hunt
Deidra Knox
Stephanie McNeese
Samuel Miller
Wanda Newsome
Makita Patterson
Amanda Sharp
Marilyn Smith
Lisa Sweat
Sharron Taylor
Audrey Upchurch
Blakeley Ward
Patricia Adams
Tawanda Barker
June Biggs
Nakeetha Dryer
Cynthia Ellis
Franklin Golden
Amanda Howington
Sandra Martin
Roselynn Middleton
Angela Parkinson
Troy Pearson
Hazel White
Emily Benavie
Janet Brown
Lauren Byrd
Florence Floreando
Shawnta Gandy
Kristin Garrison
Valerie Grooms
Swanshia McDole
Owanna Morris
Lisa Morrison
Karen Ross
Brianna Scott
Adam Smith
Karen Speed
Ophelia Stewart
Brigitta Strutchen
Alicia Turner
Rebecca Yarbrough
Jeslyen Age
Daphne Cobb
Donna DePierre
Karen Graves
Mary Hosssly
Carolyn Hutcherson
Noel Palmer
Arnta Riley
Shannon Weathers
Larry Arnold
Lauren Blakney
Schlyer Brown
Joshua Dean
Tammy Dixon
Jessica Fordham
Tiffany Foreman
Rebecca Gilbert
Regina Givens
Leslie Grammer
Roderick Green
Loann Harriman
Teresa Jones
Michele Jones
Jonistine Knott
Lara Kruerger
Angela Kurosaka
Regina Lee
Kayla Massey
Elizabeth McCombs
Erin McGraw
Jessica Miley
Krystal Murray
Shakema Nichols
Elizabeth Nord
Lisa Parker
Jen Potts
Kim Powers
Anna Presley
Debbie Richardson
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Oneta Dongiex Award for Excellence
Deadline February 4, 2013
$500
Criteria
• Currently enrolled and in good academic standing in a Mississippi school of nursing
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