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Nursing Colleagues,

Welcome to the Mississippi Nurses’ Association’s 103rd Annual Convention! Trek into the Future of Healthcare will be as colorful as it is enriching to our profession. I hope all of you will join us Wednesday morning for our Opening Session. We are delighted that the Honorable A.J. Holloway, Mayor of Biloxi will join us during this special event.

This year’s Convention begins on October 21st at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center with a dynamic two-part Pre-Convention Session, Technology Will Take Us Where We Have Never Gone Before and how technology is used in the 5 As: Training for Healthcare Providers sponsored by the Mississippi Nurses’ Foundation and Mississippi Baccalaureate and Higher Degree Nursing Council. On Wednesday, October 22nd, the House of Delegates will convene along with many exciting session offerings. The decisions made during this year’s House of Delegates will be instrumental in moving MNA forward. Delegates will elect seven MNA Board positions: Vice-President; Secretary; Treasurer; Director, Council on Advanced Practice Nursing; Director, Council on Health Affairs; Director, Council on Nursing Practice; and Director, Council on Nursing Research.

We are honored to have as our Wednesday keynote, Barbara Nichols, DHL, MS, RN, FAAN, internationally recognized leader and President of Barbara Nichols Consulting. Dr. Nichols keynote address will focus on Diversity and the Global Nursing Workforce.

This year’s Convention also provides many opportunities for you to network with your colleagues as well as exhibitors. MNA Convention attendees will enjoy the William Carey University reception on Tuesday evening and the reception hosted by the University of Mississippi Nursing Alumni Chapter on Wednesday evening. In addition, don’t miss the opportunity to join us for a fun-filled evening on our “Galactic Cruise” on the Captain Pete. You will have ample time to interact with exhibitors so take advantage of this opportunity to network with these special supporters of our Convention.

Thank you for being a part of MNA’s 103rd Annual Convention! We hope that it will be an important event in enhancing your career and your profession.

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Jennifer Hitt, PhD, MSN, BSN, BA, NLN-CNE
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Thank you for your attendance and participation at this year’s Mississippi Nurses’ Association Annual Convention! We are confident that you will find the Convention provides a unique blend of opportunities to advance your professional knowledge through participation in plenary and luncheon sessions, as well as more informal networking events.

We are pleased to announce that throughout your time at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center, you will have access to a Wi-Fi Zone for your convenience. Session evaluations and corresponding continuing education certificates will be made available on-line following the conclusion of the Convention, and also for your convenience, a mobile app will provide you information on the Convention’s schedule, events, presenters, vendors, and sponsors.

I encourage you to take advantage of all the Convention has to offer. We are committed to making your experience at the Convention a memorable one. Please let us know if we can assist you in any way while you are at the Convention. Thank you again for coming and for your support of MNA!

Sincerely,

Teresa Malone
Executive Director
Mississippi Nurses’ Association

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- Participation in Skills Workshops
- Enjoy the EXPO
- Attend great receptions
- Learning from your colleagues
- Reach for the Stars Research Roundtable
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  (12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – meet in Section C of the 1st floor Rotunda)

• January 27, 2015: Legislative Nursing Summit

• March 2, 2015: MNA & MNF Nightingale Awards Gala

• March 19-28, 2015: Treasures of France Tour
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• April 24-25, 2015: Advanced Practice Spring Conference, Tupelo, MS

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Tuesday, October 21, 2014
Mississippi Coast Coliseum & Convention Center
1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Registration
1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Pre-Convention Session
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. William Carey University Reception

Wednesday, October 22, 2014
Mississippi Coast Coliseum & Convention Center
7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration
7:30 a.m. – 7:55 a.m. Opening Session
8:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Concurrent Sessions
9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. House of Delegates
12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m. Keynote Luncheon
2:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. House of Delegates
2:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. UMMC School of Nursing Alumni Reception – Redding House

Thursday, October 23, 2014
Mississippi Coast Coliseum & Convention Center
7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. District Presidents’ Breakfast
8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Concurrent Sessions
9:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. EXPO 2014, Nurses Feud, Poster Session
9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Marketplace
12:00 noon – 1:15 p.m. Sigma Theta Tau Luncheon
1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Reach for the Stars, Research Round Table
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Galactic Captain Pete Dinner Cruise (Boarding Time: 6:00 p.m.)

Friday, October 24, 2014
Mississippi Coast Coliseum & Convention Center
7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Registration
7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. APRN Breakfast & Update
7:45 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Joint Session with Students
7:45 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. MS Board of Nursing Update
8:45 a.m. – 12:15 a.m. Concurrent Sessions
12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. APRN Luncheon
1:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
4:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. Controlled Substances Update
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. APRN Incredible Dinner
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Continuing Education (CEs)
The Mississippi Nurses’ Association is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation. Hours are awarded only for the session hours you attend. Contact hours to be awarded for each session will be posted as part of the session announcements listed in this section of the Mississippi Nurses’ Association 2014 Annual Convention book.

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3. Complete the presentation evaluation on-line.

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Tuesday, October 21, 2014:
Mississippi Coast Coliseum & Convention Center
1:30 noon – 4:30 p.m. Registration............................MS Coast Coliseum & Convention Center Main Entrance, West Lobby

1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Pre-Convention Session (4.0 c/h) ................................................................. D2
• Technology Will Take Us Where We Have Never Gone Before with Christian Pruett, PhD
  This presentation will analyze the impact of technology on nursing education and patient care.
• 5 A’s Training for Healthcare Providers with Pamela Luckett, MCC, LPC, CTTS
  Sponsored by the Mississippi Nurses’ Foundation & the Mississippi Baccalaureate and Higher Degree Nursing Council

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. William Carey University Reception.................................................. D1
• Please join William Carey University Tuesday evening at their reception as they share,
  “Things Are Popping at William Carey University”

Wednesday, October 22, 2014:
Mississippi Coast Coliseum & Convention Center

7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration ....................................................MS Coast Coliseum & Convention Center
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Coffee Breaks ................................................................. E3

7:30 a.m. – 7:55 a.m. Opening Session .................................................. Hall C
Welcome to the 103rd MNA Annual Convention!
Presented by: Jennifer Hitt, PhD, MSN, BSN, NLN-CNE, MNA Board President; Teresa Malone,
MNA Executive Director; and special guest, A. J. Holloway, Mayor of Biloxi

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Concurrent Sessions (1.0 c/h)
• Social Media: Learning to Live Together ........................................ D2
with Lynn H. Buckelew, MSN, RN & Deborah B. Welch, MSN, RN
This session will identify the impact of social media with multigenerational nurses.
• Healthcare Without Borders .................................................... D3
with Sue Bryant, MSN, RN, CFNP; Allison L. Hayes, MSN, RN; & Ricky L. Lewis, MSN, RN,
CEN
The presenters will identify the process for organizing and implementing a medical mission to medically
underserved populations
• Perioperative RNs’ Perspective of Caring in the Operating Room .............. D4
with Florence Cooper, MSN, RN, CNOR
This session will describe research findings regarding perioperative RN’s experiences of caring in the
operating room.

9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. House of Delegates ........................................ Hall D5, D6, D7, D8
• Nursing and the Legislature (.5 c/h) with Teresa Malone, Executive Director, MNA
Describe the 2014 legislative issues affecting nursing and nursing practice in Mississippi.

9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Concurrent Sessions (1.0 c/h)
• Nursing Ethics ............................................................... D2
with Betty Sylvest, DNS, RN, CNE
This session will identify the impact of social media with multigenerational nurses.
• “Disasters Make Me Crazy:” How to Make It Through Psychologically. .................. D3
with Carl Mangum, PhD, RN
This presentation will assist the participant in preparing mentally and emotionally for working in a disaster
zone.
• Transition of Care: Role of the Case Manager ..................................... D4
with Keri A. McIntosh, MSN, RN
The participants will gain an insight into the case manager’s role in the transition of patient care from the
acute care setting.

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Concurrent Sessions (1.25 c/h)
• Nursing Pharmacology: An ADN Separate Course vs. Integrated Concepts. ........ D2
with Jennifer Hulbert, PhD, RN, C
In this session, you will identify the most appropriate method for introducing nursing pharmacology to
ADN students.
• Implementation of Relationship-Based Care in an Academic Medical Center. ........ D3
with Tina Higgins, MSN, RN, NEA-BC
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• Rape Trauma Syndrome: Implications for Nurses ........................................ D4 with Tomekia Earl, MSN, BSN, ADN, RN
  *This session will increase the RN’s awareness regarding rape trauma syndrome.*

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon Break

12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m. Keynote Luncheon (1.5 c/h) ................................................ Hall C
  Diversity and the Global Nursing Workforce with Barbara L. Nichols, DHL, MS, RN, FAAN
  *In this session, you will gain increased understanding of diversity issues within the nursing workforce.*

2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Break

2:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. House of Delegates ................................................................. D5, D6, D7, D8

2:15 – 3:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions (1.25 c/h)
  • Legal, Ethical, & Political Issues in Nursing ............................................... D2 with Tonia D. Aiken, MSN, RN, JD
    *This session will increase the RN’s awareness of current case law and the legal pitfalls in practice and in the use of social media.*
  • Understanding Impact Evaluation in Determining Patient Outcomes .............. D3 with Michelle Welander, DNP, RN, NEA-BC
    *This session will describe how impact evaluation analysis can influence quality of care and patient outcomes.*
  • Use of Evidence-Based Strategies in Reducing ............................................. D4 Health Care Associated Infections with Vickie Taylor, MSN, BSN, CIC
    *The participants will gain improved understanding of evidence-based strategies and data to drive health care associated infection reduction & prevention.*

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Break

3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions (1.25 c/h)
  • Using Technology to Forge New Frontiers in Nursing Education .................. D2 with Christian Pruett, PhD
    *This session will analyze the impact of technology on nursing education and patient care.*
  • Job Change .................................................................................................. D3 with Curnis Upkins, Jr., SPHR
    *The presentation will provide useful information for coping with job change.*
  • NG Tube Placement Verification in Pediatrics: What is Best Practice? ......... D4 with LaDonna Northington, DNS, RN, BC
    *You will discuss the state of NGT placement verification in the pediatric population.*

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Alumni Reception ................................................................. Redding House
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7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration ........................................ MS Coast Coliseum & Convention Center
Main Entrance, West Lobby

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. District Presidents’ Breakfast ................................................................. L3

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Concurrent Sessions (1.0 c/h)

- The Electronic, Technological & Changing Future of Health Care: ............................ D2
  Risks & Benefits with Judy Green Cleveland, BSN, RN & Kathy Stone, BSN, RN
  The presenters will identify potential risks and benefits of the use of technology, including non-medical applications such as social media.

- Nursing & Social Media ....................................................... D3
  with Tammie McCoy, PhD, RN
  The presenter will discuss the benefits and pitfalls of social media in the nursing world.

- The Role of Coordinated Care: Providers & Patients ................................ D4
  with Mary Helen Conner, BSN, MPH, MCHES & Brenda Townsend, RN
  This session will describe the use of coordinated care through building community coalitions to reduce 30 day acute care readmissions.

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Break

9:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

- EXPO 2014: ................................................................. E3
  with Hostess, KC Arnold, ANP, BC-ADM
  Your opportunity to talk with pharmaceutical companies, colleges, and universities; buy a little bit of glitz; and network with other nursing professionals. Please don’t forget to have each exhibitor sign your passport!

- Nurses Feud ................................................................. L7
  with Host, Audwin Fletcher, PhD, APRN, FNP-BC, FAAN
  Want to test your knowledge across the fields of nursing? Grab your friends, make a team, and join us! It’s loads of fun for everyone!

- Abstract Poster Session (1.0 c/h) ................................................ D1
  Moderator: Mary Stewart, PhD, MSN, BSN, RN
  Gain awareness of the process of nursing research.

- Poster Session ............................................................... D4
  with Mary Stewart, PhD, MSN, BSN, RN
  Participants will view various research submissions.

9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Marketplace .................................................... West Lobby

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon EXPO 2014 continued ................................................................. E3

12:00 noon – 1:15 p.m. Sigma Theta Tau Luncheon (1.0 c/h) ............................................ D10-12
Grant Opportunities in Mississippi and the Healthy Lifestyle Center with Shelby Polk, DNP, MSN, FNP-BC, CDE, CPE
The presenter will discuss how leaders can engage staff in learning and applying quality and safety principles and tools.
Sponsored by Delta State University’s Sigma Theta Tau Chapter Pi Xi
12:00 noon – 1:15 p.m. General Luncheon (1.0 c/h) ......................................................... Hall C2
Telehealth & What It Means for the Future of Nurses
Panelists: Cynthia Broome, BSN, RN; Tearsanee Carlisle Davis, DNP, FNP;
Jaime Wheeler, MSN, RN
The presenters will provide unique perspectives on how telehealth is being used in Mississippi.

1:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Break

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions (1.0 c/h)

• 3 C’s of Academic Advising: Civility, Competency, Caring ..................... D2
  with Janie Butts, PhD, RN; Elizabeth A. Tinnon, PhD, RN, CNE; Melanie Gilmore, PhD and Susan Hart, PhD, RN
  The session will examine ethical and unethical behaviors surrounding academic advising.

• Medical Missions: Increasing Access to Care at Home & Abroad ................ D3
  with Juanita Graham, DNP, RN, FRSPH & Jennifer Hitt, PhD, MSN, BSN, BA,
  NLN-CNE
  Describe the challenges and rewards of nursing service in a medical mission practice.

• Identifying the Dementias: An Overview .............................................. D4
  with John Hodnett, DNP, M.Ed, MSN, RN, LPC
  In this session, you will gain knowledge and understanding related to implementation of relationship-based care.

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Break with Exhibitors

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Concurrent Sessions (1.0 c/h)

• Careers in Indirect Patient Care .................................................. D2
  with Angela Morey, MSM, RHIA, CPHIMS & Carisa D. Nixon, BSN, RHIA
  The presenters will define the role of informatics in healthcare and illustrate the nurse’s role in informatics
  and indirect patient care.

• Resources of Care within the State of MS for Parents/Caregivers .............. D3
  of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders
  with Tonya Harbison, MSN, BSN
  The learners will gain an understanding of the needs and resources available for children with Autism.

• Documentation in Nursing ....................................................... D4
  with Diane Blanchard, PhD, RN, MS, CNS
  This session will explore the role as expert witness and legal consultant while serving as client advocate.

3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Break with Exhibitors

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions (1.0 c/h)

• Reach for the Stars Research Roundtable .................................. D2
  with Mary Stewart, PhD, MSN, BSN, RN
  You will have a special place on one of many starships into the future featuring poster presentations where
  researches will share their studies and results.

• Mississippi Board of Nursing Update for RNs ................................. D4
  with Lynn Langley, DNP, FNP-BC, ANP-BC, CPHQ, Executive Director,
  MS Board of Nursing
  The presenter will give an overview of changes within the MS BON and its effect on nursing in Mississippi.

• Join the Journey: Making It All Worthwhile .................................. D4
  with LaNelle Weems, MSN, RN and Debbie Logan, MHA, BSN, RN
  The participants will gain understanding and learn to implement nurse driven changes to advance health.
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Galactic Cruise on the Captain Pete
(Boarding Time: 6:00 p.m.)
Location: Ship Island Excursions Dock, corner of Hwy 49 and Hwy 90

Friday, October 24, 2014:
Mississippi Coast Coliseum & Convention Center

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. APRN Registration
MS Coast Coliseum & Convention Center
Main Entrance, West Lobby

7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. APRN Breakfast and Update
D9
with Linda Sullivan, DSN, RN, BC, FNP/PNP
Gain knowledge and understanding of the current issues affecting APRNs within Mississippi.

7:30 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. Break with Exhibitors
Hall D Foyer

7:45 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Joint Session (1.0 c/h)
Hall D5-8
Keep Moving with Nicole Marquez
After a devastating accident left her paralyzed, dancer Nicole Marquez channeled her energy into rehabilitation and reimagining her dreams.

7:45 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Mississippi Board of Nursing Update
D9
with Lynn Langley, DNP, FNP-BC, ANP-BC, CPHQ, Executive Director, MS Board of Nursing
This session will present an overview of changes within the MS BON and its effect on APRN practice in Mississippi.

8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Concurrent Sessions (1.0 c/h)
• TOP 10 List: Adult Congenital Heart Disease
  D2
  with Michael R. McMullan, MD, FACC
  The learners will gain knowledge and understanding of issues involving the care of adult patients with congenital heart disease.
• The Latest from the Field of Organ Donation & Transplantation
  D3
  with Kevin Stump, BS, BSN, RN, CPTC, Executive Director, Mississippi Organ Recovery Association
  In this session, the presenter will identify the current status and potential of the field of organ donation and transplantation.
• Pharmacologic Management of Anemia in the Patient with End Stage Renal Disease
  D4
  with Rowena Elliott, PhD, RN, CNN, BC, CNE
  Access the clinical manifestations of anemia and bone disease in patients with end stage renal disease.

8:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Concurrent Sessions (2.0 c/h)
• Joint Injections Skills Workshop
  D1
  with Bryan Combs, MSN, CRNP, FNP-BC, CNL, ATC
  The learners will gain hands-on practice and increased skills in advanced joint injections.

9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Concurrent Sessions (1.0 c/h)
• Review of PTSD
  D2
  with Daniel A. DeOrnellas, Pharm D & Joni Hill Morgan, Pharm D
  The presenters will identify current concepts and strategies in the management of PTSD.
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- Venous Disease & Risks. ........................................................ D3
  with Dana Germany, MSN, RN, FNP & Ellen Lee, MSN, RN, CFNP
  The learners will recognize the paradigm shift in the recognition and treatment of venous disease.
- Wheezing, Seizing & Ceasing Kids: ........................................ D4
  A Day in the Life of a NP
  with Chris Collado, MSN, NP-C, CPNP-AC
  Participants will gain increased familiarity with current treatments of pediatric respiratory diseases, seizures, and acute life threatening events.

9:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Non-CE Skills Workshop
- Implanon Implantation ........................................................ D9
  with Caroline LeGuin
  The participants will gain hands on practice and skill in implantation of Implanon birth control implant systems.

10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Break with Exhibitors ........................................ Hall D Foyer

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Session (1.0 c/h)
- Medical Awareness in Treating People with Intellectual Developmental Disabilities with Craig Escude, MD
  The presenter will increase knowledge and comfort in providing healthcare services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities; increase awareness of a program to support Mississippi healthcare providers to provide these services.
- Macromastia ................................................................. D3
  with Bryant Walker, MD
  Gain increased knowledge and understanding of macromastia.
- Bad to the Bone? Medications that Impact Bone Health and Fracture Risk .................. D10
  with Cindy Luther, DSN, MSN, BSN, ANP, GNP, FNP
  Discuss the current trends for medical management of osteoporosis.

12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. APRN Luncheon (1.0 c/h) ................................. Hall C
  Leading from the Center: Toward a New Strategy for Nurse Practitioners’ Future
  with Susan Apold, PhD, RN, ANP-BC, FAAN, FAANP
  Identify and enhance personal and formal leadership skills for APRN professional advocacy.

1:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Dessert with the Exhibitors ................................. Hall D Foyer

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions (1.0 c/h)
- Continuity of Care from ED to PC ........................................ D2
  with Linda Watkins, DNP, RN, FNP-C
  This participant will gain increased knowledge and understanding about the use of templates in the EHR to provide continuity of care for the patient.
- Pharmacology of GERD Medications .................................... D4
  with Sherrill Evans, PhD, MSN, RN, FNP
  This session will describe the pharmacological management of GERD

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Session (2.0 c/h)
- Basic X-Ray Interpretation .................................................. D3
  with TBA
  This session will increase proficiency in the approach to interpreting basic x-rays.

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• Advanced Suturing Techniques ................................................. D1
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  The participants will gain hands-on practice and increased skills in advanced suturing. Materials used for
  the suturing workshop have been graciously donated by THE HATTIESBURG CLINIC.

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Concurrent Sessions (1.0 c/h)
• Don’t Ask; Don’t Tell: A Primer on Lesbian Health Care ........................... D2
  with Lorraine Gaddis, PhD, APRN-BC, FNP
  The participants will gain an increased understanding of management & sensitivity to lesbian health issues.
• Substance Abuse in the Elderly: A New Epidemic ................................... D3
  with Janet McMillian, DSN, RN, PMHMP-BC
  Gain an understanding of the prevalence of substance abuse in the elderly population and its impact on
  primary care and the patient’s quality of life.

3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Concurrent Sessions (1.0 c/h)
• School Based Health Care: Not Just Boo-Boos & Band-Aids ........................ D2
  with Lisa A. Haynie, PhD, RN, CFNP & Anne A. Norwood, PhD, RN, CFNP
  The presenters will identify the benefits of nurse-managed school-based health centers in urban and rural
  settings and identify barriers to practice in their settings.
• Clinical Pearls ............................................................... D3
  with Brent Lindley, PharmD, BCPS
  TBA
• Hormone Replacement Therapy ................................................ D4
  with Kelly B. Engelmann, MSN, RN, CFNP
  The participants will gain an understanding of the process to help patients achieve hormone balance.

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Controlled Substances Workshop (2.0 c/h)
• Opioids and Pain Management: When to refer to a Pain Specialist ................ D5-8
  with Brent Lindley, PharmD, BCPS
  TBA

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. APRN Incredible Dinner
  (1) Vestige Restaurant, Ocean Springs, MS
      with AbbVie Pharmaceutical, Research & Development
  (2) Identification of Psoriatic Arthritis and Ankylosing Spondylitis-Early Detection to
      Ensure Appropriate Care
      Magnolia House, Biloxi
      with AstraZeneca presented by KC Arnold

Saturday, October 25, 2014:
South Beach Hotel, Biloxi, MS

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. NRCME/FMCSA DOT Medical Examiner Course. ................. .Conference Room
  3rd Floor
  with Deloris Slade, MSN, BSN, FNP-BC
  The participants will gain an understanding of FMCSA standards for performing medical examinations for
  commercial drivers.
Wednesday Keynote Luncheon Speaker

We are honored to have internationally recognized nursing leader, Barbara Nichols, DHL, MS, RN, FAAN, as our keynote speaker on Wednesday. Dr. Nichols will discuss Diversity and the Global Nursing Workforce. She has vast experience in executive leadership and international initiatives. Her professional career spans four decades in leadership and policy making positions in professional associations and related health organizations. Dr. Nichols is the former Chief Executive Officer of CGFNS International, whose expertise is in credential evaluation, scope of practice standards and licensure of nurses and health professionals globally. She presently serves as a national Diversity Consultant to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation national implementation of the Institute of Medicine Report: “The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health.”

Dr. Nichols has been a consultant on diversity to the Office of Minority Health, and the US Departments of Labor and the Department of Homeland Security. She was the first African American nurse in 100 years to be President of the American Nurses Association and the Wisconsin Nurses Association respectively. She currently serves as the Leadership and Diversity Coordinator for the Wisconsin Center for Nursing.

Thursday Sigma Theta Tau Luncheon

Dr. Shelby Polk is an Assistant Professor of Nursing and the Director of Nurse Practitioner Programs (MSN & DNP) at Delta State University Robert E. Smith School of Nursing. She holds national certifications as a practitioner and educator and has held various positions throughout her distinguished nursing career in hospital, clinic, and academic settings. She is currently employed as a family nurse practitioner at North Sunflower Medical Center's Sunflower Clinic in Ruleville, MS and the Healthy Lifestyle Center in Cleveland, MS.

In August 2013 the Robert E. Smith School of Nursing at Delta State University was awarded a three-year HRSA grant targeting obesity, diabetes, and cardiovascular disease. Dr. Polk serves as the Project Director for the Delta Healthy Families Project. The Healthy Lifestyle Center, funded by the HRSA grant, opened in August 2014, with a primary focus on nutrition and physical activity to assist individuals, families, and communities develop healthy lifestyles and improve health outcomes in the Mississippi Delta.
General Luncheon
Telehealth & What It Means for the Future of Nurses

Panelists:

Cynthia Broome
BSN, RN

Tearsanee Carlisle Davis
DNP, FNP

Jaime Wheeler
MSN, RN

Friday APRN Luncheon Speaker

Dr. Susan Apold is a Professor of Nursing at New York University College of Nursing and an Adult Nurse Practitioner. Prior to her tenure at NYU, she was the founding Dean of Nursing at Concordia College New York. Dr. Apold has developed and implemented undergraduate and post-baccalaureate programs in nursing as well as Adult and Family Nurse Practitioner programs.

In addition to her work in nursing education, Dr. Apold has served two terms as President of the American College of Nurse Practitioners (ACNP) and The Nurse Practitioner Association New York State (The NPA, NY). She served as a member of the Board of Directors of the newly formed American Association of Nurse Practitioners and currently Chairs that organization’s new Leadership Development program. Dr. Apold serves on the editorial board of The Journal for Nurse Practitioners. She also maintains a small primary care practice in New Rochelle, NY.

A strong advocate and national voice for nurse practitioner practice, Dr. Apold has numerous publications and media appearances in pursuit of high quality, affordable and accessible health care for our nation’s health care consumers.
I’ve been dancing almost as long as I’ve been walking. When I was 25, I moved to New York to chase my dream. For eight months, I made real progress toward my goal. Then one evening, I locked myself out of my apartment. It seems as though one moment I was standing on a solid surface, and the next thing I knew, I was in the hospital.

Rediscovering Purpose: I had a single, all-encompassing goal for my life. When it was derailed, I had no choice but to reevaluate everything. “Broadway” was the simple way to describe what I wanted, but when I dug deeper, I understood what that word really represented – a desire to perform and reach out to people. I realized that was something I could still do, but I would need to rethink the “how.”

I now travel the country speaking to groups about my accident and recovery. There have been a lot of bumps in the road, but I’m always thinking about how I can keep pushing ahead.
Engage!

... in two sessions that highlight research!

Reach for the Stars Research Round Table: Thursday 4-5 PM (Room D2)
The MNA Research Council will host a round table forum to showcase nurses doing research in Mississippi! This format will allow for informal conversations about current innovative, research projects relevant for registered nurses in various roles and settings, but also keep you moving so you don’t miss a thing!

Research Posters: Thursday 9:15-11 AM (Room D1)
We had a fantastic response to the call for abstracts this year! In addition to the Research Round Table session, the Research Council is also hosting a more traditional poster session at the convention. Authors will be available to meet, greet, and discuss their projects during this time.

Make it so!

Research Council Members

Amber Chancelor, MSN, RN
Patricia Freeman, BSN, RN
Lorraine Gaddis, PhD, RN
Bonnie L. Harbaugh, PhD, RN
John Hodnett, DNP, M.Ed, RN, LPC
Jennifer C. Robinson, PhD, RN
Mary W. Stewart, PhD, RN
Call to Order: Jennifer Hitt, PhD, MSN, BSN, BA, NLN-CNE, MNA President

Appointment of Tellers

Recognition of Guests

Establishment of a Quorum

Adoption of Standing Rules of Order

Adoption of Agenda

Approval of Minutes from 2014: Michelle Burns, MSN, RN, MNA Secretary

Report from Nominating Committee: Tyrongilia Walton, DNP, APRN, FNPC, Chair

Receipt of Nominations from the Floor

Candidate’s Remarks

President’s Report: Jennifer Hitt, PhD, MSN, BSN, BA, NLN-CNE, MNA President

Treasurer’s Report: Ann Barnes, BSN, RN, Treasurer

Membership Report: Debra Allen, MSN, RN, Vice President

Executive Director’s Report & Legislative Update: Teresa Malone, Executive Director

Old Business:

New Business:

Report from Mississippi Nurses’ Foundation: LaDonna Northington, DNS, RN, BC, MNF President & Rosalyn Howard, MNF Executive Director

Report from MASN: Morgan Webb, MASN President
Nursing Organization Reports:

- Mississippi Board of Nursing ........ Lynn Langley, DNP, FNP-BC, ANP-BC, CPHQ, Executive Director
- MS Organization of Nurse Executives .......... Brenda Castleberry, MSN, BSN, RN
- MS State Department of Health .............. Kay Henry, BSN, Director of Nursing
- Deans & Directors’ Council, MS Schools of Nursing ...... Melissa Temple, MSN, RN, Vice-Chair
- Office of Nursing Workforce ............... Wanda Jones, RN, MS, Executive Director
- Director of Nursing, IHL ..................... Janette McCrory, DNP, RN

Introduction of Resolutions: .......................... Amber Arnold, DNP, MSN, BSN
Director Council of Organizational Affairs

Presentation of New Officers

Closing Announcements ............................. *Breaks and lunch will be inserted into the Agenda by the Chair
CONVENTION ATTENDANCE RATES:
For your convenience, MNA has basic attendance rates, and daily rates for the convention. There are special fees for members and non-members. All rates are on the registration form. Advanced registration is effective until Friday, September 26, 2014. After this date, please add a $35.00 handling fee. No registrations will be accepted after 4 pm October 3, 2014. After this time, all registrations will be on-site and an additional $50.00 on-site fee will apply. Visa, Master Card, and American Express may be used to pay registration fees.

POLITICKING:
Convention Center walls may NOT be used for campaign materials. Candidates are responsible for securing their own materials (including easels) and removing signs.

House of Delegates Rules & Procedures

1. Only delegates shall be seated in the section reserved for the House of Delegates. All delegates must wear their official name badge to all sessions of the House.

2. Delegate substitutions by an alternate must be authorized by the appropriate District President prior to the participation of the alternate.

3. All questions concerning those entitled to vote shall be referred to the Credentials Committee. Final seating of contested delegates shall present his/her voting ticket to election officials before being issued an official ballot.

4. A one minute speech may be allowed for each nomination from the floor of the House.

5. Any resolution presented by a delegate to the House of Delegates not approved by an appropriate MNA structural unit or the Committee on Resolutions must receive a majority vote by the House to reach the floor and a three-fourths vote to be adopted.

6. Emergency resolutions may be submitted to the MNA Committee on Resolutions at Convention by 4:30 p.m. on October 21, 2014. Resolutions should be given to a MNA staff member at registration. These must be signed by an official representative of the group submitting the resolution. If the Committee is in doubt about the emergency nature or advisability of the resolution submitted in the prescribed manner, the resolution is referred to the MNA President, who may refer it to the Board of Directors for a final decision.

7. The delegates shall act initially on the resolves and then on the enabling clauses of any resolution being presented to the House.

8. To obtain the floor, a delegate shall approach a floor microphone and address the chair, “Madam President.” Upon recognition by the chair, the delegate shall give name and district, and may speak.
9. All main motions and amendments shall be in writing on the official motion form, signed by the maker and the seconder, and shall be sent directly to the Monitor for immediate processing and forwarding to the Chair as soon as the speaker is recognized.

10. No delegate shall speak more than twice to the same questions on the same day. The second opportunity may be granted only after every other delegate desiring the floor has spoken.

11. Debate shall be limited to three minutes per person. Extension of time may be granted by a majority vote of the House.

12. Any member of MNA who is not a delegate may be granted the privilege of the floor, but shall speak only once to a question and only after all delegates wishing to speak have had the opportunity to speak. When giving name and district, such member shall indicate that he or she is not a delegate.

13. Business interrupted by an adjournment of the meeting of the House of Delegates shall be resumed at the next meeting of the House of Delegates at the point where it was interrupted.

14. To minimize disruption of the work of the House of Delegates and all related meetings, all electronic devices shall be set to vibrate.

15. These Convention Rules shall be amended or suspended by a two-thirds vote of the House.
Responsibilities of the MNA Board of Directors

President ........................................... Jennifer Hitt, PhD, MSN, BSN, NLN-CNE
The President elected in odd-number years, serves the Association for a two-year term.
  • Presides at Board of Directors’ meeting and the MNA House of Delegates
  • Represents the Association in all official matters
  • Serves as a representative to the American Nurses’ Association Membership Assembly
  • Appoints committees and the members of same with the approval of the Board of Directors
  • Keeps the Board of Directors informed on matters of importance to the association
  • Prepares an annual report of activities of the preceding year
  • Reports activities of the Board of Directors to the Membership

Vice President ...................................................... Debra Allen, MSN, RN
The Vice-President, elected in even-numbered years, serves for a two-year term. According to Proviso 3 of the 2012 MNA Bylaws revision, the position of Vice President shall be elected for one year in 2013. The Vice President is responsible for activities related to membership which includes, but is not limited to, recruitment, retention, and member services. Additionally, the Vice President presides in the absence of the President.

Secretary .................................................... Michelle Burns, MSN, RN, CNE
The Secretary, elected in even-numbered years, serves a term of office for two years.
  • Responsible for record keeping and reporting of meetings to MNA.
  • Signature required on documents to meet official requirements.
  • Perform other duties as is usual and customary to the office.

Treasurer ........................................................... Ann Barnes, BSN, RN
The treasurer, elected in odd-numbered years, serves a term of office for two years. The treasurer works with the Finance Committee and the Executive Director in running the financial affairs of the Association.

Director, Council on Advance Practice .................... Linda Sullivan, DSN, RN, BC, FNP-PNP
The Director shall be concerned with issues related to the advanced practice nurse, i.e. nurse practitioners and certified mid-wives. This Council also assists in planning the Nurse Practitioner Spring Conference and the fall workshop in October.

Director, Council on Health Affairs ................................. Tonya Harbison, MSN, BSN
The Council on Health Affairs is responsible for assisting with activities relating to: the relevant, scientific and educational development and changes in health needs and practices and delivery systems; state and national affairs, legislation, and policies; and liaison with other health organizations for the advancement of health care.

Director, Council on Nursing Education ............................. Deloris Slade, MSN, FNP-BC
This Council is specifically responsible for recommending continuing education policy and revisions to the Board of Directors. The Director is responsible for meeting with the Provider Unit, a standing committee under the Council on Nursing Education.
Director, Council on Nursing Practice .......................... Sandi Arnold, BSN, RN
The Director shall be concerned with advancing the practice of nursing which relate to the scope of standards of nursing practice; the ethical and legal aspects of nursing practice; the practice of individual nurses; and the trends for improvement of health care with nursing practice implications.

Director, Council on Nursing Research ....................... Mary Stewart, PhD, MSN, BSN, RN
This Council is concerned with advancing the profession of nursing through MNA sponsored activities which relate to the improvement of health care; social, scientific, and educational changes in health needs; protection of human subjects through established standards, and methods in research; research promotions; and the development of theory and dissemination of findings.

Director, Council on Organizational Affairs .................... Amber Arnold, DNP, MSN, BSN
This Council on Organizational Affairs is responsible for assisting with activities which relate to the growth and maintenance of the organization including the Annual Convention. The Council is composed of the committees on Bylaws, Convention Planning, and Awards.
Candidates for MNA Board of Directors

The House of Delegates for the 103rd Mississippi Nurses’ Association Convention will elect three board officers and four Council Directors during the one-day session, Wednesday, October 22, 2014. The delegates will elect the Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Directors for the Council on Advanced Practice Nursing, Health Affairs, Nursing Practice, and Nursing Research. Eight candidates have declared for the MNA Board of Directors. Nominations may also be made from the floor.

**Vice President**
Debra F. Allen, MSN, RN ....................................................... (District 21)

**Secretary**
Tyrongilia Walton, DNP, APRN, FNPC ............................................ (District 31)

**Treasurer**
Ann Barnes, BSN, RN .......................................................... (District 13)

**Director, Council on Advanced Practice Nursing**
Linda M. Watkins, DNP, FNP-C .................................................. (District 13)

**Director, Council on Health Affairs**
Juanita Graham, DNP, RN, FRSPH ................................................(District 15)
Tonya A. Harbison, MSN, RN .................................................... (District 06)

**Director, Council on Nursing Practice**
Sandra G. Arnold, BSN, RN ..................................................... (District 07)

**Director, Council on Nursing Research**
John R. Hodnett, Jr., DNP, M. Ed, MSN, RN, LPC ...................................(District 12)

These Board positions shall each serve a term of office for two years. He/she will assume the duties of the position at the close of the annual meeting.

**Position of Vice President**
Candidates who have qualified for this position:

Debra F. Allen, MSN, RN

Biographical Profile: Debra (Debbie) Allen is a graduate of University of Mississippi and Delta State University. She is currently beginning her 20th year as a faculty member of the Robert E. Smith School of Nursing at Delta State University where she is active in the faculty senate, Student Success Task Force, First Year Seminar and various other committees. She also serves as Delta State’s SNA advisor. Prior to DSU, she worked as Director of Nursing. Debbie currently works at DRMC as a part-time Nursing Administrative Supervisor, and is faculty for Hurst Review Services, Inc. She currently serves as the Vice President of MNA, has served as President of MNA District 21, as well as various other MNA and MNF committees throughout her career. She has also served as Board
member for the Mississippi Board of Nursing, a MNA/MASN Advisor, and is currently Treasurer of STTI Pi Xi Chapter. Debbie was the 2013 MNA Nightingale Nursing Faculty of the Year recipient, H.E.A.D.W.A.E. Faculty of the Year for Delta State, and was awarded the Kossman’s Teacher of the Year at Delta State University.

Statement of Intent: As a member of the Mississippi Nurses’ Association (MNA) for 24 years, I have served the nurses of Mississippi as Vice-President, a member of the MNA Nominations Committee and the Health Affairs Committee, District 21 President, and as a delegate for MNA and ANA. I have had the honor of serving on several committees for the Mississippi Nurses’ Foundation (MNF) including the Nightingale and Car Tag Stipend Scholarship Committees. I have also served as the MNA/MASN Faculty Advisor. My past and current involvement allows me to understand the necessity of membership growth in the development of our vital organization. If re-elected Vice President, I will continue to develop and improve communication between members, the Board, the districts, and our nursing students throughout the state in an effort to bring in new members. I feel that the position of Vice President must work toward meaningful restructuring of our membership in an effort to maintain and achieve new membership goals that will help guide MNA’s future initiatives for the nurses and patients of Mississippi.

Position of Secretary
Candidates who have qualified for this position:

Tyrongilia Walton, DNP, APRN, FNPC

Biographical Profile: Tyrongilia “Ty” Walton’s passion is to see change on the national, state, and local level for nurses in Mississippi. This desire propels her to become actively involved in making a difference. She possesses strong leadership and collaborative skills. She also possesses strength in conflict resolution. Her skills will be used to help with the continued advancement of the MNA.

Ty is currently employed full-time at North Mississippi Regional Center in Oxford, MS and part-time at Urgent Care Clinic of Oxford, MS. She is married to the love of her life, Harold Walton. Together, they have three beautiful teenage children; Debrico, Daniel, and Sheluv. She is an active member of the Spirit of Excellence Ministries in Oxford, MS where she serves as the national church administrative liaison, local administrative team, and progressive team. During her ongoing tenure at this same ministry she has served as the church secretary, financial secretary, Pastor’s personal secretary, and various other leadership and secretarial positions.

Statement of Intent: Ty Walton’s intent is to become more actively involved in the Mississippi Nurses’ Association (MNA). Her desire is to be influential in the process of change for all nurses in the state of Mississippi. She will serve as a passionate advocate for her colleagues as well as other professional nurses in this state.

As important and critical laws to nursing practice are in the forefront of advanced practice nurses in the state of Mississippi, Ty will be an asset to the MNA board in
assisting with the collaboration and favorable outcome regarding these laws. Favorable outcomes pose the opportunity for Mississippi to serve as a model to other states attempting to achieve similar goals of removing limitations on advanced practice nursing.

Ty believes that with commitment change is possible. With selfless labor, she believes the nurses in Mississippi are on the brink of a breakthrough. Her goal in office is to work to see this change come to pass. She will effectively use her leadership skills for this purpose. Her uniquely combined collaborative and administrative skills will be beneficial in effectively strategizing ways to introduce change to nurses in the state of Mississippi, and her strong ability to work as part of the team to effectively motivate will enhance the unity of nurses in the state of Mississippi.

If elected to serve on the MNA Board of Directors, Ty will endeavor to work in unity with the vision and mission of this organization. She is willing to commit time and energy to better understand the heart of the team and the objectives that must be achieved. She strongly feels that working with people for over 16 years in various secretarial, ministry, and administrative capacities has prepared her for being an effective part of the MNA team.

Position of Treasurer
Candidates who have qualified for this position:

Ann Barnes, BSN, RN
Biographical Profile: Ann Barnes is president of Prime Care Nursing and currently serves as Treasurer of the MNA Board of Directors. She has worked as an assistant administrator for the Sta-Home Health Agency, in marketing for South Mississippi Home Health and Director of Oxford Health Care. She received a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University Mississippi School of Nursing. Ann was selected as one of the Mississippi 50 Leading Business Women in 2005 and is a graduate of the Leadership Jackson, Leadership Madison County and Leadership Mississippi programs. She has served as president of the Madison County Chamber of Commerce and is on the Board for the Madison Ridgeland Rotary Club.

Statement of Intent: MNA has been an important part of my nursing career, and serving on the MNA Board of Directors has afforded me the opportunity to work for all nurses in our state. I have served as an officer of the MNA Board of Directors for several terms during my nursing career, and it is my desire to continue to serve by asking for your support as I run for a second term as Treasurer. The position of Treasurer is a key position and requires close work with the Executive Director of MNA and its office staff in making sure MNA remains in a positive fiscal position. I am familiar with budgets and practical business decisions as these are activities that I routinely encounter. It is my desire to serve and give back to my profession. My past years as Treasurer show my record as being involved and available to meet with the MNA staff as needed.
I am capable of the task at hand and if elected, will represent you in a positive and professional manner. Thank you for your support in the past; and thank you for your membership and involvement in our professional organization. It takes all of us to accomplish issues that face our profession. If you have a specific question prior to election, please feel free to contact me. Your vote is needed and will be appreciated. I will work hard for our organization and the nurses of Mississippi.

**Position of Director, Council on Advanced Practice Nursing**
Candidates who have qualified for this position:

**Linda M. Watkins, DNP, RN, FNP-C**

Biographical Profile: Linda M. Watkins, DNP, RN, FNP-C, emergency nurse practitioner at the Jackson Veterans Affairs Medical Center, has served as a staff nurse on floor, the emergency department, intensive care unit, and nursing supervisor. She has practiced at hospitals in several states, including St. Louis, Missouri, Washington D. C., and Jackson, Mississippi. Since 2003 Dr. Watkins has worked as a nurse practitioner at the Jackson Veterans Affairs Medical Center. In this role she not only practices as a clinician in the emergency department, but also functions as a preceptor to advanced practice nurses providing clinical experience related to acute and acute on chronic disease management, quality assurance issues, and patient safety. She has served as a Delegate to the Mississippi State Nurses Convention, and currently is a member of the Mississippi Advanced Practice Council and the Mississippi State Representative to the American Association of Nurse Practitioners which is the largest NP organization in the world.

Statement of Intent: Currently Mississippi is 49th in the nation in patient hospital readmission rate, the lack of access to medical care for our residents, and the highest patient to physician ratios (Commonwealth Fund, 2013). Many of the medical residents, with whom I work, leave the state after graduating for better opportunities in what they believe are more desirable parts of the United States. The number of nurse practitioners allowed to practice in Mississippi is indirectly controlled by the Board of Medicine, because we must have a formalized collaborative agreement. Our laws must be changed if Mississippians are to receive access to healthcare. As the Director of the Advanced Practice Council I will work diligently on a state and national level to remove the barriers that patients face.

To maximize healthcare for Mississippians, I believe that all disciplines and professions should be allowed to practice to their fullest scope of training, be it medicine, physical therapy, nursing, or pharmacy. We should join forces to bring this to fruition. Advanced Practice Nurses need to understand that their practice as they now know it could be lost by the stroke of a pen, through regulation or legislation. Nurse Practitioners faced such a threat in the past year. They must no longer bury their heads in the sand like an ostrich; now is the time to take action and I intend to reach out to each Advanced Practice Nurse in Mississippi to unite and speak with one voice. In 2013 the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and the American College
of Nurse Practitioners merged into the American Association of Nurse Practitioners forming the largest organization for nurse practitioners in the world, since that time their accomplishments have been many and their strength unimaginable.

Join me in speaking to the legislators, the Board of Nursing, the Board of Medicine, and the patients with one voice that is strong and invincible.

Position of Director, Council on Health Affairs
Candidates who have qualified for this position:

Juanita Graham, DNP, RN, FRSPH
Biographical Profile: Dr. Juanita Graham coordinates special projects for the Office of Women’s Health at the Mississippi State Department of Health including grant writing, research, legislative reporting, and mortality surveillance. Dr. Graham performs contractual work for the U.S. Health Resources & Services Administration and the Agency for Health Research Quality, and teaches for several online nursing programs including courses in health policy and healthcare finance. Graham holds a BSN, MSN, and DNP from the University of Mississippi and is a Fellow of the Royal Society for Public Health, London, UK.

Dr. Graham is active with numerous professional organizations, including a previous term on the MNA Board as Director, Council on Nursing Research and multiple MNA/MNF committees and activities. Current national/international positions include a CityMatCH Board Membership, a Public Health Nursing section office with the American Public Health Association, and an International Board Membership for Nursing Knowledge International, a subsidiary of Sigma Theta Tau.

Statement of Intent: With more than a decade of public health nursing and leadership experience at state, regional, national, and international levels, Dr. Juanita Graham is exceptionally qualified for the position of Director, Council on Health Affairs. Dr. Graham's experience and expertise in state and national government activities blended with nursing professional activities provides a solid foundation for leading and coordinating state and national affairs, legislation, and policies for MNA. Dr. Graham's extensive network of professional associations and colleagues provides an excellent venue for assuring representation for Mississippi nurses in development and discussion of policies that affect Mississippi nursing practice.

Tonya A. Harbison, MSN, RN
Biographical Profile: The position of Director, Council on Health Affairs requires a highly skilled, dedicated nurse who desires to advance the practice of health care in a positive direction for nurses and the people that we care for. Currently, I have been a practicing RN within the state of Mississippi for approximately 32 years. Nursing has been a passion of mine, and I am dedicated to providing the care to patients that I would wish to be provided to my family. My nursing skills have mainly included working within the hospital setting: Intensive Care Unit, Operating Room, Post Anesthesia Care Unit, Senior Care, and Out-Patient Surgical Care Unit. Maintaining my skills and advancing my
own profession, I have completed my second Master’s Degree in Nursing Education, and am pursuing my PhD in Nursing Education & Administration at William Carey University. My strongest asset is my faith in God; I know that I can do anything with his blessings. If elected, I will serve the nurses of Mississippi with good faith, hard work, and dedication to making Mississippi a place where the community values nurses and their profession.

Statement of Intent: “Serving” and being a “servant” to the nurses of Mississippi Nurses’ Association has been the Heart of my intention by representation through the Director’s position on the Council of Health Affairs. This has also been a very productive past two years. In 2013, MNA’s Health Affairs Committee focus was on “OBAMA CARE” legislation and review of the proposed changes to the Mississippi Nurse Practice Act. Nationally, the challenge is to have a universal Nurse Practice Act to enable nurses to practice within any state of our great nation. We also promoted legislation for Full Scope of Practice Authority for Nurse Practitioners and increased salaries for Certified School Nurses. In 2014, MNA Health affairs Committee also focused on promoting legislation for Nurse Practitioners Full Scope of Practice Authority. Presently, 22 states plus Washington D.C. have Full Scope of Practice Authority and Veteran’s Administration Hospitals are currently promoting NP independent practice through Federal Legislation. We supported increased salaries for School nurses who passed “Certification” again this year, as school employees were given recognition and salary increases. We monitored every legislative bill pertaining to Health Affairs.

Some future goals of serving in this important position would include: promoting the image of nursing & MNA through advertisement and bill boards which would include safety messages such as “Save a Life-Learn CPR.”

Being a servant to the nurses of Mississippi has been the heart of my intention in serving as MNA Director of Health Affairs Committee. It has been a pleasure, privilege and honor to serve and I hope that members of MNA will re-elect me to this important position.

Position of Director, Council on Nursing Practice
Candidates who have qualified for this position:

Sandra G. Arnold, BSN, RN
Biographical Profile: I am Sandi Arnold, a registered nurse from Petal, Mississippi. I was appointed in 2011 as Director of the Council on Nursing Practice after replacing Romeatrius Moss, an active duty United States Air Force Nurse who had been deployed. I was then elected in October 2012 to continue serving MNA as Director of the Council on Nursing Practice. I am currently employed at Hattiesburg Clinic in Hattiesburg, MS as the Director of Clinical Education.

During my career of 30 years, I have been employed at Rush Hospital in Meridian, MS, St. David’s Community Hospital in Austin, Texas, and at Hattiesburg Clinic. I have served as staff nurse, nurse manager, satellite director, and in my current position
as director of education. I started my nursing career with an ADN from Meridian Community College and then received my BSN from William Carey University. I am currently pursuing my master's degree in nursing from William Carey University.

Professional affiliations include MNA, Sigma Theta Tau – Upsilon Theta Chapter, National League for Nursing, Medical Group Management Association, and the Nurse Advisory Council for William Carey University and Pearl River Community College. In addition, I serve as vice president of a local Breast Cancer Awareness Team (BCAT). I am a member of Carterville Baptist Church in Petal, Mississippi. You may reach me with questions at sandi.arnold@hattiesburgclinic.com.

Statement of Intent: As Director of the Council on Nursing Practice of the Mississippi Nurses’ Association, I feel lead to be involved by assisting the nurses in our state with information and education that will enhance his/her nursing career. I aspire to be involved with the practice of nursing through scope of nursing practice issues, the ethical and legal aspect of nursing practice, and areas of improvement for nursing practice in all fields of nursing. As we know, health care is in a constant state of motion, and we must stay abreast of how these changes will affect our nursing practices.

I am willing to work with the President of MNA and the board members and other leaders within MNA for the betterment of our nurses throughout the state of Mississippi. As one voice, we can make a difference. I hope you will give me the privilege to continue serving as Director of the Council on Nursing Practice for the Mississippi Nurses’ Association. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Position of Director, Council on Nursing Research
Candidates who have qualified for this position:

John R. Hodnett, Jr., DNP, M. Ed, MSN, RN, LPC
Biographical Profile: Dr. Hodnett is the Director of Clinical Operations at Sharkey-Issaquena Community Hospital and an Instructor for the School of Health Related Professions at The University of Mississippi Medical Center. He has a Doctorate of Nursing Practice and Master’s of Science in Nursing from The University of Alabama, a Master’s of Education in Community Counseling from Delta State University, and has been a Licensed Professional Counselor since August 1993. His clinical area is geriatric psychiatric nursing and has experience conducting psycho-therapy with multiple age groups. Furthermore, he is an expert witness for the defense in cases related to geriatric patient care. His research interests have been Alzheimer’s Disease and other dementias and how they relate to healthcare ethics. Additionally, Dr. Hodnett presented at the MNA conference last Fall and the APRN conference. He has co-authored a textbook chapter on community mental health nursing that is expected to be published later this year.

Statement of Intent: I believe that there is a daunting chasm between nursing research, including direct-theory application, and nursing practice that takes place at the patient’s side. Likewise, I believe that most nurses in direct-patient care roles do not read nursing research, have
difficulty interpreting it and/or have difficulty applying it to patient care. With the continuous changes to health care delivery directed by accrediting and certification agencies, e.g., Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the Joint Commission, nurses need to be adept in reading applicable research and applying it to practice to maintain his/her daily functioning. The Mississippi Nurses’ Association is a prime conduit through which nurses can collaborate and educate each other on the rapidly changing environment of health care delivery. If elected to this role, I would like to encourage nurses to present issues from his/her area(s) of specialty that will enhance the practice of nurses in similar roles. As a leaner, I greatly appreciate learning from someone who provides hands-on-care and is passionate about his/her area of specialty.

My educational experience has given me the tools and knowledge to conduct, read, comprehend, apply, and disseminate formal research and to comprehend and interpret abstract constructs and theoretical components in nursing and psychology. As an educator, I utilize multiple venues through which learning can be obtained and retention can be enhanced. Nurses possess a wealth of knowledge that can be disseminated among the group. Eliminating the fear of presenting to others is a remarkable challenge; however, utilizing the Council of Nursing Research forums of round-table discussions and student posters is a method through which those fears can be overcome and speakers can be honed.

As a recent doctoral graduate, I do not have delusions of grandeur and believe that I will change the face of nursing research in Mississippi; however, I can be an asset and make a strong attempt to encourage more nurses to share knowledge with others. Two experienced committee members have offered to act as mentors in my initial orientation of the committee’s duties.
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PLACE: Hall D1, MS Coast Coliseum & Convention Center, Biloxi, MS
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WHEN: Wednesday, October 22, 2014
TIME: 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
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You can join today with a monthly donation of $25.00 to the Nurses Foundation. Please select your level of support for membership into the Mississippi Nurses Foundation Coffee Club. Bank draft and credit card monthly donations will automatically renew every 12 months unless notified by the donor.

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