

# American Radiological Nurses Association



Board of Directors

**2002 Annual Business  
Meeting**

**March 31, 2003**

11:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

***BUSINESS MEETING***

***PROPOSED SCRIPT***

Kathleen:

"The Annual Business Meeting of the American Radiological Nurses Association will please come to order. We welcome you, the ARNA members and guests to our 2003 Business Meeting.

I would now like to introduce the 2002-2003 Board of Directors:

President-Elect:	Kate Little
Treasurer:	Sophia Jan
Secretary:	Delma Armstrong
3rd year Board Member:	Lynn Reid
2nd year Board Member:	Barbara Sargent
1st year Board Member:	Paulette Snoby
Immediate Past President:	Colleen Sasso

At this time it is my pleasure to introduce to you the ARNA Past Presidents who are in attendance. Would you please stand and be recognized as your name is called:

1981 to 1983	Charlotte Godwin - our First President
1984 & 1989	Martha Kail
1985	Joanna Po
1986	Elaine Deutsch-Rawls
1990	Valerie Rioux
1991	Martha Fasciano
1992	Linda Marshall
1994	Patricia Merrick
1995	Linda Morgan
1996	Virginia Clancy
1997	Laura Ginger Schultz
1998	JoAnn Belanger
2000	Patricia Doohan
2001	Colleen Sasso

I would like at this time to introduce the Chapter President's who are in attendance:

Kathleen says: "Please stand and announce your chapter."

Delma Armstrong will establish the presence of a quorum and review the standing rules.

"The Bylaws state that a quorum is constituted by the presence of 25 active members. There are at least 25 active members present, therefore a quorum is present."

"In your program are the Standing Rules for this Business Meeting.

Are there any questions to any of the printed rules?

Hearing no objections, we shall follow the rules as printed."

Delma announces the time keeper:

"\_\_\_\_\_ shall serve as our timekeeper"

Delma has agenda adopted:

"You have before you the proposed agenda for this business meeting. Are there any additions and/or corrections to the proposed agenda?"

(Note: If someone is to add to the agenda---say

"If there are no objections, we shall add..... to the agenda or we shall correct the agenda to say....."

Note: Should you hear but one objection, say

"An objection has been heard to adding....to the agenda or to correcting the agenda to say..... Those in favor of the adoption of the addition or correction say aye. Those opposed say no. The ayes have it and the agenda is corrected and/or the addition is made to the agenda. OR The nos have it and the agenda is not corrected.")

Delma has the minutes of last business meeting approved:

"Printed in your program are copies of the minutes from the 2000 and 2001 annual business meetings as approved by the Board of Directors.

Do I have a motion to accept these minutes?  
Can you please state your name for the record?

Do I have a second?  
Can you please state your name for the record?

Is there any discussion?

Those in favor of the adoption of the minutes as printed in your program say aye. Those opposed say no. The ayes have it and the minutes are approved."

Delma calls the members attention to the Historian notes for the year 2002.

Kathleen: Give the President's Report; acknowledge that in June the Board adopted a policy where Board members would no longer routinely submit written reports on their activities.

I will now call on Sophia Jan to present the Treasursr's report for 2002. (Sophia will give a brief recap of t 2002 financial report using charts and/or pie graphs)

I now call on the Executive Director, Belinda Puetz, to give the Executive Director's report.

"We will now review the reports of the committees, liaison representatives and chapter reports of the American Radiological Nurses Association. We will review the reports and make corrections and additions as necessary and adopt them all at one time. I will ask the Board member, Committee Chair, or Representative to stand to be identified to the membership if they are available.

The reports of the standing committees and representatives of ARNA appear in your program.

**NO REPORT from the Bylaws/Policy Committee**—Virginia Salgado (acknowledge that Ginny has resigned due to health reasons)

**Report of the Chapters Committee**—Laura Ginger Schultz

**NO REPORT from the Clinical Practice Committee**— Susan Small (oral report if present)



**Report from the Membership Committee—Catherine Sredzienski**

**Report from the Nominating Committee—Colleen Sasso** (Colleen announces the results of the election. A few remarks should be made and the winners of the election be requested to stand and be recognized as they are announced.)

**Report from the Program Planning Committee—Ann Oteham** (Ann Stands)

I would like to recognize the Program Planning Committee Chair: Anne Oteham who was instrumental in organizing the 2003 Spring Educational Meeting.

**Report of the Public Policy Representative—Lois Curtwright**

**NO REPORT submitted by the Scholarship Committee—Oneta (Mary) Hobson**

**NO REPORT submitted by Images Acting Editor – Delma Armstrong**

**Report from Newsletter Editor—Susan Simpson** (Susan cannot attend, mention the renaming of Newsletter to **VISION**)

**NO REPORT submitted Web Site Editor—Dixon Johnson**

**Report from the Approver Unit—Melissa Holbrook, Administrator**

**Report from the RNCB –Craig Larrimore**

Reports of the Intersociety liaison representatives:

**American College of Radiology—Kathleen Gross**

**American Healthcare Radiology Administrators—JoAnn Belanger**

**American Heart Association—Patricia Doohan**

**Nursing Organizations Alliance** (formerly the Nursing Organizations Liaison Forum and National Federation Specialty Nursing Organizations—Kathleen Gross)

**RSNA Associated Sciences Consortium—Kate Little**

**Society of Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiology—Kathleen Gross**

**The chapter annual reports are summarized in your program.**

Are there any additions or corrections to these reports?

Do I have a motion to accept the reports as printed (and corrected)?

Can you please state your name for the record?

Do I have a second?

Can you please state your name for the record?

Is there any further discussion?

Those in favor of the acceptance of the reports as printed (and corrected) please say aye. Those opposed say no. The ayes have it and the reports are accepted."

Kathleen presents the Linda Strangio Editor's Award:

In June 2002 the Board of Directors voted to rename the Editor's Award the Linda Strangio Editor's Award In recognition of Linda's contributions and service to ARNA and to *Images*.

"The Editor's award is for a professional article published in **Images** which enhances the image of the radiologic nurse. It may be one that assists the nurse in understanding a new procedure, treatment, medication, or technique; or a how-to-do article, an historical article, a research article, an educational article on caring for the care giver.

The recipient of the editor's award has their name engraved on the Editor's Award Plaque which is on display here at the meeting and also receives a check in the amount of \$200.00. This year's recipient is Gail Waagen, MSN, RN, CRN, for her work entitled, "Development of Evidence-Based Protocols for Evaluation and Management of Dysfunctional Vascular Access Devices in Interventional Radiology." which was published in the Winter 2002 issues of *Images*."

(Applause)

Kathleen presents the Charlotte Godwin Award:

"The Charlotte Godwin Award is in honor of ARNA's first President and rewards professional involvement in radiology nursing with the opportunity to attend an ARNA national meeting at a reduced cost. The Award is comprised of a complimentary meeting registration fee and \$200.00 to help offset the travel costs.

No application for this Award was received this past year, but we encourage eligible applicants to apply for this award. The call for Applications will appear in the Summer Issue of *Images and Vision*."

Colleen presents the Dorothy Budnek Scholarship:

"The Dorothy Budnek Memorial Scholarship promotes the opportunity for a member of ARNA to further their education with financial assistance to pursue a higher degree in a health related field. The Scholarship consists of \$600.00 in tuition reimbursement.

(Applause)

No application for this Award was received this past year, but we encourage eligible applicants to apply for this award. The call for Applications will appear in the Summer Issue of *Images and Vision*."

Kathleen announces the creation of the CRN Scholarship:

"This past year the ARNA Board of Directors created a new scholarship to assist individuals in sitting for the CRN examination. The awarding of this Scholarship is based upon specific criteria which will be included in the call. The Call for Applications for the CRN Scholarship will appear in the Summer issue of *Images*."

Kathleen presents the Helen Malenock Award:

"The Helen Malenock Award is one-year's complimentary membership for those who demonstrate a need and the number of awards granted each year is at the discretion of the Board. The Board granted the first Helen Malenock Award in 2000 and in order to preserve the privacy of individuals the names are not disclosed."

Kathleen acknowledges the "Stars of ARNA":

"I hope you will all take the time this week to acknowledge the many individuals who work on making all of the ARNA projects come to fruition. Their names are listed on the "Stars of ARNA" poster as well as in your business meeting materials. . Would all of the "ARNA Stars" please stand to be recognized? Let's give all of these individuals a round of applause as a small token of our appreciation."

(Applause).

"I would like to remind all of the "ARNA Stars" to stop by the ARNA information table in the hotel and pick up their certificates of appreciation. Everyone has talents--consider putting those talents to use to further the profession of radiologic nursing--please complete the "Willingness to Serve" included with your materials and also available at the ARNA Information table at the Hotel..

Kathleen will make a few remarks before installing new officers.

(Kathleen's remarks)

Kathleen installs the new officers:

#### **PRESIDENT-ELECT:**

Kathleen says: "Delma Armstrong please come forward."

"You have been elected President-elect. As President-elect you shall prepare to succeed to the office of President at the conclusion of the President's term. If for any reason the President is unable to complete her term of office, you will succeed to the Presidency. Do you accept the responsibilities of this office?"

Delma responds:

"I do."

Kathleen says: "Congratulations!"

Handshake and applause.

#### **Secretary:**

Kathleen says: "Kathy Scheffer please come forward."

"The members of the American Radiological Nurses Association have elected you as their Secretary . As secretary you will be responsible to approve the draft of all minutes prior to meeting distribution. You will be responsible to ensure that the past two years minutes are available at the annual business and all Board meetings. Serve as ex officio to ARNA Committees as designated. You will be responsible for turning over all records to the incoming Secretary at the end of your term. Do you accept these responsibilities?"

Kathy responds: "I do."

Kathleen says: "Congratulations!"

Handshake and applause.

**NEW BOARD MEMBER:**

Kathleen says: Rhonda Caridi please come forward"

"The members of the American Radiological Nurses Association have elected you to represent their interests on the Board of Directors and to be part of the team that shall be the official managers of the American Radiological Nurses Association. Do you accept these responsibilities?"

Paulette responds: "I do."

Kathleen says: "Congratulations!"

Handshake and applause.

**PRESIDENT:**

Kathleen says: "Kate Little please come forward."

"Kathleen, you have completed your term as President-elect, and now you succeed to the office of President. The office of President is the highest office in the American Radiological Nurses Association and represents the highest honor the members of the American Radiological Nurses Association can bestow. With this honor comes the responsibilities of the Chief Executive Officer of the American Radiological Nurses Association."

"These responsibilities exceed presiding over all meetings. By electing you to this office, the membership has charged you with monitoring the progress and stability of the American Radiological Nurses Association. They have placed their trust in you that the achievements of the past will be protected and expanded where appropriate, that the direction for the 2002-2003 years will enhance the American Radiological Nurses Association. Do you accept these responsibilities?"

Kate responds: "I do."

Kathleen says: "Congratulations!"

Handshake and applause.

Kathleen says: "I now proclaim the newly elected officers of the American Radiological Nurses Association duly installed and wish them the very best."

Kathleen says: "At this time I would like to present the 2002-2003 Board of Directors to you."

Introduce them: "Rhonda Caridi, newly elected Board member, to serve a three-year term.  
Paulette Snoby, Second-year Board Member  
Barbara Sargent, Third-year Board member  
Sophia Jan, Treasurer  
Kathy Scheffer, Secretary  
Delma Armstrong, President-elect  
Kate Little, President  
Kathleen Gross, Immediate Past President

Kate Gross assumes the podium:

Kate says: "Kathleen Gross please come forward.

"Kathleen for the last year --you have held the highest office of the American Radiological Nurses Association. The responsibilities of President are imposing in size and in number. As chief volunteer in an army of volunteers, you made a commitment of personal and professional time. The success of the American Radiological Nurses Association is tangible proof of your leadership and commitment.

Leadership and commitment have symbolized your administration. Though you relinquish your presidential duties shortly, your counsel as immediate past president will be invaluable during the months to come as the American Radiological Nurses Association moves forward. We look forward to your insight and counsel in the year ahead.

Please accept this gavel plaque and this gold Past President's Pin as a small token of appreciation from the members of the American Radiological Nurses Association. Congratulations"

Handshake and applause.

#### **INCOMING PRESIDENT GIVES ADDRESS**

Kate gives address.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Any necessary announcements are to be made by the appropriate individual.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Kate says: "If there is no further business to come before this assembly we shall adjourn."

Pause only long enough for someone to speak if they have to.

"There being no further business to come before us today, we are adjourned."



**American Radiological Nurses Association**  
21<sup>st</sup> Annual Business Meeting  
Monday, March 31, 2003 ♦ 11:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Salt Lake City Marriott Downtown ♦ Salt Lake City, UT

**CALL TO ORDER**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Credentials Report
3. Review of Standing Rules
4. Introduction of Time Keeper
5. Adoption of Agenda
6. Review and Approval of 2002 Business Meeting Minutes
7. Historian Notes Year 2002

Kathleen Gross  
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Delma Armstrong  
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**REPORTS**

8. President's Report
9. Treasurer's Report
10. Executive Director's Report
11. Report of Standing Committees

Kathleen Gross  
Sophia Jan  
Belinda Puetz

- Bylaws/Policy Committee
- Chapters Committee
- Clinical Practice Committee
- Membership Committee
- Nominating Committee
- Program Planning Committee
- Public Policy Committee
- Scholarship Committee

Virginia Salgado  
Laura Ginger Schultz  
Susan Small  
Catherine Sredzienski  
Colleen Sasso  
Anne Oteham  
Lois Curtwright  
Oneta (Mary) Hobson

12. Other Reports

- *Images* Acting Editor
- *Vision* (Newsletter) Editor Report
- Web Site Editor
- Continuing Education Approver Unit
- Radiologic Nursing Certification Board

Delma Armstrong  
Susan Simpson  
Dixon Johnson  
Melissa Holbrook  
Craig Larrimore

13. Inter Society Liaison

- American College of Radiology (ACR)
- American Healthcare Radiology Administrators (AHRA)
- American Heart Association (AHA)
- Nursing Organizations Alliance (The Alliance)
- RSNA Associated Sciences
- Society of Interventional Radiology (SIR)
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Kathleen Gross  
JoAnn Belanger  
Patricia Doohan  
Kathleen Gross  
Kate Little  
Kathleen Gross

14. Chapter Reports Summary

**NEW BUSINESS**

15. Installation of Officers
16. Incoming Presidential Address
17. Announcements
18. Adjournment

Kathleen Gross  
Kate Little

## STANDING RULES

1. Members shall wear identification badges (issued at registration) at all business meetings.
2. A member desiring to address the convention shall rise, and address the Chair stating his/her name and state of residence. He/she must await recognition by the Chair before addressing the convention.
3. No member shall speak in debate more than two times to the same question, no longer than two minutes, without permission of the members in attendance granted by a 2/3 vote without debate. No one may speak a second time until all those wishing to speak for the first time are permitted to do so.
4. The question will automatically be called on each item of business after ten (10) minutes of debate.
5. Members desiring to seek parliamentary inquiries or who wish to call for the question (i.e., end debate on a motion) must be appropriately recognized for such purpose.
6. All motions shall be in writing, signed by the maker and presented to the secretary.
7. Debate on a motion will not begin until the motion has been received by the Chair and read to the convention body.
8. No one may enter or leave the room during a vote.
9. The Board of Directors shall approve the minutes of each business meeting. Approved minutes will be reviewed at the next Annual Business Meeting.
10. Announcements shall be in writing, signed by the person under whose authority they are issued and shall be sent to the secretary. Except in case of emergency, announcements will be made only preceding the adjournment of the meeting.
11. Any person who attends the business meeting(s) shall conduct himself/herself in such manner as to be a credit to the organization. Any person not displaying exemplary behavior shall be subject to removal by order of the presiding officer.
12. A two-thirds (2/3) vote shall be required to suspend any of these standing rules.
13. No smoking shall be allowed during the educational programs and business meetings.

These standing rules shall be in effect until either amended or rescinded.

Effective Date: 1985  
Revised Date: 1993

**American Radiological Nurses Association  
Annual Business Meeting Minutes  
Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, Maryland  
April 8, 2002**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM EDT by President Colleen Sasso.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

President Colleen Sasso welcomed everyone to the meeting. She then introduced the 2000-2002 Board of Directors, Past Presidents, and Chapter Presidents attending the meeting.

**CREDENTIALS REPORT**

Delma Armstrong, Secretary, reviewed that the Bylaws, declare twenty-five (25) members as a quorum. Delma noted a quorum was present and the business meeting began.

**REVIEW OF STANDING RULES**

The written standing rules were accepted as printed in the program.

**TIME KEEPER**

Patricia Doohan of Rochester, NY was introduced as the time keeper.

**ADOPTING THE AGENDA**

The agenda was accepted as printed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

JoAnn Belanger moved, Elaine Deutsch-Rawls seconded, that the minutes of the 2000 and 2001 Annual Business Meetings be approved. The motion carried.

**REPORTS**

The reports were reviewed:



Board of Directors:

President, Colleen Sasso - report submitted.  
President-elect, Kathleen Gross - report submitted.  
Treasurer, Wendy Bommer - report submitted. Wendy provided the membership with a statement about the current financial status of ARNA.  
Secretary, Delma Armstrong - report submitted  
Board Member, Kate Little - report submitted.  
Board Member, Lynn Reid - report submitted.  
Board Member, Barbara Sargent - report submitted.

Committee Chairs:

Advertising Committee, Melissa Jones - report submitted.  
Bylaws/Policy Committee, Virginia Salgado - report submitted.  
Chapter Committee, Alma Kovarik - report submitted.  
Clinical Guideline Development Committee, JoAnn Belanger - report submitted.  
Continuing Education Committee, Melissa Holbrook - report submitted.  
Core Curriculum Committee, Colleen Sasso and Kathy Scheffer - report submitted.  
Editorial *Images*, Linda Strangio - report submitted.  
Newsletter, **RN NEWS**, Helen O'Daly - report submitted.  
Education Committee, Lynn Reid - report submitted. The Education Program Coordinator, Anne Oteham, was recognized and received a round of applause.  
Educational and Research Foundation, Dr. Susan Wall - report submitted.  
Historian, Charlotte Godwin - report submitted.  
Legislative Awareness Committee, Lois Curtwright - report submitted.  
Membership Committee, Catherine Sredzienski - report submitted.  
Nominating Committee, Patricia Doohan - report submitted. Pat announced the election results as follows: President-elect, Kate Little; Treasurer, Sophia Jan; Board Member, Paulette Snoby; Nominating Committee, Susan Small.  
Radiology Nursing Certification Board (RNCB), Craig Larrimore - report submitted.  
Scholarship Committee, Rhonda Caridi - report submitted.  
Strategic Planning Committee, Colleen Sasso - report submitted.  
Web Site Committee, Dixon Johnson - report submitted.

Liaisons:

American College of Radiology (ACR) Liaison, Colleen Sasso - report submitted.  
American Healthcare Radiology Administrators (AHRA) Liaison, JoAnn Belanger - report submitted.  
American Heart Association (AHA) Liaison, Patricia Doohan - report submitted.  
Nursing Organizations Alliance (NOA) [formerly the Nursing Organizations Liaison Forum/National Federation of Subspecialty Nursing Organizations (NOLF/NFSNO)] Liaison, Colleen Sasso - report submitted.  
Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) Associated Sciences Consortium Liaison, Kate Little - report submitted.

The reports of the ARNA Chapters stand.

Virginia Salgado moved, Marie Lilly seconded, that the reports be accepted. The motion carried.

President Colleen Sasso announced that ARNA was informed a year ago by the RSNA that RSNA will no longer provide management services to related societies. ARNA named a Task Force to help the Board in identifying new management for ARNA, and the Task Force and Board selected Puetz and Associates of Pensacola, Florida. The Puetz and Associates representatives in attendance were introduced: Belinda Puetz, Founder and Executive Director, and Henrietta Elston, Director of Development.

### **EDITOR'S AWARD**

The 2002 recipient of the Editor's Award is Mina Karamshi, RN, Dip, H.E., BA for her work entitled, "TIPS: Management of Variceal Bleeding Due to Portal Hypertension" which was published in the Fall 2001 issue of *Images*. Mina was not present.

### **THE CHARLOTTE GODWIN AWARD**

There were no applicants for the 2002 Charlotte Godwin Award and, therefore, none was awarded.

### **THE DOROTHY BUDNEK SCHOLARSHIP**

The 2002 recipient of the Dorothy Budnek Award is Virginia LaFaro.

### **THE HELEN MALENOCK AWARD**

The Board granted the first Helen Malenock Award in 2000 and in order to preserve the privacy of individuals the names are not disclosed.

### **STARS OF ARNA**

Colleen requested all of the "Stars of ARNA" to stand and be recognized. The "Stars of ARNA" are all the individuals who worked this past year to keep ARNA working, to help advance the progress on projects, and/or to bring some projects to completion. The "Stars" were requested to stop by the meeting room and pick up their Certificates of Appreciation, and others were encouraged to sign up and put their talents to work for ARNA.

### **2002 PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

As outgoing President, Colleen Sasso addressed the membership.

## **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

Colleen Sasso installed the new officers and directors for 2002-2003. Installed were:

Kate Little, President-elect  
Sophia Jan, Treasurer  
Paulette Snoby, Board Member  
Kathleen Gross, President

Colleen Sasso then introduced all the members of the 2002-2003 Board of Directors. They are:

Paulette Snoby, newly elected Board Member to serve three-year term.  
Barbara Sargent, second-year Board Member  
Lynn Reid, third-year Board Member  
Sophia Jan, newly elected Treasurer  
Delma Armstrong, Secretary  
Kate Little, newly elected President-elect  
Kathleen Gross, President

## **2002-2003 PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS**

Kathleen Gross presented, on behalf of the Board of Directors and membership of ARNA, a gavel plaque and a past president's pin to Colleen Sasso, 2000-2002 President.

Kathleen Gross then gave a Presidential Address.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Charlotte Godwin, first President, charter member, and Historian, praised the leadership and membership of ARNA on how far the organization has moved forward in accomplishing its goals. Charlotte received a standing ovation.

## **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, President Kathleen Gross adjourned the meeting at 2:07 PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Delma Armstrong  
Secretary

## ARNA Historian Notes Year 2002

### Annual Meeting and Twentieth Anniversary

Barbara Sargent, ARNA Director, served as the Nurse Planner and Ann Oteham was Education Program Coordinator for the Twentieth Annual Meeting and Educational Program "A Vision Quest for Radiological Nursing" held in Baltimore MD April 7-11 in conjunction with the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Assembly of the Society of Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiology (SCVIR). Senator Robert Dole addressed a joint meeting of ARNA, AVIR, and SCVIR and Commander Mary Chaffee was ARNA's keynote speaker. The educational offerings were approved for up to 32.4 contact hours awarded by the Illinois Nurses Association Continuing Education Approver Unit which is accredited by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

ARNA's twentieth anniversary celebration began in November of 2001 and culminated in festivities at the 2002 Educational Meeting. Past-President JoAnn Belanger of Efland, North Carolina coordinated ARNA's birthday party and twentieth year celebration. Former Presidents of ARNA were invited to attend the conference in honor of this significant anniversary. Outgoing President Colleen Sasso hosted a Past President's Reception as part of the celebration.

April 9, 2002 was declared American Radiological Nurses Day by proclamation of Baltimore Mayor Michael O'Malley. The ARNA Board of Directors set the second Tuesday of April to be recognized annually as Radiological Nurses Day.

An article on the Educational Meeting by incoming president Kathleen Gross was featured in *Advance for Nurses*, Maryland/DC edition, Vol 4, No 13, June 24, 2002.

The planning committee for the 2003 meeting is Anne Oteham, Sharon Lehman, Kate Little, Lynn Reid and Cory Ames.

### New Management

In June of 2002, RSNA ceased providing management services to related societies. The ARNA Board of Directors, assisted by a Management Task Force, selected Puetz and Associates of Pensacola, FL as the new management company for ARNA. RSNA awarded ARNA a grant to help with the management transition.

Staff at RSNA, Betty Rohr, Barbara Wozniak and Andrea Perr was recognized with personal gifts and thank you notes from the Board of Directors for their many years of dedicated service to ARNA.

### Continuing Education Provider/Approver Unit

The Continuing Education Provider Unit worked on the 2003 Annual Meeting (Salt Lake City) and hopes to offer additional products in the future. The Provider Unit does the actual awarding of contact hours.

A Call for Reviewers for the Continuing Education Approver Unit was issued. The Approver Unit reviews and approves programs that apply for contact hours and charges appropriate fees for this.

### Committees

Ginny Salgado of Elizabeth, NJ chaired the Bylaws/Policy Committee. Ginger Schulz of Chesterfield, MO chaired the Chapter committee. Catherine Sredzienski of Hillsborough, North Carolina chaired the Membership Committee. Colleen Sasso of Daly City, CA chaired the Nominating Committee. Rhonda Caridi of Gainesville, FL chaired the Scholarship Committee. Susan Small of Tiffin, IA chaired the Clinical Practice Committee. Lynn Reid of Holicong, PA chaired the Education and Program Committee with Barbara Sargent of Fridley, MN as Nurse Planner and Anne Oteham of Indianapolis, IN as Program Coordinator. Lois Curtwright of Cincinnati, OH served as Public Policy



Representative. Linda Marshall of Kiawah Island, SC served as Historian. Susan Simpson of Oceanside, CA served as Editor of the Newsletter. Dixon Johnson of San Diego, CA served as Editor of the Website. Delma Armstrong of Chapel Hill, NC served as the interim Editor of *Images*.

The administrator for the Continuing Education Approver Unit was Melissa Holbrook of Hillsborough, NC. The administrator for the Continuing Education Provider Unit was Lynn Reid of Holicong, PA. The American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation accredits both units.

Education and Research Foundation Chair was Dr. Susan Wall.

New Task Forces: Lifetime Membership Criteria Task Force was led by Kate Little, Revisions Task Force was led by Paulette Snoby, and the Strategic Planning Committee became the Strategic Planning Task Force and was led by Kathleen Gross of Owings Mills, MD. Other Task Forces included the *Images* Editor Selection Task Force and the Practice and Standards Task Force.

The Core Curriculum Committee was inactive and a call for Core Curriculum Editor has been issued.

Because Puetz & Associates assumes many of the tasks formerly accomplished by volunteer members, many committees were revised or disbanded. Disbanded committees include the Advertising Committee and Continuing Education Committee (since ARNA now has an ANCC-accredited Provider Unit). The Newsletter, Editorial Board/*Images*, and Website Committees were also disbanded; staff will manage them with the assistance of the appointed editors. The Legislative Awareness Committee was changed to an appointed Public Policy Representative. The Historical Committee becomes an appointed position of Historian. The Clinical Guidelines Committee changes to the Clinical Practice Committee and the Education/Program Committee was renamed the Education Committee.

#### Lifetime Member

Lifetime member status was granted to Martha Kail of Brentwood, NH. Martha was an early leader of ARNA and served twice as national president of ARNA (1984 & 1989) as well as former Editor of *Images*.

#### Radiologic Nursing Certification Board

The RNCB continues to work toward incorporation as a separate entity.

The RNCB was expanded by one member.

A Call for RNCB and Test Development Committee volunteers is announced.

In February, 61 nurses took the exam and 47 passed and in August, 59 nurses took the exam and 45 passed (75% passing rate). There are currently 367 radiological nurses who have the CRN designation.

#### Images

Mina Karamshi of London, England was named the winner of the 2002 Editor's Award for the article TIPS: Management of Variceal Bleeding Due to Portal Hypertension in *Images*, vol 20, No. 3, Fall 2001.

Linda Strangio resigned her post as Editor due to a serious illness and Delma Armstrong assumed the task of interim journal editor. The Editor's award, which recognizes writing mentorship, was renamed the Linda Strangio Editor's Award in June of 2002, in honor of Linda's hard work, passion and dedication to ARNA and *Images*. Linda's subsequent death from colon cancer in October was felt throughout the organization. A gift from ARNA was sent to the Mountainside Hospital Foundation (West Orange, NJ) in Linda's memory.

Roles and Responsibilities of the *Images* editor were created and a call for Editor was issued to the membership.

## RN News

Helen O'Daly was recognized for her years of service to the newsletter as Editor. Susan Simpson was appointed Editor of RN News. The newsletter was redesigned with the assistance of Puetz & Associates to establish a consistent 8-page layout with regular items of interest to the membership. The membership was encouraged to submit suggestions for a new name for the newsletter.

## Other Publications

A Revisions Task Force was created to review and update the following publications: Job Description – Radiology Staff Nurse, Guidelines for Radiological Nurse Orientation, Justification for a Radiology Nursing Position. These single page documents are available for sale from the ARNA National Office but were removed from sales until revision is complete.

## Liaison Activities

The Alliance (Nursing Organizations Alliance) inaugural meeting November 14-17, 2002 in Cincinnati, OH was attended by Kathleen Gross, Kate Little and Belinda Puetz. Belinda Puetz, as member of the Alliance Steering Committee was assigned to be the Alliance liaison to ARNA. There were 48 of 54 member organizations in attendance. ARNA was recognized as a charter member of The Alliance.

American College of Radiology liaison was Kathleen Gross.

American Healthcare Radiology Administrators liaison was JoAnn Belanger who attended the AHRA annual meeting.

American Heart Association liaison was Pat Doohan who attended the annual AHA meeting.

American Nurses Association liaison was Kathleen Gross who attended the national ANA Biennial Convention in Philadelphia from June 29 – July 2, 2002 on behalf of ARNA. ARNA supports ANA's strategic plan called Nursing's Agenda for the Future. With unprecedented nursing shortages predicted for the next decade, national nursing organizations have united around a shared vision of the future of the profession. Nursing's Agenda for the Future focuses on strategies to move the profession forward in quantum leaps, ensuring consumers have access to high-quality nursing care. ARNA has committed to support this strategic plan by producing a "Writing for Publication Workshop" as part of the annual Educational Meeting in 2003 in Salt Lake City, UT.

Associated Sciences Consortium liaison was Kate Little. Kate represented ARNA in this group of radiology allied professional organizations, which meets in conjunction with RSNA. Kate attended a plenary session in February and the RSNA meeting December 1-6, 2002 in Chicago.

National Committee for Clinical Laboratory Standards (NCCLS) initiative liaison Lynn Reid reported that the mission of the NCCLS was to create a quality assurance program to prepare a Quality Standard for Radiology. The standard is in final draft and therefore the objective has been met and this liaison will not need to be sustained.

Peripheral Vascular Summit - ARNA was invited to participate in the Peripheral Vascular Summit held August 2, 2002 in Reston, VA. This was a first meeting attended by Kathleen Gross and Leslie Woodward. ARNA also contributed \$1,000 to help defray the Summit's costs. ARNA representatives were invited to participate in the first Peripheral Arterial Disease Public Education Strategy Meeting, January 15-16, 2003 in Bethesda MD. This is to be a follow-up to the Peripheral Vascular Summit.

Society for Interventional Radiology (SIR) liaison was Kathleen Gross. Kathleen attended the site visit for the annual meeting where ARNA will share exhibit space with AVIR. SIR increased ARNA's financial contribution per participant for the annual meeting.

### Leadership

Kathleen Gross, ARNA President and Belinda Puetz, ARNA Executive Director attended the American Society for Association Executives (ASAE) CEO symposium. This two-day, intensive one-on-one program assists the President and Executive Director in learning to co-govern and address and handle issues that arise in the organization.

### Chapters

There are currently twenty-four chapters of ARNA. The year 2002 saw the entry of 3 new chapters (exceeding the committee's goal of two new chapters per year). The new chapters created in 2002 were Tampa Bay Chapter of ARNA, Southeast Region Radiological Nurses Association, and the South Carolina Palmetto Chapter of ARNA.

Staff created a new chapter handbook for distribution to those seeking to start a chapter.

### Member Notes

Electronic Dues Payment (which allows automatic monthly payments) was initiated with anniversary renewal (rather than annual renewal) for the convenience of both new and renewing members.

ARNA provided a toll-free number at the national office for member use.

Dues were increased slightly. Staff at the national office conducted an exit survey of those members who did not renew this year. The two main reasons for not renewing were 1) member no longer works in radiology, 2) financial situation has changed and the member can no longer afford the dues.

A membership drive proposed in the fall of 2002 will begin at the Educational Meeting in 2003 and end prior to the Educational Meeting in 2004 so the winner can be announced at the 2004 Annual Business Meeting. The winner of the membership drive will receive a one-year membership or a core curriculum text.

Total active members: 1508

### Scholarships

A new CRN scholarship was created to cover the cost of the CRN exam for a qualified applicant.

The 2002 Dorothy Budneck Award was granted to Virginia LaFaro. The Helen Malenock Award was granted to an anonymous member. There were no applicants for the Charlotte Godwin Award.

Clinical Guidelines and Bylaws are under consideration for revision.

## **Chapters Committee Report**

American Radiological Nurses Association

February 27, 2003, 2003 ♦ Salt Lake City Marriott Downtown ♦ Salt Lake City

### **Chapters Committee Summary**

**Members:** Ginger Schultz RN . BSN. , Chapter Chair , Paulette Snoby MPA. BS.N, RN , CCRN - Liaison , Alma Kovarik , RN. Jean Lugtu , RN BSN , Sue Ellen Theis RN . Brenda Hicks Wickersham RN. CRN.

**New Chapters approved this past year :** Tampa Bay Chapter , Southeast Regional RNA Chapter, South Carolina Palmetto Chapter .

**Chapter chair & Puetz Chapter Representative, Pamela Wheelis had a conference call.**

**The Chapter Committee had its first conference call on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>. The committee recommended approval of the Chapter formation workbook. The committee is researching the need for virtual chapters. The committee also is looking into a website listing for Chapter formation on [www.ARNA.net](http://www.ARNA.net) .**

**The communication process with our committee has been improved by these conference calls.**



## **Membership Committee Report**

American Radiological Nurses Association

March 31, 2003 ♦ Salt Lake City Marriott Downtown ♦ Salt Lake City, UT

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The membership committee has worked with the management support staff at the ARNA office to keep records on the number of members as well as contact information for members. The current membership stands at 1508 active members.

The membership committee initiated a membership drive this winter to encourage recruitment of new members. An extension has been granted and the membership drive will take place over one year with the winner being announced at the 2004 annual educational/business meeting.

Members of the membership committee for 2002-03 included:

Catherine Sredzienski RN, CRN Chair

Joyce Bertolino RN

Jeanette O'Keefe RN

Karen Bohnenberger RN

Carole Derucki RN

Connie Pilutti RN

Cheryl Torres RN

Luanne Greiner ANP

Marcy Parsons RN

## **Nominating Committee Report**

American Radiological Nurses Association

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**List of Members :** Chair, Colleen M. Sasso, BSN, RN, CRN; Ginger Schultz, BSN, RN; Susan Small, MA, RN; Mary Cramsey, MSHA, RN, CRN; Joanna Po, MSN, RNC, CRN; Dorothy Kirby, BSN, RN; and, Kate Little, RN, ex officio Board Member.

Relevant Strategic Goal/Objective: Determine member interest in running for national office. Prepare slate of candidates to the Board of Directors for approval and submit candidates to the membership for voting ballot.

Progress to Date/Barriers to Progress: Returned membership ballots tallied.

Current Status/Target Date for Completion: Committee task completed.

Staff Support: Staff was helpful in compiling candidate statements, formatting ballots, and tallying ballots.

## Planning Committee Report American Radiological Nurses Association

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I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the 2001-02 planning committee for their very successful educational program in Baltimore, Maryland. ARNA, at that time, celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and honored many of its past presidents. ARNA and AVIR continued their joint efforts in sharing educational resources and promoting networking sessions between two highly dedicated radiologic professional societies. The highlight of this meeting was keynote speaker, Senator Bob Dole.

The 2002-03 Planning Committee has spent the past ten months preparing for the 2003 National Educational Meeting in Salt Lake City, UT. Final preparations for the meeting are in progress at the time this report is being submitted.

I would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank the committee members who have worked so diligently and effortlessly on this year's program. The members of the committee include: Sharon Lehmann, MS, RN (Minneapolis, MN), Kate Little, RN (Durham, NC), Lynn Reid, MSN, RN, CRN (Newton, PA), Cory Ames, BSN, RN (Salt Lake City, UT). In addition, a special thank you is extended to Christy Edminster, Director of Convention Services, Puetz and Associates, who provided support, guidance and secretarial services to keep us on track.

Active efforts made by the ARNA Board in the revision of the *Call for Abstract Form and Review* and the *Evaluation Process* was very beneficial and proved successful in securing keynote nurse speakers. Ensuring a high quality educational program for the members is essential and one of ARNA's strategic goals.

A variety of nurse lectures covering the newest radiologic technology and patient care issues will be offered during this year's program. Nationally recognized radiologists will also share their knowledge and expertise with us. Breakout sessions including, diagnostic, interventional and advanced nurse practice tracks will offer additional educational options. Also included in this program will be a three-hour *Writer's Skills Workshop* that will allow nurses to gain knowledge and skills should they desire to author articles for Images and other professional journals.

Thank you to the ARNA Board for their guidance to the committee, as well as to SIR and AVIR for their outstanding coordination efforts to make this meeting a success.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne C. Oteham, BSN, RN  
Chairman, Planning Committee, 2002-03  
ARNA Educational Program

## **Public Policy Committee Report**

American Radiological Nurses Association

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The Chair will attend the Nurse in Washington Internship (NIWI) as an ARNA representative in March 2003. The NIWI program provides nurses the opportunity to learn how to influence health care through the legislative process.

A Legislative corner was established for the quarterly RN newsletter, in order to communicate current legislation activities, to members or ARNA.

There is an ongoing difficulty with getting members to join this committee, however, the committee has had wonderful support from the board of directors, when needed. Sophie C. Jan, RN, BSN, acts as the Ex-officio Board Liaison.

Submitted by

Lois A. Curtwright, RN, MSN, CPN, CNIII, Chairperson, Public Policy Committee  
SophiaC. Jan, RN, BSN, EX-officio

## Newsletter Editor Report

American Radiological Nurses Association

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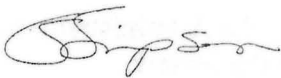
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3 editions of the "new" RN News have made it to the membership. The periodical now has a professional look and reflects the professionalism and commitment of the organization and its membership. RN News has offered a regular feature "Ask The Experts" has brought discussion from the membership and ongoing dialogue. Contributions from the ARNA President, the ARNA Chapters and the ARNA Board of Directors have also supplied our membership with interesting and provocative reading that keeps us abreast both professionally and politically.

The most recent edition of the newsletter has debued the newsletter's new name: *Vision*. The vision of ARNA has continually looked to the future, taking in the color, shape, size, details, depth and contrast of our practice. To document ARNA's vision we have created this newsletter as a tangible substantiation of the difference we are making in our radiology nursing practice. A concerted effort is made every edition to encourage contribution to the newsletter and continual search for topics and writers remains a challenge to the committee

Sue Simpson, Chuck Griffin, Bonnie Skinner, and Barb Sargent are the newsletter committee members who not only wordsmith but contribute time and ideas. They, along with the staff at National Office and are committed to continually producing a publication worthy of this fine organization.

Respectfully Submitted



Susan Simpson MSN RN  
Visions Editor



### **Approver Unit Report**

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Melissa Holbrook, MSN, RN, NP-C- Administrator,  
Cindy Sanders, MSN, RN -Reviewer  
Leslie W. Schmidt, MS, RN, CS, NP-C-Reviewer

The objective of the Approver Unit is to be able to offer contact hour credits for any radiology related topic that meets the definition set forth by ANCC as continuing education for the ARNA members.

1. ARNA submitted a progress report to the American Nurses Credentialing Center on 12/27/02. Included in the report were copies of the application packet for Educational Designs I and II, which were approved by the Board in September 2002. The report also included biographical data forms for Melissa Holbrook, Cindy Sanders, and Leslie Schmidt, who were identified as peer reviewers. I am confident that the Board will approve these individuals.
2. Application packets for Educational Designs I and II were mailed to the ARNA Chapters.
3. Information on how to obtain and submit an application for contact hour approval by the ARNA Approver Unit is posted on the ARNA Web site.
4. ARNA has now reviewed 2 applications for Educational Design I activities since the Board of Directors have approved the policies, procedures and committee members.

The approver unit goal is to have at least 6 peer reviewers other than the Administrator in the event of conflict of interest and to have a variety of expertise on the review committee. The target date to completion will be June, 2003.

Staff Support: Anita Cormier has been helpful in revising the policies and procedures and in getting the call for volunteers to the membership.

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## **Radiologic Nursing Certification Board Report**

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The RNCB met in April 2002 for an item review session. Close to one hundred items were reviewed and prepared for the examinations to come.

In October of 2002 the RNCB met in Charlotte for the purpose of reviewing the examinations to be given in 2003. Prior to that meeting, it was decided that the business portion of that meeting would be delayed until a later date. The examinations for 2003 were discussed and made ready for the examination dates in February 2003 and August 2003.

The RNCB met in March 2003 with ARNA's Executive Director Belinda Puetz to discuss the business portion which was deleted from the meeting in October 2002. We had a very productive meeting. We reviewed reasons for making the RNCB a separate entity from ARNA. The RNCB will consist of two parts; the first being the administrative board and the second being the test development committee.

Belinda is currently working with the Professional Testing Company to set up a date for the next item review session. This will probably take place in April and will be held in New York City.

Respectfully submitted,  
Craig Larrimore, RN CRN  
Shelli Cramer, RN CRN  
Mary Myrthil, RN CRN  
Joann Stevens, RN CRN

**American Healthcare Radiology Administrators Liaison Report**

American Radiological Nurses Association

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I assumed responsibility as Liaison for the Association of Healthcare Radiology Administrators at the ARNA annual meeting April 2, 2002. I attended the AHRA annual meeting "Reflections" in New Orleans July 28, - August 1, 2002.

The meeting was exciting and educational for all. ARNA shared booth space with AVIR, which was a huge success. We spoke with hundreds of Radiology Management people who were filled with many questions about Radiology Nursing and ARNA. I was also able to share many of our printed material when they visited the booth.

I also was able to attend an hour long meeting with many of the other organizations that had sent liaisons to the AHRA meeting. It was very interesting to listen to other organizations has to what issues they were having. Many groups shared the direction other Radiology Healthcare organizations are taking with both staffing and financial shortages.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnn Belanger, RN



**American Heart Association Liaison Report**

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I did share with the members in attendance, where to find the material at the Baltimore, Maryland, meeting the ACC/AHA Guideline Update for the Management of Patients With Unstable Angina and Non - ST- Segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction, Acute Stroke Treatment, and a clipboard used for Stroke Patients.

I did share with the Executive Committee Council on Cardiovascular Radiology in Baltimore, Maryland the RN News.

Attended American Heart Association Fighting Heart Disease and Stroke Council on Cardiovascular Radiology, and Intervention Leadership Committee. The meeting was held in Chicago on November 16, 2002 from 6:30 PM– 10:00 PM.

Attended the 75 Scientific Sessions 2002 in Chicago, Illinois from November 17 – 20.

Attended the Cardiovascular Nursing Reception Dinner on November 19, 2002.

Submitted by,

Patricia Doohan, RN

**Associated Sciences/RSNA Liaison Report**

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I assumed responsibility as ARNA's liaison to the Associated Sciences Consortium at the ARNA annual business meeting April 2, 2002. I attended the RSNA annual meeting in Chicago, IL, November 30 - December 5, 2002.

The meeting was well attended with numbers up from previous years. ARNA shared booth space in the exhibit hall with other Associated Sciences Consortium members. It was there that networking took place with anyone who was searching out information about ARNA. Printed materials about ARNA were available.

As the Associated Sciences liaison, I was asked to speak to a group of Chicago area High School students about Radiology nursing. A Radiologist, a physicist & a Radiologic Technologist also addressed the group. The students were invited to spend the day at RSNA as part of a program designed to inform them about career opportunities in Radiology. The program is called "Exploring Your Future in Radiology".

I also attended a day-long plenary session of the Associated Sciences Consortium that took place in Rosemont, IL on Monday, February 3, 2003. The symposia & refresher course that will be featured at the 2003 RSNA were finalized.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Little, RN

**ARNA Chapter Annual Reports  
2002 Summary**

**Alabama Chapter**

No Report Filed

**LA/Inland Empire Chapter**

No Report Filed

**San Diego Chapter**

No Report Filed

**Golden Gate Chapter**

Received 1/30/03

Helene Redsun, President; Carol Henry, President-elect; Mary Michelucci, Secretary; Sharon Bright, Treasurer; Judy Lawing, Board member; Marie Lilly, Board member; Paulette Duca, Board member

- Membership: (20)
- Meetings: Membership: (3) Board: (nr) Programs: (1) Contact hours: (1)
- General comments: We are a new chapter—a little over a year. Each meeting, we are trying to have an inservice or have time to network with other radiology nurses. We are planning a day seminar with CEU's for October for nurses and techs.

**Carolinas Chapter**

Received 2/3/03

Catherine Sredzienski, President; Andy Farmer, President-elect; Karen Crawford, Secretary; Nellie Lewis, Treasurer; Teena Thuman, Board Member

- Membership: (11)
- Meetings: Membership: (1) Board: (0) Programs: (1) Contact hours: (nr)
- General comments: A fall educational meeting was held October 5, 2002 in Chapel Hill, NC entitled "Radiology & Oncology: Combining Specialties for Optimum Patient Care." There were 25 attendees. We received very positive feedback from the attendees. We are planning a spring educational meeting in May 2003 in Greenville, SC. We are planning to use chapter funds to send one member to the annual National ARNA Educational Meeting (we will pay registration fee).

**Rocky Mountain Chapter**

Received 1/28/03

Rosemary (Mia) Barbour, President; Liz Livingston, Secretary; Sue Contos, Treasurer

- Membership: (20)
- Meetings: Membership: (5) Board: (0) Programs: (nr) Contact hours: (nr)
- General comments: Our chapter had two members participate at the 2002 SCIVIR convention. Lora Hickethier and Ilene Lake presented "Embolizations from a Nursing Perspective."

**Greater Tampa Bay Chapter**

No Report Filed

**South East Regional RNA**

Received 1/28/03

Paulette Snoby, President; Richard Elliot, Treasurer; Jane Goldberg, Secretary; Suzette Wheeler, Board member; Keelin White, Board member; Kelly Ortiz, Board member

- Membership: (11)
- Meetings: Membership: (0) Board: (5) Programs: (nr) Contact hours: (nr)
- General comments: SERRNA officially became a local chapter of ARNA in June 2002 as the first advanced practice model offering membership to Southeastern US for Radiology nurses, neuronurses, critical care nurses, AVIR RT's and ASRT RT's, Sales reps, and physicians. Its purpose is to provide a collaborative effort for continuing education within the field of radiology, mentoring opportunities, and networking. Several educational opportunities and a neuroscience conference drawing participants from GA and adjacent states are planned. We also plan to develop and implement a newsletter in the spring. Increasing membership by 100% is another goal. Empowerment of the Education Committee to develop procedure and materials for a radiology nursing mentoring program where novice radiology nurses could come to participative large radiology departments for training is also planned.

**Windy City Chapter**

Received 2/17/03

(All unofficial) Jean Lugtu, Beverly Stamps, Rosalina Gabriel, Laura Arias, Jeanette Radzak, Mark Shaulinskas

➤ Membership: (6)

➤ Meetings: Membership: (4) Board: (nr) Programs: (4) Contact hours: (nr)

General comments: Jean Lugtu is a member of the National Chapter Development Committee and participated in the ARNA Chapter President's Forum Luncheon at SIR 2002. Rosalina Gabriel took and passed Certification for Radiology in August 2002. Meetings and educational offerings were presented in May, August, October, and December.

**Maryland Chapter**

Received

No Report Filed

**New England Chapter**

No Report Filed

**Great Lakes Chapter**

No Report Filed

**Minnesota Chapter**

No Report Filed

**Gateway Area Chapter**

Received 1/30/02

Linda Gentry, President; Sue Ellen Theis, President-elect; Ginger Schultz, Secretary/Treasurer; Donna Corman, Board member/educational chair

➤ Membership: (14)

➤ Meetings: Membership: (2) Board: (4) Programs: (2) Contact hours: (4)

General comments: In June 2002, a half-day seminar was offered to RT's and RN's. The topics were Contrast Neuropathy, Pulmonary Embolism, NEW Gyn Interventions, and Carbon Dioxide Angiography. The October half-day seminar offered to RT's and RN's included the topics Lung Cancer Screening, CPT Coding, AV Fistulas, and New Interventional Techniques.

**New Jersey Chapter**

Susan Olkusz, President; Pamela Vlahakis, President-elect; Helen O'Daly, Treasurer; Dorothy Pierce, Board member; Denise Ryan, Board member; Vicky Sica, Board member

➤ Membership: (43)

➤ Meetings: Membership: (4) Board: (nr) Programs: (nr) Contact hours: (nr)

General comments: The New Jersey Chapter had the pleasure of experiencing both growth and change in 2002, mixed with sadness at the loss of our longtime Mentor and friend, Linda Strangio. The Chapter will always remember Linda's kindness and enthusiasm for Radiology Nursing as we move forward into 2003.

The past year was a busy, energetic year, in which the Chapter moved forward with members stepping into new leadership roles. Conference planning filled most of the agenda, and two successful conferences were given in 2002. On April 20, 2002, 65 radiology nurses and technologists at Hackensack University Medical Center, Hackensack, NJ, attended the conference "Radiate Into Spring". Topics included "Successful Conscious Sedation of the Pediatric Patient in Medical Imaging", "The Clinicians Approach to Cardiac Stress Testing, Update in Coronary Artery Disease", "Late Effects of Radiation Therapy", and "PET Imaging for the Health Professional". All speakers received excellent reviews, with a lovely lunch included and door prizes given, the day was a huge success.

"Images of Autumn," the Fall symposium, was hosted Oct. 19, 2002 at Hunterdon Medical Center, Flemington, NJ. In attendance were 35 nurses and technologists who enjoyed topics including "Vertebroplasty", "The Business of Medical Imaging", "Radiologic Intervention in End-Stage Renal Disease", and "Fusion CT/PET Imaging". Again lunch and door prizes were provided, and the speakers were well received.

We are currently planning our Spring Symposium and invite all to attend. The conference is entitled "Spring Illuminations" and will be held Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2003 at Hackensack University Medical Center, Hackensack, NJ. The conference will begin at 08:45 am with lunch included and exciting topics that affect your practice in Medical Imaging.

We hope 2003 will be a year of continued growth for the New Jersey Chapter, and extend an open invitation to all NJ ARNA nurses to join us in our support and endeavors for Radiology Nursing.

Wishing Everyone a Healthy 2003!

Pamela Vlahakis, RN

Past President NJ ARNA

#### Empire State Chapter

No Report Filed

#### Long Island Chapter

Janet Barry-DiMartino, President; Theresa Murphy, President-elect; Kathy Zarcone, Treasurer; Donna Blaskopf, Board member; Mary McIntosh, Board member; Regina Kennelly, Board member

➤ Membership: (8)

➤ Meetings: Membership: (1) Board: (nr) Programs: (nr) Contact hours: (nr)

General comments: Our last meeting before 1/29/03 was March 2002. Our normal elections are held in October but it has been difficult getting attendees to meetings and commitments. Right now, we have 8 official members since that was all that attended the Jan meeting. We will be sending out a survey to see if the other nurses are interested in maintaining this chapter and how to go about it. Our meeting in Jan consisted of a lecture by Theresa Murphy on PICC lines, networking and our elections. Only 3 hospitals were represented...the same people. We are getting frustrated and hope the others will get involved to keep the chapter going. If you have any questions or suggestions please let me know. Thanks.

Sincerely,

Donna Blaskopf

Past President

#### Mid Hudson Chapter

No Report Filed

#### Ohio Radiological Chapter

No Report Filed

#### Philadelphia Regional Chapter

Received 1/29/03

Deborah Bass Lang, President; Mary Cramsey, President-elect; Patrick Glickman, Secretary; Leslye Durilla, Treasurer

➤ Membership: (25)

➤ Meetings: Membership: (4) Board: (nr) Programs: (nr) Contact hours: (nr)

General comments: Our meetings are bimonthly dinner/business meetings held in January, March, May, September, and November. We have been integrating our meetings with the Philadelphia Angiography and Interventional Radiology Society at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and partnering with AVIR. This has been an attempt to see the effect of having our meetings at the same facility and how that might affect membership participation. It was also due to low turnout; we could dovetail with the Angio Club to facilitate educational presentation of case review and new procedure. AVIR also is trying to get a Philadelphia chapter started, so members were encouraged to bring technologists to the meetings. We were able to award two (2) scholarships to assist members to attend ARNA's 2002 Spring Educational Meeting in Baltimore. The expectation was that presented information would be shared with members who were unable to attend. Focus for 2003 is to increase membership and participation. To continue to provide education and support, to encourage networking within local and national chapter membership, provide scholarships to enable members to attend national meetings, and to encourage certification in radiology nursing are all goals we will be pursuing in 2003.



**South Carolina Palmetto Chapter**

Received 1/23/03

Mary R. Williams, President; Debbie McCullough, President-elect; Brenda Swant, Secretary; Marilyn Johnson, Treasurer; Carol Corbin, Board member; Marlene O'Leary, Board member; Melanie Lorrain, Board member

- Membership: (14)
- Meetings: New chapter; meetings will be bi-monthly

General comments: A core group of Radiology nurses from MUSC have been meeting over the past year to establish a local radiology chapter. We made several attempts to include other local hospitals by having frequent meetings. The meetings took place at different times and places. The first meeting was in August 2001 in an attempt to get the chapter established. After several meetings, a core group was established and they proceeded forward. In 2002, we established our bylaws, our name (South Carolina Palmetto Chapter), and held elections for officers. Our place of employment paid for our national dues to help establish members. We held our first Board meeting on January 19, 2003. At this meeting, we established our bank account. We planned our agenda for the entire year and revised our bylaws. We currently are waiting on the National organization's approval in regards to our chapter formation. We contacted all local National members with a cover letter, application for local membership, and a year's agenda.

Mary R. Williams

**Texas Gulf Coast Chapter**

Received 1/29/03

Patti Perron, President; Edna Hilahan, Secretary/Treasurer; Joanna Po, Board member; Valerie Rioux, Board member; Anna McGavin, Board member

- Membership: (15)
- Meetings: Membership: (nr) Board: (nr) Programs: (8) Contact hours: (7.2)

General comments: Programs presented included the following:

- Radio-frequency Ablation of Liver Tumors
- PET - -Part 2 Care of the Patient
- Introduction to Radiation Oncology
- Benign Breast Calcification
- Oncologic Emergencies
- Gyn Interventional Radiology
- Neuro-Interventional Radiology
- Neuro-Imaging of Dementia

**Colonial Chapter**

No Report Filed

**Northwest Chapter**

No Report Filed

# **ARNA'S STARS**

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Liaison to American College of Radiology  
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## ARNA Historian Notes Year 2002 - 03

### Annual Meeting and Twentieth Anniversary

Barbara Sargent, ARNA Director, served as the Nurse Planner and Ann Oteham was Education Program Coordinator for the Twentieth Annual Meeting and Educational Program "A Vision Quest for Radiological Nursing" held in Baltimore MD April 7-11 in conjunction with the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Assembly of the Society of Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiology (SCVIR). Senator Robert Dole addressed a joint meeting of ARNA, AVIR, and SCVIR and Commander Mary Chaffee was ARNA's keynote speaker. The educational offerings were approved for up to 32.4 contact hours awarded by the Illinois Nurses Association Continuing Education Approver Unit which is accredited by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

ARNA's twentieth anniversary celebration began in November of 2001 and culminated in festivities at the 2002 Educational Meeting. Past-President JoAnn Belanger of Efland, North Carolina coordinated ARNA's birthday party and twentieth year celebration. Former Presidents of ARNA were invited to attend the conference in honor of this significant anniversary. Outgoing President Colleen Sasso hosted a Past President's Reception as part of the celebration.

April 9, 2002 was declared American Radiological Nurses Day by proclamation of Baltimore Mayor Michael O'Malley. The ARNA Board of Directors set the second Tuesday of April to be recognized annually as Radiological Nurses Day.

An article on the Educational Meeting by incoming president Kathleen Gross was featured in *Advance for Nurses*, Maryland/DC edition, Vol 4, No 13, June 24, 2002.

The planning committee for the 2003 meeting is Anne Oteham, Sharon Lehman, Kate Little, Lynn Reid and Cory Ames.

### New Management

In June of 2002, RSNA ceased providing management services to related societies. The ARNA Board of Directors, assisted by a Management Task Force, selected Puetz and Associates of Pensacola, FL as the new management company for ARNA. RSNA awarded ARNA a grant to help with the management transition.

Staff at RSNA, Betty Rohr, Barbara Wozniak and Andrea Perr was recognized with personal gifts and thank you notes from the Board of Directors for their many years of dedicated service to ARNA.

### Continuing Education Provider/Approver Unit

The Continuing Education Provider Unit worked on the 2003 Annual Meeting (Salt Lake City) and hopes to offer additional products in the future. The Provider Unit does the actual awarding of contact hours.

A Call for Reviewers for the Continuing Education Approver Unit was issued. The Approver Unit reviews and approves programs that apply for contact hours and charges appropriate fees for this.

### Committees

Ginny Salgado of Elizabeth, NJ chaired the Bylaws/Policy Committee. Ginger Schulz of Chesterfield, MO chaired the Chapter committee. Catherine Sredzienski of Hillsborough, North Carolina chaired the Membership Committee. Colleen Sasso of Daly City, CA chaired the Nominating Committee. Rhonda Caridi of Gainesville, FL chaired the Scholarship Committee. Susan Small of Tiffin, IA chaired the Clinical Practice Committee. Lynn Reid of Holicong, PA chaired the Education and Program Committee with Barbara Sargent of Fridley, MN as Nurse Planner and Anne Oteham of Indianapolis, IN as Program Coordinator. Lois Curtwright of Cincinnati, OH served as Public Policy



Representative. Linda Marshall of Kiawah Island, SC served as Historian. Susan Simpson of Oceanside, CA served as Editor of the Newsletter. Dixon Johnson of San Diego, CA served as Editor of the Website. Delma Armstrong of Chapel Hill, NC served as the interim Editor of Images.

The administrator for the Continuing Education Approver Unit was Melissa Holbrook of Hillsborough, NC. The administrator for the Continuing Education Provider Unit was Lynn Reid of Holicong, PA. The American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation accredits both units.

Education and Research Foundation Chair was Dr. Susan Wall.

New Task Forces: Lifetime Membership Criteria Task Force was led by Kate Little, Revisions Task Force was led by Paulette Snoby, and the Strategic Planning Committee became the Strategic Planning Task Force and was led by Kathleen Gross of Owings Mills, MD. Other Task Forces included the Images Editor Selection Task Force and the Practice and Standards Task Force.

The Core Curriculum Committee was inactive and a call for Core Curriculum Editor has been issued.

Because Puetz & Associates assumes many of the tasks formerly accomplished by volunteer members, many committees were revised or disbanded. Disbanded committees include the Advertising Committee and Continuing Education Committee (since ARNA now has an ANCC-accredited Provider Unit). The Newsletter, Editorial Board/Images, and Website Committees were also disbanded; staff will manage them with the assistance of the appointed editors. The Legislative Awareness Committee was changed to an appointed Public Policy Representative. The Historical Committee becomes an appointed position of Historian. The Clinical Guidelines Committee changes to the Clinical Practice Committee and the Education/Program Committee was renamed the Education Committee.

#### Lifetime Member

Lifetime member status was granted to Martha Kail of Brentwood, NH. Martha was an early leader of ARNA and served twice as national president of ARNA (1984 & 1989) as well as former Editor of *Images*.

#### Radiologic Nursing Certification Board

The RNCB continues to work toward incorporation as a separate entity.

The RNCB was expanded by one member.

A Call for RNCB and Test Development Committee volunteers is announced.

In February, 61 nurses took the exam and 47 passed and in August, 59 nurses took the exam and 45 passed (75% passing rate). There are currently 367 radiological nurses who have the CRN designation.

#### Images

Mina Karamshi of London, England was named the winner of the 2002 Editor's Award for the article TIPS: Management of Variceal Bleeding Due to Portal Hypertension in *Images*, vol 20, No. 3, Fall 2001.

Linda Strangio resigned her post as Editor due to a serious illness and Delma Armstrong assumed the task of interim journal editor. The Editor's award, which recognizes writing mentorship, was renamed the Linda Strangio Editor's Award in June of 2002, in honor of Linda's hard work, passion and dedication to ARNA and *Images*. Linda's subsequent death from colon cancer in October was felt throughout the organization. A gift from ARNA was sent to the Mountainside Hospital Foundation (West Orange, NJ) in Linda's memory.

Roles and Responsibilities of the *Images* editor were created and a call for Editor was issued to the membership.

### RN News

Helen O'Daly was recognized for her years of service to the newsletter as Editor. Susan Simpson was appointed Editor of RN News. The newsletter was redesigned with the assistance of Puetz & Associates to establish a consistent 8-page layout with regular items of interest to the membership. The membership was encouraged to submit suggestions for a new name for the newsletter.

### Other Publications

A Revisions Task Force was created to review and update the following publications: Job Description – Radiology Staff Nurse, Guidelines for Radiological Nurse Orientation, Justification for a Radiology Nursing Position. These single page documents are available for sale from the ARNA National Office but were removed from sales until revision is complete.

### Liaison Activities

The Alliance (Nursing Organizations Alliance) inaugural meeting November 14-17, 2002 in Cincinnati, OH was attended by Kathleen Gross, Kate Little and Belinda Puetz. Belinda Puetz, as member of the Alliance Steering Committee was assigned to be the Alliance liaison to ARNA. There were 48 of 54 member organizations in attendance. ARNA was recognized as a charter member of The Alliance.

American College of Radiology liaison was Kathleen Gross.

American Healthcare Radiology Administrators liaison was JoAnn Belanger who attended the AHRA annual meeting.

American Heart Association liaison was Pat Doohan who attended the annual AHA meeting.

American Nurses Association liaison was Kathleen Gross who attended the national ANA Biennial Convention in Philadelphia from June 29 – July 2, 2002 on behalf of ARNA. ARNA supports ANA's strategic plan called Nursing's Agenda for the Future. With unprecedented nursing shortages predicted for the next decade, national nursing organizations have united around a shared vision of the future of the profession. Nursing's Agenda for the Future focuses on strategies to move the profession forward in quantum leaps, ensuring consumers have access to high-quality nursing care. ARNA has committed to support this strategic plan by producing a "Writing for Publication Workshop" as part of the annual Educational Meeting in 2003 in Salt Lake City, UT.

Associated Sciences Consortium liaison was Kate Little. Kate represented ARNA in this group of radiology allied professional organizations, which meets in conjunction with RSNA. Kate attended a plenary session in February and the RSNA meeting December 1-6, 2002 in Chicago.

National Committee for Clinical Laboratory Standards (NCCLS) initiative liaison Lynn Reid reported that the mission of the NCCLS was to create a quality assurance program to prepare a Quality Standard for Radiology. The standard is in final draft and therefore the objective has been met and this liaison will not need to be sustained.

Peripheral Vascular Summit - ARNA was invited to participate in the Peripheral Vascular Summit held August 2, 2002 in Reston, VA. This was a first meeting attended by Kathleen Gross and Leslies Woodward. ARNA also contributed \$1,000 to help defray the Summit's costs. ARNA representatives were invited to participate in the first Peripheral Arterial Disease Public Education Strategy Meeting, January 15-16, 2003 in Bethesda MD. This is to be a follow-up to the Peripheral Vascular Summit.

Society for Interventional Radiology (SIR) liaison was Kathleen Gross. Kathleen attended the site visit for the annual meeting where ARNA will share exhibit space with AVIR. SIR increased ARNA's financial contribution per participant for the annual meeting.



### Leadership

Kathleen Gross, ARNA President and Belinda Puetz, ARNA Executive Director attended the American Society for Association Executives (ASAE) CEO symposium. This two-day, intensive one-on-one program assists the President and Executive Director in learning to co-govern and address and handle issues that arise in the organization.

### Chapters

There are currently twenty-four chapters of ARNA. The year 2002 saw the entry of 3 new chapters (exceeding the committee's goal of two new chapters per year). The new chapters created in 2002 were Tampa Bay Chapter of ARNA, SoutEast Region Radiological Nurses Associaion, and the South Carolina Palmetto Chapter of ARNA.

Staff created a new chapter handbook for distribution to those seeking to start a chapter.

### Member Notes

Electronic Dues Payment (which allows automatic monthly payments) was initiated with anniversary renewal (rather than annual renewal) for the convenience of both new and renewing members.

ARNA provided a toll-free number at the national office for member use.

Dues were increased slightly. Staff at the national office conducted an exit survey of those members who did not renew this year. The two main reasons for not renewing were 1) member no longer works in radiology, 2) financial situation has changed and the member can no longer afford the dues.

A membership drive proposed in the fall of 2002 will begin at the Educational Meeting in 2003 and end prior to the Educational Meeting in 2004 so the winner can be announced at the 2004 Annual Business Meeting. The winner of the membership drive will receive a one-year membership or a core curriculum text.

Total active members: 1508

### Scholarships

A new CRN scholarship was created to cover the cost of the CRN exam for a qualified applicant.

The 2002 Dorothy Budneck Award was granted to Virginia LaFaro. The Helen Malenock Award was granted to an anonymous member. There were no applicants for the Charlotte Godwin Award.

Clinical Guidelines and Bylaws are under consideration for revision.