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American Radiological Nurses Association Historical Report 2005-2006

The American Radiological Nurses Association is celebrating its 25th Anniversary!

The ARNA Board of Directors for 2005-2006 was installed at the annual convention held in New Orleans, LA. New officers and board members included: President- Paulette Snoby, President elect- Patrick Glickman, Secretary- Sharon Lehmann, Treasurer- Sophia Jan, Board members- Rhonda Caridi, Kathy Scheffer, Dixon Johnson, and Immediate Past President- Delma Armstrong. Dixon Johnson resigned in November 2005 and the Board appointed Virginia Girard to fill his position. The Board of Directors held a fall retreat in Las Vegas at the Stardust Hotel to see the meeting space prior to the convention in June 2006. In February 2006 the Board of Directors met in Atlanta to work on the orientation materials and begin work on position statements and fast facts. The strategic planning that occurred with Glenn Tecker is reviewed with each Board of Directors meeting.

PUBLICATIONS

Kathleen Gross, MSN, RN, BC, CRN, was selected as editor of the *Journal of Radiology Nursing (JRN)* and started in July 2005. A writer's workshop by Belinda Puetz, PhD, RN was held at the annual convention New Orleans to encourage publication. This was very well received. Kathleen has had a variety of articles submitted for publication. A new feature has been added: *Review of the Literature*. Kathleen is currently establishing a new Editorial Board.

Visions, the quarterly ARNA newsletter, continues to be published. It remains dedicated to keeping the ARNA Chapters and members informed of practice updates, educational offerings, and activities of ARNA. The publication has been without an editor for the past year. Delma Armstrong, BSN, RN, CRN, has agreed to serve as the editor once her duties as the immediate past president are completed.

Colleen Sasso, BSN, RN, CRN, continues to head the revision of the 2nd Edition of the *Core Curriculum* as editor. Progress is being made, however; the original target date for publishing, which was May 2006, has been pushed back indefinitely. It is hoped that all of the chapters will be completed and will be ready for review by the fall of 2006.

The ARNA Web site has undergone a complete revision with several added features for membership and chapters. The go live date occurred in October 2005. Online membership application and renewal, chapter news, membership directory, and potential educational offerings are all part of the improved design. Rich Hightower is serving as the Web Site Editor.

ANNUAL CONVENTION

The 2005 annual convention was held in New Orleans, LA with 535 ARNA registrants attending. This was the largest convention to date for ARNA. Poster presentations continued to be well received.

MEMBERSHIP

The current membership as of February 2006 stands at 1654 active members. A member orientation is planned for the annual convention.

CHAPTERS

There are 27 active local chapters of ARNA. The goal remains to eventually establish chapters in all 50 states. The South East Region chapter dissolved this past year.

LIAISON RELATIONSHIPS

Vascular Disease Foundation (VDF) and PAD Coalition

Kathleen Gross has served as liaison for the Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD) Education Committee of VDF. The PAD Coalition is launching a public awareness campaign about the diagnosis and treatment of peripheral arterial disease in September 2006. ARNA will have a portal page on the PAD Coalition Web site.

American Healthcare Radiology Administrators (AHRA)

Paulette Snoby represented ARNA at the AHRA annual conference. Questions continue to be asked about radiological nursing by radiology administrators. This remains an excellent networking opportunity to promote ARNA's goals and mission.

Nursing Organizations Alliance (The Alliance)

Paulette Snoby and Sharon Lehmann attended the annual summit of the Alliance in San Antonio, TX, in November 2005. Representatives from both large and small organizations attended and shared their organizations' accomplishments and struggles. Paulette reported on ARNA's certification program and review course, the 25th Anniversary Convention, and development of orientation materials.

Radiological Society of North America (RSNA)

JoAnn Belanger attended the RSNA Chicago Annual Meeting and presented information about the national patient safety goal of right side/right site. JoAnn would like to step down from this role and is looking for someone who would like a new career challenge. The topic for next year is Medication Errors.

American College of Radiology (ACR)

Sophia Jan is the liaison for the ACR safety committee.

American Heart Association (AHA)

Patricia Doohan served as liaison for AHA. The "Go Red for Women" campaign continues in 2006 to heighten awareness of women's heart disease.

Nurse Competence in Aging

ARNA was awarded the ANA-SNAP-G grant by the Hartford Institute. The grant is for two years and is aimed at educating and incorporating geriatric issues into the radiological work environment. The ARNA Web site currently features a hyperlink to *Geronurse* online. A Special Interest Group for Care of Older Adults has been developed by ARNA. Kate Little has served as the representative in 2005.

Legs for Life

Jane Goldberg served as the liaison for the Legs for Life program.

Society of Interventional Radiology

Paulette Snoby served as the liaison to the Society of Interventional Radiology (SIR).

COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES

Chapters Committee: Patricia Doohan served as Chair of the Chapters Committee in 2005. The Chapter Committee will present a session on chapter development at the 2006 Convention. There is 1 chapter currently under formation

Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee, with Delma Armstrong as Chair, solicited members to run for President Elect, Treasurer, and Board member. A ballot was mailed out to the members in April with election results to be announced at the annual convention.

Planning Committee: Mag Browne-McManus served as Chair of the 2006 Planning Committee. The Committee completed program development and speaker designation for the 2006 ARNA annual convention in Las Vegas. The Planning Committee reviewed 44 abstracts for concurrent sessions and posters. Because of the large number of proposals received, presenters who were not selected for concurrent sessions were asked if they would like to present a poster. 15 posters were accepted. The Committee has been given a unique challenge this year because ARNA is holding its annual convention without SIR and AVIR. The convention will be 2½ days long. There will

be 2 pre-convention workshops that are optional. Exhibitors will be present for 1½ days. This year ARNA is celebrating its 25th anniversary as a Society there will be a special celebration.

Scholarship Review Task Force: Oneta Hobson continues to serve as chair of this task force. One Charlotte Godwin scholarship, one Dorothy Budnek scholarship, and one Helen Malenock award will be awarded at the annual convention.

Standards Task Force: The Standards Task Force revised the *Scope and Standards of Radiology Nursing*. The revised document has been forwarded to the American Nurses Association (ANA) for approval. It is currently under review by the ANA Nursing Practice and Economics Committee. Once the ANA has approved the document it will be printed and distributed through American Nurses Publishing.

CRN Certification Prep Course Task Force: The Board appointed a CRN Certification Prep Course Task Force in 2004. The Task Force developed a Certification Prep Course which was presented as a preconvention workshop on March 31, 2005, one day prior to the start of the 2005 annual convention in New Orleans. The course was very successful.

Kathy Johnson and Edith Moser are serving as Co-Chairs of the Certification Prep Course Task Force for 2005. What became very clear after the first course is that it needed to be expanded to two days because of all of the material that needed to be presented and so for 2006 the course will be 2 days long. There will 4 presenters for the course that will be held on June 21 and June 22, 2006, in Las Vegas.

Orientation Task Force: Karen Green is serving as Chair of the Orientation Task Force. The Task Force has completed a first draft of the orientation document that is undergoing review by board members. The task force members will be presenting a series of lectures at the convention in Las Vegas designed for the new radiology nurse to follow sequentially through the concurrent sessions.

Public Policy: Lois Cartwright is serving as a mentor for Wendy Hamlin in representing ARNA in public policy.

Radiology Nurse of the Year Award: This year marks the first time that this award will be given. To be eligible an individual must be an active ARNA member for 3 years, practicing in radiology, nominated by an ARNA member, seen as a leader by peers, adhere to standards of practice, have evidence of ongoing education relevant to radiology nursing, advocate for quality patient care, demonstrate leadership and be seen as role model.

ARNA BYLAWS

ARNA's bylaws revision was completed in 2005 and will be sent for approval in 2006. The proposed bylaws incorporate the approved ARNA core purpose and goals that were revised during the strategic planning session in September 2004.

RADIOLOGICAL NURSES CERTIFICATION BOARD (RNCB)

Following the February 2006 exam, the RNCB will no longer use Professional Testing Corporation to administer the exam. The exam will be administered by the Center for Nursing Education and Testing (C-NET). The criteria for the exam remain the same; however, the testing dates have been changed. The exam will be administered in May and October. There will be no May exam in 2006. Applications and guidelines are available on the ARNA Web site.

MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Puetz & Associates remains steadfast in its management of ARNA. The guidance of staff has allowed the Association to prosper and undertake new and exciting opportunities to advance the mission and strategic plan of ARNA.

Respectfully submitted,
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Secretary, ARNA
Historian 2005