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## **ARNA Historical Report 2006-2007**

The American Radiological Nurses Association celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Las Vegas June 22-25, 2006.

The ARNA Board of Directors (BOD) for 2006-2007 was installed at the annual educational meeting. New officers and board members include: President- Patrick Glickman, President-elect – Kathy Scheffer, Secretary - Sharon Lehmann, Treasurer- Diana Denz, Board members- Karen Green, Virginia Girard, Tim McSorley and Immediate Past President- Paulette Snoby. The BOD's held a fall retreat in Philadelphia September 13-14, 2006. January 12-13, 2007 the BOD's met in Dallas for the winter retreat. The focus of the board meetings has been to enhance web site development, strengthen our commitment to education and research ways to expand this for ARNA, and strengthen our financial picture. We are developing a train the trainer role, an evidence based practice committee and the addition of a fall weekend conference. The strategic planning that occurred with Glen Tucker is reviewed with each BOD meeting.

### **ARNA PUBLICATIONS**

Kathleen Gross, MSN, RN, BC, CRN, is the editor of the *Journal of Radiology Nursing (JRN)*. Kathleen has had a variety of articles submitted for publication. The editorial board is in place and guest reviewers will be used when additional expertise is needed. Kathleen is planning on giving a breakout lecture at the annual meeting to be held in Seattle in March 2007. Starting in January 2007 each issue will include one Continuing Education article, that will award one contact hour.

*Vision*, the quarterly ARNA newsletter, continues to be published. Delma Armstrong, BSN, RN, CRN became the editor in July 2006. The newsletter remains dedicated to keeping the ARNA Chapters and members informed of practice updates, educational offerings, and activities of ARNA. The BOD's is exploring the idea of moving to an on-line version of the newsletter for its membership.

Colleen Sasso, BSN, RN, CRN, continues to head the revision of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the *Core Curriculum* as editor. Tremendous progress is being made, however, the original target date for publishing, which was May 2006 has been pushed back indefinitely.

The ARNA Web site continues to expand. Online membership application and renewal, chapter news, membership directory, and potential educational offerings are just a few of the highlights. In the members only section you can find the fast facts and the special interest groups sections where you can ask questions and engage in dialogue. We have also started our listserv. There are links to other professional web sites of which the BOD's feel could be of great benefit ARNA members. Rich Hightower is serving as the web site editor.

## **ANNUAL CONVENTION**

The 2006 annual educational meeting was held in Las Vegas, NV with 532 ARNA registrants attending. This was the first meeting held on our own and we remain strong in our participation in our annual meetings. Poster presentations continued to be well received. A 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala dinner celebration was held, and entertainment was provided by a local magician. Ample opportunity for networking occurred and a wonderful anniversary cake was served one afternoon.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

The current membership as of February 2007 stands at 2068 active members. In the past year we have gained 677 new members. WOW! A member orientation is planned for the annual education meeting

## **CHAPTERS**

There are 26 active local chapters of ARNA. The Mid-South chapter of Tennessee/Kentucky was Chartered in June 2006. 2 new chapters formed this past year: Blue Ridge Chapter in Virginia and the Triangle Area Radiology Nurses Association in North Carolina. A chapter in Maine is in the process of being formed.

## **ARNA'S 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 has launched a public awareness campaign about the diagnosis and treatment of peripheral arterial disease in September 2006. ARNA has a portal page on the PAD coalition website. Diane Treat-Jacobson, President of SVN will present a lecture about PAD and her research at the annual education meeting.

### **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)**

Patrick Glickman and Kathy Scheffer attended the annual summit of the Alliance in Nashville, TN, in November 2006. Representatives from both large and small organizations attended. The focus this year was on Nursing informatics and Nursing's Image and its impact on the media.

### **Radiological Society of North America (RSNA)**

Patrick Glickman attended the RSNA Chicago Annual Meeting and presented information about the JCAAHO national patient safety goals, focusing mainly on Medication Errors and this relates to Radiology. Patrick emphasized that contrast is a medication and as such should be administered by nursing. This session was well attended.

### **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 continues with the ANA-SNAP-G grant by the Hartford Institute. The grant is aimed at educating and incorporating geriatric issues into the radiological work environment. The ARNA website currently features a hyperlink to Geronurse online. There is a Special Interest Group for Care of Older Adults and Anne Oteham has served as the representative in 2006.

### **TIGER Summit (Evidence and Informatics Transforming Nursing)**

Melissa Finnegan served as the liaison. We need to ready nurses for the transformation to the IT practice. ARNA would like to create a special interest group for IT. First ARNA needs to survey its members to assess IT needs, comfort levels, education and best methods for distribution of information. Melissa will present an overview from her attendance at the Summit which was held in October 2006, and roll out the plan for ARNA.

### **ARNA 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 2007 Convention. The BOD's charged the chapters with the task of connecting with the members who did not renew to find out why and to encourage renewal.

**Nominating Committee:** The Nominating Committee, with Paulette Snoby as Chair, solicited members to run for President Elect, Secretary, Board member and Nominating Committee. A ballot was mailed out to the members in November with election results to be announced at the annual education meeting.

**Planning Committee:** Mag Browne-McManus served as Chair of the 2007 Planning Committee. The Committee completed program development and speaker designation for the 2007 ARNA annual meeting in Seattle. The Planning Committee reviewed 51 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. 23 posters were accepted. The theme for this year's education meeting is 'Enhancing Safe Practices Through Technology in Radiology'.

Nursing'. There will be 3 full days of lectures and 2, ½ days. An afternoon leadership workshop will be led by Kim Parkinson, due to the high demand from last year. We will continue the first day of our meeting jointly with AVIR.

**Awards Task Force:** Virginia Girard served as liaison from the board. Awards will be announced at the annual education meeting. The Carolyn Bennett CRN exam Scholarship was established in 2006 to provide financial assistance to ARNA members who are seeking to become certified radiology nurses. The recipient will receive complimentary registration for the CRN exam.

**Standards Task Force:** *The Scope and Standards of Practice Radiology Nursing* has been published by the American Nurses Association (ANA) in November 2006. A copy was mailed to the membership in December 2006.

**CRN Certification Prep Course Task Force:** Kathy Johnson and Edith Moser served as Co-Chairs of the Certification Prep Course Task Force for 2006. The course was expanded to two days in 2006 and was considered to be more thorough, and less rushed. There were 4 presenters for the course that was held on June 21 and June 22, 2006 in Las Vegas. The course will again be presented in Seattle. The course will be audio taped so it can later be sold in the form of a CD package.

**Orientation Task Force:** Karen Green is serving as Chair of the Orientation Task Force. The task force members presented a series of lectures at the annual education meeting in Las Vegas that was designed for the new Radiology Nurse. The speaker reviews were favorable and several individuals felt this series of lectures to be valuable and so they will be offered in 2007. The Orientation Booklet has undergone review and is being piloted at two hospitals. The goal is to have the booklet professionally published.

**Public Policy:** Wendy Hamlin in representing ARNA in public policy. Wendy has written articles for Vision that are not only educational but of great interest to nursing in general and reflect how nursing can voice their opinions.

**Radiology Nurse of the Year Award:** To be eligible you must be an active ARNA member for 3 years, practicing in Radiology, nominated by an ARNA member, seen as a leader by your peers, adhere to standards of practice, have evidence of ongoing education relevant to radiology nursing, advocate for quality patient care and demonstrate leadership and be seen as role model. In 2006 the first Radiology Nurse of the Year Award was given to Patricia Doohan.

## **ARNA BYLAWS**

The ARNA bylaws revision was mailed out to the membership in November 2006 for approval. The new bylaws incorporated the ARNA approved core purpose and goals that were revised during the strategic planning session in September 2004. They were approved in December 2006.

### **RADIOLOGICAL NURSES CERTIFICATION BOARD (RNCB)**

In February 2006 the exam started to be administered by the Center for Nursing Education and Testing (C-NET). The criteria for the exam have remained the same, however the testing sites were revised. The exam is administered in May and October. Applications and guidelines are available on the ARNA web site.

Contact hours for the following will no longer be accepted for recertification: BLS, PALS, NALS, ACLS certification/recertification. However, presentations on these topics do apply under the general nursing categories. This policy is effective starting in 2007.

### **MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

Dancy, Puetz & Associates remains steadfast in its management of ARNA. The guidance of the 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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Historian 2006