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**American Radiological Nurses Association
Historical Report
2007-2008**

The American Radiological Nurses Association celebrated its 26th Anniversary in Seattle, WA, March 1 -5, 2007.

The ARNA Board of Directors (BOD) for 2007-2008 was installed at the annual convention. New officers and Board members include President, Kathy Scheffer; President-elect, Sharon Lehmann; Secretary, Tim McSorley; Treasurer, Diana Denz; Board members, Karen Green, Virginia Girard, and Christine Keough; and Immediate Past President, Patrick Glickman. The Board held a spring meeting in Cincinnati, May 19 - 20, 2007. A fall meeting took place at ARNA's first fall symposium held in Minneapolis, October 5-7, 2007. On January 18-20, 2008, the Board met in Scottsdale, AZ, for the winter meeting, which included a strategic planning session. The strategic plan was developed under the able facilitation of Glenn Tecker of Tecker Consultants and is reviewed at each Board meeting.

ARNA PUBLICATIONS

Kathleen Gross is the editor of the *Journal of Radiology Nursing (JRN)*. Maureen Hood and James Hall were added to the Editorial Board. Kathleen continues to solicit for articles from ARNA members.

Vision, the quarterly ARNA newsletter, continues to be published. Delma Armstrong 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 Board is exploring the idea of moving to an online version of the newsletter for the membership.

The ARNA website continues to expand. Online membership application and renewal, chapter news, membership directory, and educational offerings are just a few of the highlights. The Board has approved technological enhancements to include an online abstract process and an online survey service. 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. The Listserv has been active and informative over the past year. There are links to other professional websites that the Board believes could be of benefit to ARNA members. Paulette Snoby is serving as the Website Editor.

ANNUAL CONVENTION

The 2007 annual convention was held in Seattle, WA, with 497 ARNA registrants attending. Poster presentations continued to be well received. The event was successful in its presentation of informative lectures. It was decided that the name of the business meeting would be changed to the annual membership meeting to attract more attendees.

Also in 2007 ARNA held its first fall symposium in Minneapolis, MN. A total of 163 registrants attended the event. The weekend event was successful and plans are to continue the lecture series.

MEMBERSHIP

The current membership as of January 2008 stands at 2067 active members. A new member orientation is planned for the annual convention.

CHAPTERS

There are 27 active local chapters of ARNA. We welcomed three new chapters to ARNA this year. They include Delaware, Central Ohio Buckeye, and Maine. Welcome to our new chapters!

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. ARNA has a portal page on the PAD coalition website.

American Healthcare Radiology Administrators (AHRA)

Joanna Po represented ARNA at the AHRA annual conference. This remains an excellent networking opportunity to promote ARNA's goals and mission. Joanna will be presenting on leadership at this year's convention.

American Stroke Association

Charlene Peterson represented ARNA at the American Stroke Association's meeting that was held in February. Charlene will report on this meeting in an upcoming newsletter article.

Nursing Organizations Alliance (The Alliance)

Kathy Scheffer attended the annual Summit of the Alliance in Milwaukee, WI, in November 2007. Nearly 70 nursing organizations comprise the Alliance membership. Many topics were presented this year including the future of home-based care in the community by the keynote speaker.

Radiological Society of North America (RSNA)

Kathy Scheffer attended the RSNA Chicago Annual Meeting in November 2007. ARNA is a member of the Associated Sciences Consortium, a group of 10 allied healthcare professional associations that provide educational opportunities for non-physician attendees at this conference. Kathy presented a lecture on "Radiology Errors: A Nursing Perspective." The lecture was well received and will be expanded for 2008. Kathy also attended a multidisciplinary roundtable to provide nursing input on common issues.

Nurse Competence in Aging

ARNA continues with the American Nurses Association (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. Vicky Pugliese served as the ARNA representative in 2007. Vicky is working on an article for publication on the topic of the gerontological age group in radiology.

Technology Informatics Guiding Educational Reform (TIGER) Summit (Evidence and Informatics Transforming Nursing) & IT Special Interest Group Moderator

Melissa Finnegan continues to serve as the liaison. Melissa has been working as part of a group on competency collaboratives, developing an inventory of existing information and resources.

Society of Interventional Radiology (SIR)

Tim McSorley served as liaison for SIR. Tim established a contact at SIR, Debbie Katsarelis. Ms. Katsarelis has been responsive to questions from ARNA and is currently seeking interested advanced practice nurses to join SIR committees.

Nurse Alliance Leadership Academy

Kathy Scheffer and Sharon Lehmann attended this two-day lecture series in Louisville, KY. Sharon and Kathy gained a better understanding of board roles and responsibilities and strategies to optimize ways to benefit members.

Emergency Nurses Association

Karen Green represented ARNA in June of 2007 in Washington, DC. The group drafted a *Procedural Sedation Consensus Statement* which was endorsed by the ARNA Board in December 2007.

ARNA COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES

Chapters Committee: Kate Shane served as Chair of the Chapters Committee in 2007. The Committee's focus has been to uncover the issues that exist for existing and forming chapters. The Committee has enlisted the help of ARNA's *Vision* editor, Delma Armstrong, to publish a "call for help."

Evidenced-based Practice Committee: Karen Green and Tim McSorley served as Board liaisons. Meetings were held by conference calls. The goal of the Committee is to ensure that all of ARNA's enduring materials are accurate, congruent, and contain best practice information.

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

Planning Committee: Mag Browne-McManus served as Chair of the 2008 Planning Committee. The Committee completed program development and speaker designation for the 2008 ARNA Convention in Washington, DC.

CRN Certification Prep Course Task Force: The course was expanded to two days in 2006 and was considered to be more thorough and less rushed. The course was presented again in Seattle and Minnesota in 2007. Ellen Lash played a significant part in the continuation of offering this course. The course was audio taped and is planned to be available for sale at the Washington, DC, convention.

Awards Task Force: Ellen Lash was presented with the Charlotte Godwin Scholarship. There were no applications for the Helen Malenock, Dorothy Budneck, or the CRN awards

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 conventions in Las Vegas and Seattle that were designed for the new radiology nurse. The speaker reviews were favorable and participants believed this series of lectures to be valuable. The Orientation Booklet has undergone review and was pilot tested at two hospitals. The *Orientation Manual for Radiologic and Imaging Nursing* has been sent to print and plans are to have the manual available for sale at the Washington convention.

Public Policy: Wendy Hamlin is representing ARNA in public policy. Wendy has written articles for *Vision* that reflect how nurses can voice their opinions in the public policy arena. This was Wendy's last year of her two-year term. Thank you, Wendy for a job well done!! Lisa Revay has been suggested to follow Wendy as liaison and will be asked to attend the Nurse in Washington Internship program to prepare her for this role. Welcome, Lisa!

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, demonstrate leadership, and be seen as role model. In 2006 the first Radiology Nurse of the Year Award was given to Patricia Doohan. The 2008 Radiology Nurse of the Year will be awarded at the Annual Membership Meeting and Presidential Address.

Core Curriculum

The *Core Curriculum for Radiologic and Imaging Nursing* will be available for purchase in May. Plans are to begin with revisions for the third edition as soon as possible with plans to develop this publication in an electronic format.

RADIOLOGICAL NURSING CERTIFICATION BOARD (RNCB)

In February 2006 the exam began 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 and will be held for the first time at this year's convention. Applications and guidelines are available on the ARNA website. Contact hours for the following will no longer be accepted for recertification: BLS, PALS, NALS, and ACLS certification/recertification. However, presentations on these topics do apply under the general nursing category. This policy became effective 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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