

## Association for Radiologic & Imaging Nursing (ARIN)

## Historical Report 2020-2021

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2020-2021 was a period of learning and internal growth for ARIN. Most notably, we faced the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic, and its impact on our organization and each other. This year was spent primarily in reviewing and evaluating our foundations – resources, educational offerings, member value, and our strategic and operational plans. We stepped back and reviewed the big picture so we can continue to step forward, and lead the way in radiologic and imaging nursing.

## PRESIDENT'S SUMMARY

## Connecting

Alliance with Medtronic: Continues around capnography use. They provide financial support & additional education via free webinars for the ARIN membership

Alliance with ANA: We support the Healthy Nurse Challenge. We are a partner in the Organizational Affiliates, with a voting presence.

Member of Nursing Alliance Leadership Academy (NALA): The board attends the annual conference which focuses on developing effective nursing boards. In 2020 we attended this virtually.

<u>Social Media</u>: Increased presence on Instagram and Twitter. Please follow us on your favorite social media platforms!

<u>Connections Newsletter</u>: ARIN launched a new member newsletter, which focuses on news relevant to ARIN members, as well as professional development opportunities.

## **Promoting**

Scholarships and Awards: we received a higher number of applications in 2020 than we have in recent years. From these, we awarded four individuals, including a Radiology Nurse of the Year.

## **Advancing**

<u>IRC Redesign</u>: The Master Faculty adapted once more to the changing needs of nurses, and offered a new, live, online program.

### **3 MONTH PROJECTS**

Increase online learning opportunities for ARIN members Build new partnerships with sponsors and sister organizations

#### **6 MONTH PROJECTS**

New Learning Management System, to improve the learner experience Continue to increase CE offerings, and Directed Journal Readings in particular Scope and Standards revision

#### 18 MONTH PROJECTS

Core Curriculum 4th Edition CRN Prep, new Edition

# **24 MONTH PROJECTS**

ARIN has launched a three year strategic plan, which focuses on improving member experience, increasing educational opportunities and expanding ARIN's public reach.

# **EDUCATION:**

To meet the educational needs of imaging nurses during 2020 ARIN offered:

Live webinars: 8 credits from 8 webinars

Continuing Education Modules: 4.7 credits from 5 modules

Directed Readings in JRN: 1 credit from 1 article

2020 looked much different from other years as we weren't able to hold our Annual Meeting in Seattle as planned. Older Annual Meeting presentations continued to be available. And the 2021 ARIN Annual Meeting will be held online, which we hope will increase accessibility for all.

In the absence of an annual meeting, ARIN partnered with sponsor Guerbet to bring members several new webinars.

# **Imaging Review Courses:**

# **Master Faculty Update**

The IRC continues with four Master Faculty: Lauren Miller and Pauline Lentowski, both from Arizona; Ellen Arslan from Florida; and Kristina Hoerl from Maryland. The Master Faculty continue to work on updating the content of the IRC course to keep it relevant. New for 2020, they also developed a live, remote course that could be held online to replace the typical course offered in person at facilities and during ARIN convention.

## 2020 Courses

Two live IRC courses were completed in 2020 before the pandemic shut down. Two virtual courses were also held live via Zoom, with participants able to review the recordings after the live event. This live, remote course will continue to be held quarterly, in coordination with the RNCB exam registration deadlines, as long as there is demand.

## RAD-Aid

2020 was a quiet year for partnerships. However, preliminary planning was done for projects expected to develop further in 2021, including a Kenyan curriculum development project.

### **Core Curriculum**

The process of updating the *Core Curriculum* continues, with completion expected in early 2022.

## Scope and Standards

The process of updating the Radiology *Scope and Standards* is nearly complete, with publication expected in early 2022.

#### **Nurse-Planners**

Five new nurse planners were recruited to lighten the workload and increase opportunities for CE credits. The Nurse Planner Task Force also undertook a project to create a comprehensive Nurse Planner Manual, with expected completion in 2021.

## **LEADERSHIP:**

2020 award applications were received from an impressive pool of candidates whose practice emphasizes ARIN's core values of professionalism, advocacy, leadership and responsiveness to technological advances for award consideration. After much deliberation the following awards were bestowed in 2021:

Charlotte Godwin award: Andrew Somers, MSN, RN, CRN, CN IV

Helen Malenock award: Adela Tan, RN

Radiology Nurse of the Year: Mary Sousa, BSN, RN

CRN Scholarship: Jennifer Simoneaux, RN

Unfortunately, there were no poster winners as the 2020 convention was not held.

#### **Committees**

The Fellows Committee was formed in 2020, to launch the Fellows Academy ARIN. Three inaugural Fellows were nominated by the Board to create the committee and allow selection of further Academy members. The Fellow title was initiated within ARIN to recognize and honor members who are/were dedicated to the organization and contributed unselfishly to the profession. Fellows continue to serve on volunteer projects, as needed/requested by the ARIN Board.

## **MEMBERSHIP:**

As of March 2021 ARIN has 1800 members including several international members, as well Student and Retired Members.

## TREASURER'S SUMMARY

In 2020, our largest source of revenue was Program Income, which includes both membership dues and conference registration. While our program registration was down slightly in 2019, we were up in sponsorship dollars and publication sales, and our investment performed well (and continues to, despite the recent downturn). We also reduced expenses in nearly every category (except food & beverage).

#### **RESOURCES**

<u>Journal of Radiology Nursing</u> is edited by Kathleen A. Gross MSN BS RN-BC CRN FAARIN and published by Elsevier. Published four times a year and including peer reviewed articles and directed readings to earn CE's. This journal is a valuable resource for all ARIN members.

<u>Connections</u> is the monthly ARIN newsletter delivered to members via email. It contains valuable information on professional development opportunities and regular updates from the ARIN office.

<u>ARIN Forum</u> is found on the website under Resources – ARIN forum, it allows nurses to get in touch with like-minded individuals and share knowledge on a variety of questions and topics. It is a vital resource for all the "lone wolves" out there who may be working as the only radiology nurse in a small facility by offering a connection to a vast experience pool.

<u>Publications</u>: ARIN has a variety of publications available to purchase on the website under Resources – ARIN publications:

- ARIN Core Curriculum 3<sup>rd</sup> edition available in print edition and eBook
- CRN Prep: The Practical Study Guide in spiral bound or eBook
- Orientation Manual for Radiologic and Imaging Nursing in three ring binder format
- Scope and Standards of Practice Radiologic and Imaging Nursing: print edition

<u>COVID-19</u>: New for 2020, ARIN added COVID-19 resources to the site. These ranged from 'on the job' information and support to wellness & self-care initiatives. ARIN also held a "COVID-19 Support Group" which welcomed everyone to share their experiences and support one another in unprecedented times.

Respectfully submitted,

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