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President's Message

Paulette Snoby, MPA, BSN, RN, CCRN
Immediate Past President

As I sit on the plane flying to ARNA's 25th Anniversary Convention in Las Vegas, I think back over the last 15 months of my presidency. I chose the theme *Time to Grow* not truly knowing if this would be an achievable goal and wondered how this Board's term could significantly impact our organization.



I am delighted to say that ARNA has grown and will continue to grow if we remain strong to our guiding principles. These principles are meet the needs of members through active listening, provide resources for members to deliver quality patient care in all radiology venues, and ensure that ARNA remains the primary resource for assisting radiology nurses to be the very best they can be.

ARNA has realized a **30% financial growth** which is higher today than in 2004. This is truly significant! One of the main roles of the Board is fiduciary in nature by overseeing the expenses and revenues of ARNA.

ARNA is financially sound and has a strong foundation to grow even further. Some other signs of growth are

- Since March 2005, ARNA has gained 715 new members.
- Since February 2005, there have been 144 newly certified CRNs.
- As of March 2003, ARNA has certified 552 nurses as CRNs.
- Our very own 2006 Convention had 528 registrants.
- ARNA now has a new interactive Web site.
- We are the recipient of two grants: Gerontology and Education (Berlix).

ARNA continues to be active in professional organizations. As a result of our participation in The Alliance of nursing specialties, ARNA will participate in the TIGER Summit next October. At this gathering, only invited nursing organizations will formulate information

technology competencies for all practicing clinical nurses (and that includes radiology nurses). The Society of Interventional Radiology (SIR) and American College of Radiology (ACR) continue to ask for ARNA members to participate on committees because of our nursing and radiology knowledge expertise.

Approval of our newly revised practice standards by the American Nurses Association (ANA) is presently occurring and, if things go well, ANA will publish them shortly.

As a result of listening to members, we realized we needed ARNA to find a way to provide a venue where radiology nurses could "specialize" within the specialty. Thus, the Special Interest Groups (SIGs) were born. The purpose of each SIG is to encourage networking and relating information pertinent to practice. These radiology nurses have a concentrated interest within advanced practice, management/leadership, gerontology, and pediatrics. The Program Planning Committee used this format for concurrent sessions at the convention.

The Certification Preparation Course continues to be very popular. Based on the task force's recommendations and your evaluations, the workshop has grown into two days. The latest count prior to the workshop this year was 125 enrollees. Several facilities have asked

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Patricia Doohan Presented with First ARNA Radiology Nurse of the Year Award

Paulette Snoby, MPA, BSN, RN, CCRN
Immediate Past President

The presidency comes with an unbelievable number of jobs to perform. This one was the very best of the best. It is my honor to announce the name of the recipient of ARNA's first Radiology Nurse of the Year award. This award was established in January 2006 by the ARNA Board of Directors and is presented to an ARNA member in recognition of outstanding radiology nursing practice which is demonstrated through leadership, mentorship, and ongoing professional development.

There are four criteria that determined the winner:

- Evidence of ongoing education relevant to radiology nursing
- Adherence to standards of practice appropriate to radiology nursing
- Advocates for quality patient care
- Demonstrates leadership and is a role model for excellence in radiology nursing

ARNA's first Radiology Nurse of the Year Award recipient is **Patricia Barry Doohan, RN, AD**, who was recognized at the ARNA 25th Anniversary Convention on June 24, 2006, in Las Vegas, NV. Patricia was presented with a plaque, a one-year complimentary ARNA membership, an ARNA pin, and a letter of recognition.



Patricia was nominated by ARNA member, Kathleen Gross, MSN, RN, BC, CRN, a Past President and current *JRN* Editor. Kathleen wrote: "*Patricia has given unselfishly of her time and talents in so many ways. She always welcomed the newcomer to ARNA meetings and displayed much pride over the accomplishments of ARNA and her peers who have advanced the specialty of radiology nursing. Her enthusiasm is infectious and her love of nursing not deterred by pressures or obstacles that frustrate other nurses. She gives to us a special perspective on nursing and displays professionalism in all her activities. She is most deserving of this award and for this reason I recommend her highly for this honor.*"

Patricia Doohan has worked at Park Ridge Hospital in Rochester, NY, from 1970 – 2006 for a total of 36 years. In her current role as staff nurse in the Cardiac Catheterization Lab and Special Procedures, she monitors the patients, gives patient care, and administers conscious sedation for a variety of interventional radiology procedures.

Patricia is a graduate of Monroe Community College as a registered professional nurse with an Associate Degree. She began her nursing career in ICU, where she acquired many skills. She later assisted a physician with setting up their first Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory; this is what sparked her interest in radiological nursing. As a result, she became the first nurse in the Radiology Department and has worked in radiology nursing for 31 years!

Patricia has many interests within ARNA and the community, some of which are

- American Radiological Nurses Association (ARNA) – held positions such as Treasurer, President, and Past President
- Chapter Chair – ARNA (current)
- Board member of the Empire State Chapter of ARNA (1st President and co-founder)
- American Heart Association Scientific Councils – Council on Cardiovascular Radiology and Intervention (ARNA Liaison) and Council on Cardiovascular Nursing
- Genesee Valley Nursing Association member
- Infection Control Liaison for Park Ridge Hospital
- Postprandial Toastmasters member
- Irish American Cultural Institute Board Member local chapter
- Irish American Cultural Center member
- Transplant Recipients Organization member

In her spare time, Patricia enjoys being with her family and friends. She enjoys history and learning about her own family history; loves to travel and visit different places; and has joined a Literary Roundtable that meets once a month to discuss different books and movies.

Congratulations, Patricia Doohan, for winning such a prestigious award! We are so proud that you are a member of this professional nursing organization.

To the Editor...

As an ARNA and RNCB Charter member, I am actively involved in both national and local activities. I am a very proud mother who watches my children take head on all the opportunities and challenges that this organization has faced over the years. The membership, Board, and especially our management companies have guided us and led us in the right direction. I salute the rest of the charter members who were with me in the cold basement of the McCormick Hotel in Chicago (November 1981) and all the past, present, and future members, officers, and management companies for the advancement of radiology nursing, ARNA, and RNCB. The dedication, commitment, and support financially and time of everyone involved including the hospitals, administrators, and different companies made the ARNA foundation a very, very solid and a strong one.

Yes, ARNA has been in existence for the last 25 years, and we will continue to be a strong support to all radiology nurses who will face all the challenges/opportunities and new technology that are in the horizon.

My team and I thoroughly enjoyed the convention and seeing everyone. I saw and visited one of the local drug representatives, Jack Jenkins, who was very instrumental in getting together our Houston group before ARNA. He was very instrumental in obtaining financial support and sponsoring our local activities and, when ARNA was organized, national activities.

Two of the attendees were sponsored by the ARNA Texas Gulf Coast Chapter. There were 8 of us from the same institution and chapter members.

It was indeed the best educational and meeting celebration. Thank you everyone for a job well done! You all make me so proud and humbled to be an ARNA member.

Joanna V. Po, MSN, RN, BC, CNS
ARNA Charter Member and Past President

JRN Manuscripts Can be Submitted Electronically

We are pleased to inform you of an exciting new development for the *Journal of Radiology Nursing (JRN)*. As of June 9, 2006, *JRN* began using Elsevier Editorial System, an online submission and review system: <http://ees.elsevier.com/jrn> Using Elsevier Editorial System, the entire submission and review process will be handled electronically.

Authors will be able to submit their articles online by registering, logging in, and submitting. They will be able to view and access the information and tools they need to speed up the publication process and will also be able to track their manuscripts from the review process to publication.

Authors who are unable to provide an electronic version or have other circumstances that prevent online submission must contact Kathleen Gross, MSN, RN, BC, CRN, Editor, *Journal of Radiology Nursing*, 7794 Grow Drive, Pensacola, FL 32514, by phone, (866) 486-2762, (850) 474-7292, or e-mail rgross@comcast.net prior to submission to discuss alternate options.

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ARNA Mission Statement

The mission of the American Radiological Nurses Association is to foster the growth of radiology nurses who advance the standard of care.



Legislative Update

Wendy Hamlin, BSN, JD
Chair, Public Policy Committee

Our country is going through a critical nursing shortage now that will only get worse in the future. The Department of Health and Human Services estimates that the United States will face a nursing shortage of 29% by 2020. Action is needed now to help prevent this future shortage.

Nursing workforce programs are administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) through Title VIII which provides the primary source of funding for nursing education and recruitment. Current funding levels will not meet the growing need for nurses. President Bush's budget requests \$150 million for nursing education programs for 2007. In order to appreciate how little this appropriation really is, in 1974, 32 years ago, Congress appropriated \$153 million for nurse education programs.

Title VIII funding provides support for nursing from entry level to graduate level. It provides grants to nursing schools for advanced practice nurses. Grants are also used to encourage individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds to enter the nursing profession. Additionally, grants are given to encourage retention at hospitals.

Title VIII administers the Nurse Education Loan Repayment Program (NELRP), which encourages nurses to work at disproportionate share hospitals, departments of public health, and nursing facilities which have been determined to have a critical shortage of nurses. If the nurse's application is accepted, NELRP will repay 60-85% of student loans in return for the nurse working full time for at least two years in one of the above areas.

The Nursing Scholarship Program provides scholarships to nursing students. These students agree to work for at least two years in a facility that has been deemed to have a critical shortage of nurses.

The impact on nurses and potential nurses is huge. In the fiscal year 2005, 82% of the applicants for NELRP were turned down because of a lack of funding. This means that areas with critical shortages lost a potential 3,662 registered nurses for their facilities. During this same time, 98% of applicants for scholarships were refused because of a lack of funding.

This shortage impacts the ability to treat patients in a safe manner. There are published studies in the *New England Journal of Medicine* and the *Journal of the American Medical Association* that indicate that the nursing shortage impacts complications that could have been prevented. The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations reported that the shortage of nurses is a factor in a quarter of all "unexpected incidents that kill or injure hospitalized patients."

In the Senate, Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) and Susan Collins (R-ME), and in the House of Representatives, Lois Capps (D-CA) and Steven LaTourette (R-OH), have circulated letters to their colleagues asking for support for a 17% increase in funding, to \$175 million, for nursing workforce development programs.

Contact your members of Congress TODAY and urge them to support the \$175 million funding for the fiscal year 2007. Nurses need to take action today for the nurses of tomorrow!

Mid-South Chapter

The Mid-South chapter has been recently organized as a new local chapter for radiology nurses in the Kentucky and Tennessee regions. Our main focus is education and quality of care for the patient undergoing radiological testing and procedures. We have hosted an educational presentation on creatinine clearance in response to an increase in the number of diabetic patients receiving contrast in March 2006. Our chapter also coordinated a symposium on *Sedation Options in the Radiology Setting for Pediatrics and Adults*. Both of these presentations awarded contact hours.

Our next educational presentation is on vascular access options and care. These educational sessions are sponsored by a representative who provides meals in addition to the education and contact hours.

Our chapter is pleased to announce that at least nine members attended the annual convention in Las Vegas while three members were speakers.

Debra Russel, BSN, RN
President

Secretary's Report

The ARNA Board of Directors has continued to work on projects since the fall retreat in Las Vegas, NV. Dixon Johnson, BSN, RN, CRN, regrettably resigned his Board member position and this was filled by Virginia Girard, RN, CRN. Conference calls were held in October and November. Communications occurred by e-mail in December and January. The Board held its winter retreat in Atlanta, GA, February 25-26, 2006.

The certification prep course was expanded to two days at the annual convention in June 2006 in Las Vegas, NV. The intent is to have core speakers who could then go out and speak in other settings as well.

Core Curriculum. The revision continues under the direction of Colleen Sasso, BSN, RN, CRN.

Orientation Task Force. The task force presented a series of six lectures at the annual convention in June 2006 in Las Vegas, NV. The task force has the rough draft of a document prepared for RN orientation to radiology which is in review. This also included a model of a job description for a bedside and a nurse manager.

ARNA's two publications.

- *Vision* - Delma Armstrong, BSN, RN, CRN, will serve as the editor of the newsletter.
- *Journal of Radiology Nursing* - Kathleen Gross, MSN, RN, BC, CRN, is the editor.

Both publications continue to progress and meet their deadlines for publication. Members and Board members are encouraged to submit articles for both publications to help build the pool of articles available.

The Board has been given the charge to begin developing position statements and fast facts. We reviewed several from other organizations to use as guidelines. In the past, we have also endorsed position statements from other organizations rather than writing our own.

This year ARNA marks the first Radiology Nurse of the Year Award. The winner, Patricia Doohan, RN, AD, was announced at the convention in Las Vegas at the Gala Event.

Sharon Lehmann, APRN, BC
Secretary

New Members of the American Radiological Nurses Association

ARNA would like to acknowledge the following new members:

Mary E. Murphy Virginia Beach, VA	Joanne M. Nutting Ashland, MA	Wanda L. Parreles Dacula, GA	Megan M. Preece Crescent Springs, KY	Joann Rodriguez Pembroke Pines, FL
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Roseanne Neudeck Mahopac, NY	Thomas G. O'Donnell Silver Spring, MD	Katherine M. Piscacek Waco, TX	Alma Reber Marietta, GA	Diane Ross Eagle, ID
Leona A. Norris Harris, NY	Debbie C. Pacitti Pittsgrove, NJ	Kathryn J. Pitts Ashland, VA	Sandra M. Reynolds Ithaca, NY	Nancy Sample Columbus, OH
Mike N. Norris Spokane, WA	Deborah Pankey Haysville, KS	Susan Ponsi Northval, NJ	Judith L. Ricchiuto Willoughby, OH	(Continued on page 6)

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Megan Sauer Dublin, OH	Carla A. Tindle Bardstown, KY	Elizabeth J. Winkler Hendersonville, TN	Deborah L. Bolton Los Angeles, CA	Richard H. Davis Schenectady, NY
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Judy L. Stanley Texarkana, TX	Patricia L. Webb Caringbah, NSW, Australia	Cheryl A. Bertram Chino Hills, CA	Jessica K. Chantelois Seattle, WA	Timothy G. Elmore Huntsville, AZ
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Maria Fraley Santa Monica, CA	Joanne J. Graf Harleysville, PA	Pamela S. Hardin Hollywood, SC	Linda Hogan Morgantown, KY	Marc L. Jacobskind Hollywood, FL
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Richard Gibson Grass Lake, MI	Gaile Hanson Slinger, WI	Lorraine A. Hess Pittsburg, PA	Manda E. Jackson Columbus, NC	Denise Keough Andover, MA

From the Orientation Task Force

ARNA established the Orientation Task Force to address the orientation needs of experienced nurses who are new to radiology. Nurse managers and radiology directors also have expressed need for a program on which to base their department-specific orientation for RNs new to the organization. I have had the privilege of leading this endeavor, working with a dedicated group of experienced radiology nurses who are committed to providing members with a high quality program.

Over 525 radiology nurses attended ARNA's 25th Anniversary Convention in Las Vegas from June 22-25, 2006. A large portion of these nurses packed lecture rooms to hear components of the *Orientation Manual for Radiology Nurses*. Topics presented included "Radiology Nursing 101," "Radiology Procedures and the Nurse's Role," "Contrast Administration," "Pharmacology A through Z," "Moderate Sedation," and "Scope of Practice within the Radiology Setting." Members posed many questions for discussion and a significant amount of information was shared. The Task Force presenters were energized by the response to this program and requested feedback from those attending each session. Our hope is to add, clarify, or amend the material presented based on these suggestions. We are awaiting ARNA's compilation of this information.

I have received numerous inquiries as to the status of the orientation program, so I would like to provide an update on the status of the *Orientation Manual for Radiology Nursing*. The Task Force members have completed the didactic material with a portion of this material presented in Las Vegas as stated. We are anxiously awaiting your reviews of this material and will adjust the material accordingly. Concurrently, the manual is under review for consistency with ARNA materials published to date (e.g., *Core Curriculum for Radiological Nurses*, the CRN Review Course, and Fast Facts), ARNA's latest method of providing information to practicing radiology nurses in a concise manner. The program is also in the midst of a trial evaluation under the direction of current Board members.

Our goal is to produce quality information that nurse leaders and radiology administrators may use to guide experienced nurses into radiology nursing. We know how much this program is needed and wanted by our colleagues.

Please be patient. Quality takes time! I urge you to watch the ARNA Web site for updates as the program becomes reality.

My heartfelt thanks to the members of the Orientation Task Force for their tireless efforts: Ellen Lash, RN,C, CRN; Tim McSorley, BSN, RN; Jackie Dwyer, RN, CRN; Patrick Glickman, BSN, RN, CRN; Jean Pulte, BSN, RN, CRN; Audrey Holmes, RN, ADN, CRN; and Robin Kirschner, MA, RN, CPAN.

Karen L. Green, MHA, BSN, RN, CRN
Chair, Orientation Task Force

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for ARNA to conduct the certification course for their staff in the future; this will be a great source of revenue for us.

We all know how hard it is to be a new radiology nurse, exposed to all the specialized knowledge and skills to do the job. Again, ARNA stepped up and began to develop a basic orientation program for the new radiology nurse. Once the program has been completed, it will be published and marketed in some format for distribution throughout the radiology community. This convention offered many of the basic courses that will eventually be part of the orientation program.

The *Journal of Radiology Nursing* promotes the highest quality patient care in the diagnostic and therapeutic imaging environments. Kathleen Gross, MSN, RN, BC, CRN, (a past president) has done a superb job since she became Editor in July. Colleen Sasso, BSN, RN, CRN, and the chapter writers are working diligently on the 2nd edition of the ARNA Core Curriculum.

Two of the latest initiatives of this Board are position statements and clinical fast facts. It was recently decided by the Board to begin developing these statements and facts as a result of the numerous requests from YOU.

I want to thank the Board, committee, and task force members for making my presidency so successful! You are the heart of our organization!

Of course, the Board and volunteers could not have done such an outstanding job without the tireless work, dedication, and guidance from the ARNA staff: Puetz & Associates and Executive Director, Belinda Puetz, PhD, RN. This may be a little corny, but you are the "wind beneath our wings."

Last, but not least, there is one person who deserves an overwhelming amount of credit for ARNA reaching its goal this year.....Patrick Glickman, BSN, RN, CRN. Pat performed the roles as President-Elect, confidant, friend, and advisor these last 15 months to whom I am truly grateful.

Good luck and best wishes to the new incoming ARNA Board; I know you will do great things!

Members in the News

Diana Denz, BSN, RN, was recently awarded a UNC (University of North Carolina Health Care) Nurse of the Year award. She was elected by her peers as Radiology Nurse of the Year. Congratulations on this great accomplishment, Diana!

ARNA Welcomes New Chapter

The Mid-South Chapter received its plaque at the 2006 ARNA 25th Anniversary Convention in Las Vegas, NV. The Board members are as follows:

President – Debra Rassel, BSN, RN
 President-Elect – Paul Troxler, RN, EMT-P, ACLS, PALS
 Secretary – Linda Powers, RN, CRN
 Treasurer – Deborah Vandegrift, RN-4



Dessert at Gala Event: Baked Alaska with white chocolate ARNA logo.