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President's Message

Dear ARIN Members,

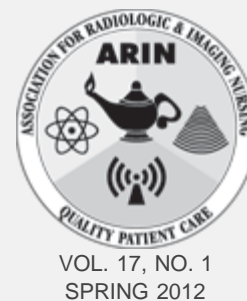


The past 10 months have flown by and we are now approaching the 2012 ARIN Convention in San Francisco. The theme of the 2012 ARIN Convention, "Evolving the Future of Imaging Nursing," has been the focus of the Board of Directors' activities these past months.

In the fall issue of *Vision* I announced the decision of the Board of Directors of the Association for Radiologic & Imaging Nursing (ARIN) to appoint an Executive Director who is a licensed registered nurse; preferably one who has worked in the Radiology or Imaging Department. I am pleased to announce the appointment of Karen L. Green, MHA, BSN, RN, CRN, as the ARIN Executive Director.

Karen served as ARIN President from 2009-2010; prior to her term as President she served as a Board Member and President-Elect. Karen has been a member of ARIN at both the national and local levels since 2002 and has served at both levels in various roles on several ARIN Committees and Task Forces. All of this experience has contributed to the wealth of personal knowledge in the workings of the volunteer nature of the organization.

Professionally, Karen is the Radiology Charge Nurse at Aria Health in Philadelphia and holds responsibility for patient care delivered at the three campuses and one outpatient center of Aria Health. Karen will maintain her position at Aria Health while serving as the ARIN Executive Director.



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The Board feels strongly that the appointment of an Executive Director who has firsthand knowledge of our nursing specialty will help ARIN continue to grow, strengthen our presence in collegial and professional relationships, and enhance the value of membership in ARIN. Harriet McClung will continue as ARIN's Administrative Director.

The ARIN Board of Directors has been very busy. The board had a face-to-face meeting in Atlanta, GA on January 21 & 22. The *Scope and Standards of Practice for Radiology Nursing*, which was published jointly by The American Nurses Association (ANA) and ARNA, has been reviewed and updated by the board. The full content, including the title, has been updated to reflect current standards and our association name change. While in Atlanta the board reviewed all of the work the board members have done independently and finalized the new draft. We are now in the submission process and the updated document should be published this year.

Kathleen Gross, editor of the next edition of the *Core Curriculum*, has been coordinating the efforts of the authors, section editors, and peer reviewers. The work is progressing well and is on track for publication of the next edition. Karen Green is coordinating updates for the Orientation Manual. Updating all of our publications is a great deal of work, but is a value to our membership. I personally use all of these publications in my practice and am hopeful that others do too.

ARIN continues to increase radiologic and imaging educational opportunities. The Webinar Committee has been planning future webinars. Archived webinars as well as taped presentations are available for CEUs on the ARIN website. The Imaging Review Course Master Faculty continues to present the Imaging Review Course. The board has been exploring opportunities to increase availability of CEU activities for ARIN members.

I hope to see you in San Francisco at the 2012 ARIN Convention. The Planning Committee has been hard at work organizing a great convention and is also planning the 2012 Fall Symposium, which will be held in Pittsburgh, PA. The Golden Gate Chapter has been working hard to plan for ARIN to come to their area and the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter is also planning for ARIN's arrival in the fall. If you have not already registered for the convention, please consider attending. Please keep the Fall Symposium in mind also. The education and networking opportunities are invaluable to your practice as a radiologic and imaging nurse.

Sincerely,



Linda McDonald, MSN, RN, CRN
ARIN President

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ARIN Core Purpose

To foster the growth of nurses
who advance the standard of
care in the Imaging
environment.

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Looking through the Archives: An Editorial

In March 2011 ARIN celebrated its 30th anniversary in Chicago. How fitting that this was where the organization got its start, but then you all know that. I have had the opportunity to review the past issues of *RN News*, *Images*, and *Vision*. There are central themes that popped up among many of the issues. To quote Patty Merrick from 1994, "You as a member are the most valuable resource. We encourage you to share your knowledge and expertise with your peers by volunteering to be a speaker at an educational meeting, writing an article, volunteering for a committee, being a part of a chapter, or running for office. We need to expand our 'vision'" (Vol. 13, No. 2, *Images*).

The presidential messages were not just about sharing ARNA/ARIN news; they encouraged members to expand our roles as radiology nurses. Nurses were encouraged to bring what they had developed to conferences to share, such as teaching flow sheets and teaching booklets, and order sets. Nurses talked about the lessons they had learned so that standards could be developed. Today we have standards approved by ANA, a Radiology Nursing Orientation Manual, and a Core Curriculum for sale.

There were many articles about the "the day in the life of a radiology nurse." So many of the first radiology nurses were alone and shooting from the hip, so to speak. Personally, I think of them as modern day Florence Nightingales. It is because of those nurses that we have the standards that we do today in radiology.

I found several different but similar threads on communication over the years. I believe that Patty Merrick and Diane Sanchez summed it up the best in an article from the Vol. 11, No. 3 edition of *Images*. This is as it relates to patient care. Communication can be verbal or nonverbal, such as in the form of gestures, expressions, symbols, or the written word.

Communication is a Five-Step Process:

1. An idea is generated.
2. The idea is transmitted to the listener.
3. The listener decodes and interprets the message.
4. The listener responds to the information.
5. The listener provides the speaker with feedback that the message was received.

Communication breakdown between a nurse and patient can usually be avoided if the nurse:

1. Takes time to listen
2. Concentrates
3. Does not interrupt
4. Listens to what is said, not how it is said
5. Suspends judgment
6. Is attuned to underlying messages
7. Gives the patient eye contact while listening

Effective communication results when the participants approach one another with respect, trust, empathy, and a sincere desire to share information clearly and accurately.

Almost all of the presidents touched on the issue of leadership. In one of Ginger Schultz's President's Messages, she wrote on "Is Leadership a

Role for You?" (Vol. 16, No. 2, *Images*) Ginger, along with her ARNA Board, reflected that a leader must demonstrate certain attributes and characteristics to be a productive leader. These qualities may describe your motivation and behavior toward becoming an effective leader in your work environment and at the national level.

To be an effective leader, you need:

1. To be an excellent communicator
2. To be a good listener, "Leaders influence others not only by what they say but also by how they say it." --Ginger Schultz
3. To have the ability to interact with many professional organizations
4. To have the right attitude and personal accountability
5. To have a positive attitude and a commitment to follow through with projects
6. A sense of humor
7. To display a sense of enjoyment and overall satisfaction in your work
8. To function as a team player through support and collaboration

A future ARIN leader must possess several unique qualities, including excellent communication skills, a positive attitude, personal accountability, and the ability to visualize future team approaches. ARIN's future leaders will enrich the organization by looking beyond today and concentrating on the future of radiology nursing care. To quote Kay Wandling, "Having a vision is the key to being a successful leader. There is no more powerful engine driving an organization toward excellence and success than an attractive, worthwhile, achievable vision of the future that is shared by the organization's members."

I felt this was worth repeating as I found it a couple of times over the years....

Do You Have a Career – Or Just a Job?

- A career means extended hours and cancelled appointments with friends. It also means that you are getting paid for work you'd gladly do without pay.
- A career has more than one home – it does not get lock up in a desk drawer at 5 o'clock to be tidied up for the next day.
- A career travels with you, on the train or plane, at home, during lunch, even on occasions and over weekends.
- A career entails responsibilities, pressures, challenges, and split-second decisions.
- A career person invariably has some driving force that motivates a quest for success—recognition, riches, a need for excellence, *and* a love of fulfilling work.
- When the drive is great enough, a temporary defeat does not mean the war is over, but is rather a re-arming for the next battle.
- If you want a place in the sun, you must be prepared for a few blisters.

--*Author unknown*

I would like to close with a special thought that I found attached to one of JoAnn Belinger's President's Messages.

Commitment

Commitment is what transforms a promise into reality. It is the

words that speak boldly of your intentions, and the actions that speak louder than the words. It is making the time when there is none. Coming through time after time after time, year after year after year. Commitment is the stuff character is made of: the power to change the face of things. It is the daily triumph of integrity over skepticism.

--*Author Unknown*

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Lehmann MS, RN, CNS-BC
Vision Editor

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January 21-22, 2012 Board Meeting

On January 21st and 22nd, the ARIN Board met in an Atlanta airport hotel for approximately 12 hours to accomplish several important tasks. Several of the agenda items included:

- 2012 Budget: This included a lively discussion about controlling costs and generating revenue.
- The Board has been working hard in conjunction with the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) and the Society of Interventional Radiology (SIR) to complete and agree on Standards for Sterile Technique in the Procedure room. These standards will be published in the *Journal*.
- Review plans for the 2012 Spring Convention in San Francisco, as well as planning for the 2012 Fall Symposium in Pittsburgh.
- We now have the dates through 2015 for conventions (in association with SIR): 2012 is in San Francisco, 2013 is in New Orleans, 2014 is in San Diego, and 2015 is in Atlanta.
- Webinars have been successful to date and the new Webinar Committee is actively working to plan new and relevant topics for credit hour education.
- Work continues with Dancy AMC on grant applications and sponsorship. We are open to ideas and opportunities to increase ARIN's revenue via conferences and webinars.
- The Awards Committee is pleased to report that awards will be given out at the 2012 Spring Convention in all categories. Thank you to all who submitted applications.
- The Election was successful and the positions of President-Elect, Treasurer, Board Member, and Nominating Committee seats have been filled for installation at the March Annual Membership Meeting.
- The Chapter Committee has been working hard and will be presenting the first Chapter Award this year. Chapters are working hard across the country and there are new materials available to assist all interested in furthering their chapter or creating a new one.
- The Board has approved a new Radiology Nurse Day poster that will soon be available. We have agreed to keep the cost low (\$5) so look for details in an eBlast soon.
- ARIN collaborates with several key radiology organizations. Each of these relationships was discussed at length with a focus on how best to benefit the ARIN membership.

Additionally, from time to time, other associations and organizations ask us to support their positions. Your board carefully reviews each request. A comprehensive list of these is available on the ARIN website.

The Board worked through Atlanta thunderstorms and tornado warnings with much success. **We look forward to meeting with membership on Tuesday, March 27 in San Francisco at the Annual Membership Meeting and Presidential Address.** Mark your calendars to join us!

Katherine Duncan, BA, RN, CRN
ARIN Secretary

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ARIN Board Endorses AAACN Position Statement

At the January 21, 2012 board meeting, the ARIN Board agreed to respond to the "Request for Endorsement" from the American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing (AAACN) and agreed to endorse the AAACN Position Statement: Role of the RN in Ambulatory Care.

Acknowledging that many radiologic and imaging nurses work in the ambulatory care setting, this position acknowledges that the registered nurse:

- Enhances patient safety and quality and effectiveness of care delivery, and is essential and irreplaceable in the ambulatory setting,
- Is responsible for design, administration, and evaluation of professional nursing services,
- Provides leadership necessary for collaboration and coordination of services, and
- Is fully accountable in all ambulatory care settings for nursing services and patient outcomes.

ARIN's endorsed position statements can be found on the ARIN website at: <https://www.arinursing.org/position-statement-items/ar-in-endorsed-position-statements.html>

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RSNA 2011 Meeting a Success

The Radiological Society of North America's 2011 Scientific Assembly and Annual Meeting was a great success. With non-exhibitor registration numbers totaling close to 37,000 attendees, the meeting has continued to grow in reaching radiologists, managers, administrators, educators, physicists, technologists, and nurses. Additionally, the launch of RSNA's

Virtual Meeting attracted close to 3,500 registrants who participated in this exciting interactive meeting from afar. With a growing international community, there were close to 10,000 international attendees. Conference attendees enjoyed a wide spectrum of exhibits and educational opportunities.

The Associated Sciences Consortium produced a high quality program curriculum which highlighted the latest trends in accountable care organizations, health information management, reimbursement, scope of practice, policy reform, emerging practice models, health literacy, radiation exposure, and patient safety. The 2012 Consortium planning is underway and will launch several new panels in the upcoming year with the hope of providing the latest updates impacting radiology and its implications for practice and patient care. Please join us in Chicago on November 25-30, 2012 for another successful program.

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Chapter Event Submissions

Many of you who are chapter leaders and members have been submitting your educational conference and event information and brochures to the National Office for posting to the ARIN Event Calendar on the website at www.arinursing.org. The National Office would like to take this opportunity to remind chapter leaders and members to continue submitting your information to Lezlie Sears, Chapter Service Specialist at the National Office, at lezlie.sears@dancyamc.com so that she can continue to spread the word about your chapter events. Be sure to include as many details as possible in your message to Lezlie, and link to your chapter website and include other information, such as flyers or links to flyers and promotional materials.

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ARIN's 2011 Official Christmas Song

(From the listserv)

The 12 Callbacks of Christmas

- 12 "Can you swap?" calls (Christy Lee)
- 11 Fistula declots (Linda McDonald)
- 10 Neph tubes leaking (Jennifer Nowakowski)
- 9 Occluded PICC lines (Debbie Schmidt)
- 8 IV starts (Faith Washington)
- 7 Radiologists swimming (Ronald Wardrope)
- 6 GI bleeds (Ruthy Lake)
- 5 Screaming kids (Ronald Wardrope)
- 4 Chole tubes (Claire Boyce)
- 3 CT drains (Claire Boyce)
- 2 Cold feet (Ronald Schoenfeld)
- And a trauma from emergency! (Cathy Brown)

What a fabulous group we are!

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Recently Certified Radiologic Nurses

The Radiologic Nursing Certification Board (RNCB) would like to recognize the following individuals who passed the certification exams held on May 14 and October 15, 2011.

Alexander, Melanie, Conroe, TX – May
Aliff, Susan, Huntington, WV – October
Allen, Tom, Chapel Hill, NC – May
Alley, Joan, Concord, NC – October
Almaguer, Ramiro, Union City, CA – October
Anderson, Dawn, Greensboro, MD – October
Aversano, Karen, Valley Cottage, NY – October
Bailey, Brenda, Arlington, TX – May
Bare, Bret, Lincoln, NE – October
Bauer, Cristy, Accord, NY – October
Brock, Maureen, Tinton Falls, NJ – October
Cabral, Susan, Castaic, CA – May
Cabrales Jr., Wilfredo, Dublin, CA – May
Carney, Sue, Gahanna, OH – October
Coleman, Deborah, Beaumont, TX – May
Cox, Kristen, Hudsonville, MI – May
Cox, Kevin, Richmond, VA – May
Davison, Leslie, Midland, TX – October
DiRosa, Carmela, Brick, NJ – May
Douglas, Kellie, Highlands Ranch, CO – October
Dowd, Patrick, Cary, NC – October
Edmonds, Tamara, Grand Junction, CO – October
Ellis, Colleen, Elkton, MD – October
Emser, Deborah, Charlotte, NC – October
Fitch, William, Beachwood, OH – May
Furberg, Carrie, Carrboro, NC – October
Gilbert, Lisa, Douglassville, PA – May
Gilchrist, Renee, The Woodlands, TX – October
Glasheen, Susan, Playa Vista, CA – May
Gore, Ronald, Pasadena, CA – May
Greacen, Grace, Bellingham, WA – October
Greer, Joanne, Ridgewood, NJ – May
Harbaugh, Jean, Niles, MI – October
Harrison, Jacqueline, Charlotte, NC – May
Hatoum, Claude, Seattle, WA – October
Henley, Tiffany, Marietta, GA – May
Hitchcock, Andrea, Walla Walla, WA – October
Howell, Jane, Quinton, VA – October
Huff, Richard, Kent, WA – October
Hughes, Patricia, Hollyglen, CA – October
Hunter, Susan, Roxboro, NC – October
Johnston, Cynthia, Centennial, CO – October
Jung, Ho Sook, Fresh Meadows, NY – May
Kader, Consuelo, Laguna Niguel, CA – October
Karakey III, George, Sublimity, OR – October
Karamian, Monica, Thousand Oaks, CA – October
Karl-Jackson, Madeline, Lomita, CA – October

Kattus, Sarah, Los Angeles, CA – May
Kennedy, Melody, Davidsonville, MD, October
Kim, Sharon, Northridge, CA – May
Krohn, Kathryn, Littleton, CO – October
Kuruville, Julie, Houston, TX – October
Lawrence, Dawn, Charlotte, NC – May
Lee, Cindy, Playa Del Ray, CA – May
Lopez, Rose, Cortlandt Manor, NY – May
Lyons, Emy, Denton, TX – May
Lyons, Portia, Durham, NC – May
MacPherson, Dana, Fort Mill, SC – October
Mallozzi, Deborah, Forked River, NJ – May
Mangin, Judith, Monroe, NY – May
Martinez, Beth, Jupiter, FL – May
Martinez, Chandel, Dallas, TX – May
May, Nicole, Irmo, SC – October
McBrearty, Robin, Egg Harbor Township, NJ – May
McKeag, Kathleen, Valencia, PA – May
Miller, Lauren, Peoria, AZ – October
Mitchell, Catrina, Los Angeles, CA – May
Mizwicki, Joan, Chicago, IL – October
Navarrete, Veronica, Midland, TX – May
Nobles, David, Mountlake Terrace, WA – May
Olivares, Alexis, Pearland, TX – October
Olshefski, Devan, Granam, NC – May
Parker, Cherie, Bourbonnais, IL –October
Parpart, Andrea, Scottsdale, AZ – May
Parrish, DeeAnn, Carrboro, NC – May
Patterson, Marilyn, Port Angeles, WA – October
Patton, Joy, Etowah, NC – October
Payne, Deborah, Fullerton, CA – October
Pepe, Jennifer, Mooresville, NC- October
Phillips, Debora, Baltimore, MD – October
Pringle, Veronda, Pearland, TX – May
Pruiksma, Diane, Athens, NY – October
Puga, Shannon, Frisco, TX – October
Pulte, Jean, Highland Park, IL - May
Ranasinghe, Tania, Los Angeles, CA – May
Regala, Remedios, Long Beach, CA – October
Reynolds, Christine, Cleveland, TN – October
Rodriguez, Ivan, Miami, FL – May
San Pedro, Dinnah, Sacramento, CA – May
Schmidt, Kristen, Grand Junction, CO – May
Scott, Stephanie, Salisbury, MD – October
Semeon, Charmaine, Sylmar, CA – October
Shane, Kathleen, Durham, NC – May
Sheive, Brenda, Centreville, VA – October
Shiring, Kathleen, Stevensville, MD – October
Simmons, Laurie, Portage, MI – October
Simmons, Leigh, Stephens, City, VA – October
Smith, Virginia, Charlotte, NC – October
Snyder, Kathleen, San Diego, CA – October
Stevens, Heather, Lakewood, CO – October
Storer, Michael, Springfield, MO – May
Stottlemeyer, Reginia, Ruckersville, VA – October
Swift, Elizabeth, Danville, CA – May
Sydnor, Patience, Gore, VA – May
Szulewski, Deborah, Shohola, PA – May
Teves, Kharla, Redondo Beach, CA – October
Tibbitts, Stefanie, Seminole, FL – May

Tschacher, Patricia, Chatsworth, CA – October
Tuttle, Janet, Grand Junction, CO – October
Velasquez, Faye, Apple Valley, CA – October
Veltrop, Sarah, Kerrville, TX – May
Videtic, Dena, Coral Gables, FL – October
White, Jennifer, Los Angeles, CA – May
Williams, Laurie, Morrison, CO – May
Williams, Dorothy, North Hills, CA – May
Wilt, Gail, Philadelphia, PA – October
Witt, Nora, Irvine, CA – October
Woods, Carolyn, Woodbourne, NY - May

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ARIN Welcomes International Members

ARIN proudly welcomes its international members to the organization. Our international members are a valued part of the association, and we are proud to have them.

Karen M. Buckley, Clapham, Australia
Lara C. Realph, Sydney, Australia
Tanya J. Woodforde, Brisbane, Australia
Katherine E. Dimond, Newrybar, Australia
Katie Hool, Redcliffe, Australia
Adriana da Silva Pereira, São Paulo, Brazil
Shelly Schiebelbein, Alberta, Canada
Millie Walker, Ontario, Canada
Anita Major, Ontario, Canada
Cathy Brown, Alberta, Canada
Maureen L. Meyer, Mississauga, Canada
Elinore J. Jackson, Newbury, Canada
Deborah Ann Johnston, Prince George, Canada
Elaine W. Wright, Herts, United Kingdom
Ayelet Tsivion, Israel
Yael Peled, Israel
Ljupka Ivanovska, Macedonia
Eric Seabourne, Ontario, Canada
Linda J. Whitehead, New Plymouth, New Zealand
Gillian M. Martin, Auckland, New Zealand
Mouayad Shawki Al Mohtar, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Hanadi Hassan El- Zein , Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
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