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## President's Message



*Committed to Advancing Radiologic and Imaging Nursing*

You really had to be there to believe it – the fastest “Incoming Presidential Speech” in the history of our organization! The annual business meeting was running late, the room was clearing as our attending members were very politely exiting to get to their next CEU offering, and I was in a total panic with my well-known, border-line phobic, public speaking “stage fright.”

For those who have not had the opportunity to attend the annual ARIN business meeting at convention, we have a written script that helps keep us on track. It includes the treasurer’s report, the various committee reports, the presentation of awards, and the induction of the new Board of Directors. As a Board member or as a podium speaker, each person lists his or her name next to the item each is supposed to present. President Linda McDonald gave a wonderful Presidential address that had the entire board and most of the audience misty-eyed. The next thing I heard was “Christy Lee, would you come forward”.... and all of a sudden, Linda was congratulating me as the new ARIN President!

Somehow I managed to stumble through all my parts in the script, thanking Linda McDonald for her service as President, presenting her with the Presidential plaque, and making up what I *think* is the missing last word from each line on my defective script. I flipped the page of my script and there in **BIG BOLD LETTERS** it says “**INCOMING PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**” and *my mind is a blank as that piece of paper!* Thank goodness I had written down a few key words or we might never have been able to adjourn that meeting! I promised the members attending that my submission to the *Vision* newsletter as the incoming president would



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be much more eloquent than my “short and sweet” story about my journey to ARIN President. So here we go—this is what I really wished I could have said!

Ladies and gentlemen, it is my extreme privilege and honor to serve as President of the Association for Radiologic and Imaging Nursing. As I stand here before you, I am overwhelmed at the history before me, and the incredible sense of responsibility in front of me, to ensure that ARIN remains relevant, vital, and robust well into the future.

The Board of Directors hosted the Past President’s Reception last evening and I was in awe of the years of ARIN history sitting at the table. Founding member Joanna Po, JoAnn Belanger, Colleen Sasso, Kathleen Gross, Sharon Lehmann, and Karen Green were our honored Past Presidents. I wish we had thought to record the conversation as each past president in attendance gave an overview of her presidency and shared the early history of ARNA. I can’t imagine lugging suitcases filled with Board notes, bank statements, agendas, and minutes everywhere they went on Board business! Listening to their stories, I really knew that I could not let these fabulous past leaders, the membership who elected me, the wonderful people who support me, or myself down in my Presidential year.

When I was approached by the Nominating Committee Chair to run for President-Elect, I initially said, flat out “thanks, but no thanks.” I felt in no way qualified to follow in the footsteps of Kathy Scheffer, or Sharon Lehmann, or Linda McDonald, or Madam Chair herself, Karen Green. Have you ever tried to say no to Karen Green? She told me just to consider it, talk to my husband about it, and she also told me to “talk to Doc about our conversation”. She also said that she would be back in contact with me in a few days.

I started playing with the idea when I realized that my actual Presidential year would begin in San Francisco and end in New Orleans, right in my backyard! My husband was all for it when I told him where the 2013 Convention would be held. On the other hand, my conversation with my collaborating physician/boss/mentor/friend, “Doc,” aka Dr. Arturo Gonzalez, was straightforward and to the point. Much more tactfully said than what I actually heard, his advice was “Christy, you would be an idiot not to do this”. I subsequently learned that he contacted Karen to do whatever was necessary to make sure I agreed to submit for nomination for President-Elect. And the rest, as they say, is history.

Since about 2006, we have had a tradition of a “theme word” every year for the annual ARIN spring convention. When the Board of Directors meets face-to-face in January, the President-Elect is supposed to have their “theme word” selected for the next year’s convention. When we came to the point of the agenda to discuss the 2013 ARIN theme, I shared that I originally thought *laissez les bons temps rouler* (Let the good times roll!), but it would take my whole Presidency to teach people how to spell it, let alone say it! I told the Board that I was leaning toward the word “commit” or “committed,” as in “*I should have been committed to think I could be ARIN President!*” They laughed with me and I promised I would email a couple of ideas that I had running through my mind and ask for suggestions.

After emailing my favorites, my fellow Board members responded candidly—we seldom hold back—with thoughts of the many ideas that “committed” can imply, including with respect to mental health. Wanting to be as politically correct as possible, I took my colleagues’ suggestions and

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recommendations to heart and started considering alternatives. The thesaurus that I consulted gave me dedicated, attached, devoted, pledged, bound, and faithful. None of those words was really doing anything for me.

I checked the word “committed” in the free dictionary.com app I have downloaded on my iPad. I really studied the word committed and I had my “Aha” moment! Granted, “to consign to custody” and “to place in a mental institution or hospital by or as if by legal authority” are both on the list. The definitions that did speak to what I want to accomplish during my Presidency are the following:

- to give in trust or charge
- to consign for preservation
- to pledge(oneself) to a position on an issue or question; express
- to bind or obligate, as by pledge or assurance
- to entrust, especially for safekeeping; commend
- to do; perform; perpetrate

***Committed to Advancing Radiologic and Imaging Nursing*** will be the theme of the 2013 ARIN Spring Convention. I am personally and professionally committed to the ARIN Core Purpose: *To foster the growth of nurses who advance the standard of care in the imaging environment.* I truly believe that we must remain vigilant in maintaining safe, competent care for all healthcare consumers seeking care and services in any imaging environment.

I am committed to seeing through *to completion* all the projects we currently have pending, including the revision of the 2006 Radiology Scope and Standards co-published by the American Nurses Association, with Linda McDonald as the project leader. Linda has led the Board through this revision since early in her presidency and we are very close to having the document ready to submit to ANA.

Linda and I had the opportunity to attend the National Organizations Alliance in November in Miami. We had a jointly eye-opening experience after a lecture by Mary Byers, CAE, co- author (with Harrison Coerver) of a book published in 2011, *Race for Relevance: 5 Radical Changes for Associations*. Mary was discussing what is needed for associations to remain vital and robust for their membership in the very near future. The *Race for Relevance* framework for creating necessary change includes five components, including overhauling governance, empowering the CEO and staff, rigorously defining member markets, rationalizing and simplifying programs and services, and building a robust technology program. The ARIN Board will continue discussion regarding those recommendations and apply them in order to make sure that the ARIN membership has the most relevant professional organization we can provide.

I am especially committed to improving both our fledgling ARIN webinar services and the ARIN website. The Board will work closely with Dancy AMC to make both of those member services relevant to you, our valued ARIN member. We will seek out the best resources possible, in order to build that “robust technology program” referred to in Ms. Byers’ book. During my Presidency, I am extremely committed to putting resources into the infrastructure of the ARIN organization and our management company so that ARIN may grow and prosper in the future. If our bones are strong, our potential is limitless!

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#### ARIN Core Purpose

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environment.

In closing, I cannot tell you how incredibly honored and proud I am to serve as President of the Association for Radiologic and Imaging Nursing. I invite the membership to attend the 6th Annual ARIN Fall Symposium in Pittsburgh, PA, September 29-30, 2012. The program planning committee has a fantastic program in store for attendees, as well as the Imaging Nurse review course. Lastly, I am very committed to welcoming you to the 2013 ARIN Spring Convention and the Imaging nurse review course at my house, also known as New Orleans, LA, April 14-17, 2013.

*Laissez les bon temps rouler, cher, we'll pass a good time!*

Christy Lee, MSN, APRN-BC, CRN  
ARIN President

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## Outgoing Presidential Address

Distinguished board members, fellow ARIN members, and Dancy Association Management Company:

I would like to begin by thanking all of you for attending this membership luncheon. ARIN is having another great conference. We have 376 people in attendance this year. The high attendance speaks volumes to the dedication that radiology and imaging nurses have to their profession. I have been genuinely honored to serve as your president for the past year.

The theme of this year's convention is "Evolving the Future of Imaging Nursing." Last year when I addressed you as your newly installed president, I used the word "evolve" as an acronym to describe my vision for the coming year. The Encarta Dictionary defines evolve as "to develop something gradually, often into something more complex or advanced." ARIN has definitely evolved since I became a member in 1994. I would like to highlight ARIN's evolution during the past year.

1. ARIN initiated a webinar program and held four successful webinars. A webinar committee has been established to lead the development of the ARIN educational webinar program. The live webinars were well-attended and the archived versions have been viewed by many members and non-members. This is another great way to reach members with educational opportunities and provide nursing contact hours specific to radiology and imaging.
2. The *Radiology Nursing Scope and Standards of Practice*, which ARNA published jointly with the ANA five years ago, has been completely updated and revised. The title has even been updated to reflect radiologic and imaging nursing. Very soon, the newly revised draft will be posted on the ARIN website for review and public comment. Please take time to read the document draft and give your input. Publication should take place in the coming months.
3. The *Core Curriculum for Radiologic and Imaging Nursing, 3rd Edition* is in development under the leadership of editor Kathleen Gross. Kathleen reports that the updates are moving along on schedule.
4. ARIN partnered with AHRA, the radiology administrators organization, to present a radiology nursing leadership workshop at the AHRA annual meeting in August. Twenty-five radiology

- nurse leaders participated in this educational opportunity.
5. SIR, AORN, and ARIN are putting the final touches on the Joint Practice Guideline on Sterile Technique during Vascular and Interventional Radiology Procedures. Finalization has come too late to meet the publisher's deadline for the next issue of the *Journal of Radiology Nursing (JRN)*, but the document is slated to appear in the fall issue of *JRN*. The hard work of the intersociety author team over the past two years has resulted in a guideline that will serve as a standard. I would like to especially thank Chris Keough, who has been the ARIN author on the team.
  6. The Imaging Review Course Master Faculty, led by Kathy Scheffer, has completely updated the course content. The course has been presented at multiple sites over the past year and continues to be successful.
  7. The 5th Annual Fall Symposium in Las Vegas was a wonderful experience for those in attendance. The educational sessions were great, and we enjoyed the Las Vegas entertainment options. Plans are underway for the 6th Annual Fall Symposium in Pittsburgh. Please make plans to attend.
  8. The ARIN Board of Directors has worked hard to evolve ARIN into an organization that members will value. Christy Lee and I attended the Nursing Organizations Alliance Fall Summit in November. At this meeting we learned about a book called *The Race for Relevance*. One of the book authors spoke at the meeting and we felt her message was important. Each of the ARIN board members read the book and we discussed this very pertinent information and the ARIN strategic plan at our board meeting on Friday. I believe ARIN is evolving appropriately and this education will assist the board in making decisions to evolve the future of ARIN.

These are just some of the many activities that have happened throughout the year.

I would like to personally thank each of the board members who have served this past year:

- Mag Browne McManus, Immediate Past President—You set the bar high for me to follow your legacy. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you these past four years.
- Brenda Wickersham, Treasurer—You have provided a constant vigilance over the finances of ARIN in these tough economic times. Knowing that you were alert to the fiscal responsibilities made my year easier. Your work with the Chapters Committee has also been invaluable.
- Cheryl Jaglowski-Ho, Board Member—It has been a pleasure to work with you. Your role as liaison to the Chapters and Awards Committee helped those committees have a very successful year.
- Emily Timmreck, Board Member—Your service on the planning committee and as the liaison to RSNA has been extremely valuable. The collaboration with Rad-Aid is a very exciting way to evolve the future of imaging nursing.
- Kathy Duncan, Secretary—Your attention to detail and excellent organizational skills have really contributed to board productivity.
- Chris Cavanaugh, Board Member—Your service as liaison to the inaugural webinar committee has been crucial to moving that program forward.
- Christy Lee, President Elect—You have been my right hand throughout this past year. I promise to be there for you to assist you during your year as president. Your work with the planning committee over the years has resulted in many successful

meetings.

Serving as your president has been a very rewarding experience. The great friends I have made, the wonderful experiences I have had, and the knowledge I have gained will stay with me forever. I thank you all for allowing me this experience of a lifetime.

Linda McDonald, MSN, RN, CRN

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## ARIN Inducts Newly Elected Board Members

The outcome of the annual election for the Board of Directors and Nominating Committee was announced at the ARIN Annual Membership Meeting on Tuesday, March 27, 2012. Beth Ann Hackett, MSN, APRN-BC, CRN, was elected President-Elect; Brenda Wickersham, MAV, RN, CRN, was re-elected Treasurer; and Greg Laukhuf, RN-BC, CRN, NE-BC, was elected Board Member. Tiffany Hansen, BSN, RN, CRN, was elected to the ARIN Nominating Committee.

Board members continuing to serve on the ARIN Board of Directors are Linda McDonald, MSN, RN, CRN, Immediate Past President; Katherine Duncan, RN, CRN, Secretary; Emily T. Jackson, MSN, RN, ACNP-BC, Board Member; and Chris Cavanaugh, BSN, RN, CRNI, VA-BC, Board Member.

Board members who completed their terms on the Board of Directors are Margaret Browne-McManus, BAHS, RN, Immediate Past President, and Cheryl Jaglowski-Ho, RN, CN3, CEN, CRN.

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## From the Executive Director: A Window is Always Open

At times I reflect on my career and realize the opportunities that have come my way...some by doors closing and many by windows opening.

Transitioning from the Emergency Department to Radiology came by way of opportunities for consulting and education positions while networking with friends and colleagues to determine the right time to move on again. I have been a radiology nurse for 10 years—25% of my career, which says a lot to me, considering that my emergency nursing days encompassed 50% of my nursing career. My beliefs and dedication to the nursing profession are found in membership in my professional organizations and networking/researching those nuances of the day to provide excellent patient care.

Joining the Association for Radiologic & Imaging Nursing occurred even before I was officially offered a position as a radiology nurse. It just made sense. That opened window was clearly not an area in which I had a deep



understanding of the nurses' role, but one I was confident I could master because of the dedication of my mentors at the University Medical Center at Princeton.

The continuum of my radiology career began in 2002 at the University Medical Center at Princeton, Princeton, NJ -> joining ARIN (formerly ARNA) -> 2003 becoming active in the Philadelphia chapter -> 2004 accepted the Radiology Charge Nurse position at Frankford Hospital, Philadelphia, PA ->2005 attended my first ARNA/SIR conference in New Orleans -> 2006 elected to ARNA National Board of Directors -> 2009 served as ARIN President -> 2012 appointed ARIN Executive Director. I know how much I enjoyed my term on the Board, especially as your President, but the Executive Director position allows me the opportunity to assist in ARIN's path to the next level, offering advice, vision, and support to President Christy Lee and her successors.

I am committed to growing and expanding ARIN's presence and position in the imaging and nursing community. May I suggest that each of you look towards your open window and get involved in a small and very rewarding way? I foresee many open windows in the future of ARIN. Consider a path to that window. You will not be disappointed.

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## ARIN Treasurer's Report

On behalf of the board of directors and our management association, I am pleased to report that ARIN is experiencing continued financial recovery, stabilization, and projected growth at a time when many organizations are experiencing losses. ARIN remains committed to growing lean and green. Management and leadership work together to conserve our resources. Fig. 1 illustrates that our revenues exceed our expenses by a margin of \$21,081. This is an improvement from 2009, when our expenses exceeded revenue by \$13,678 and from 2008, when our expenses exceeded revenue by \$39,977.

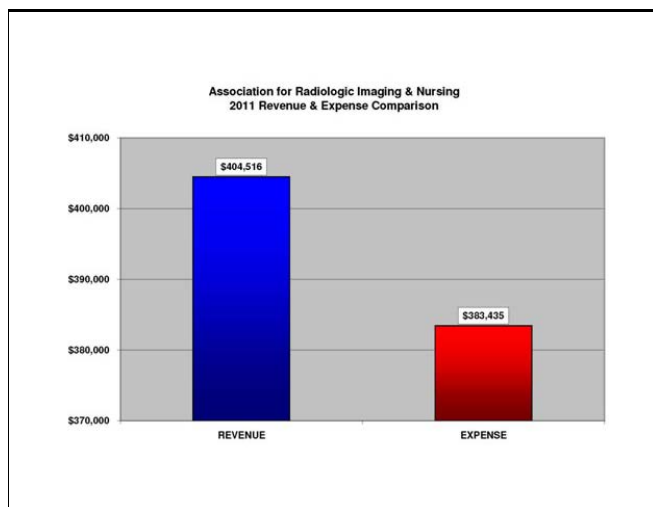


Figure 1 - 2011 ARIN Revenue and Expense Comparison

ARIN revenues grow from membership fees, journal and publications income, and ARIN Foundation certificates of deposit (CDs). The journal income of \$63,159 is a tribute to the work that the *Journal of Radiology Nursing (JRN)* editor and editorial staff have accomplished. Foundation CDs are re-invested as they mature at the highest possible rates, and provide the highest possible return. Funds are diverted to various institutions, thus securing monies within federally insured guidelines.

The ARIN Board of Directors works for you to review the budget line by line with Dancy Association Management Company to predict income and expenses, and perform ongoing planning, monitoring, and revising of the budget. We respect the confidence that you have placed in us as your professional association, and value the time and financial contributions that you invest in ARIN.

Convention and fall symposia remain an invaluable opportunity for staying current in our professional discipline and in working with our peers to improve practice and standards of care. We remain committed to providing high quality educational opportunities. The convention and fall symposium are sources of revenue, though costs associated with conferences once again exceed revenue this year (see fig. 3-4). There are a number of reasons for this and the best future decisions are made through understanding some of the financial undertakings of conference planning. Site selection for convention is made by SIR and the sites are generally expensive. There are some strategies that leadership and membership are encouraged to embrace to keep this work financially feasible. Leadership is initiating a focused technology sponsorship program to provide additional sources of income at the conference and symposium. Relative to hotel costs, we all must consider that a block of rooms is reserved for attendees. Not meeting the room quota that is organized by meeting space, adds additional costs to the association. Membership is encouraged to reserve rooms at the event hotel. Leadership strives to obtain the best possible rates. If you desire to share a room and don't have a roommate, contact us at conference time. We'll work to help you.

An increase in expense for technology has been made in order to offer webinars this year as an affordable educational activity in direct response to membership request.

In another area, leadership decisions to cut printing and shipping costs through publishing handouts on-line have also had a positive impact on the amount of materials that are packed for the return trip home, decreasing baggage weight. Lunch is made available at convention in the Exhibit Hall. Not many attendees would guess that the cost of providing coffee service at conference runs \$109/gallon. This is up from \$90/gallon last year.



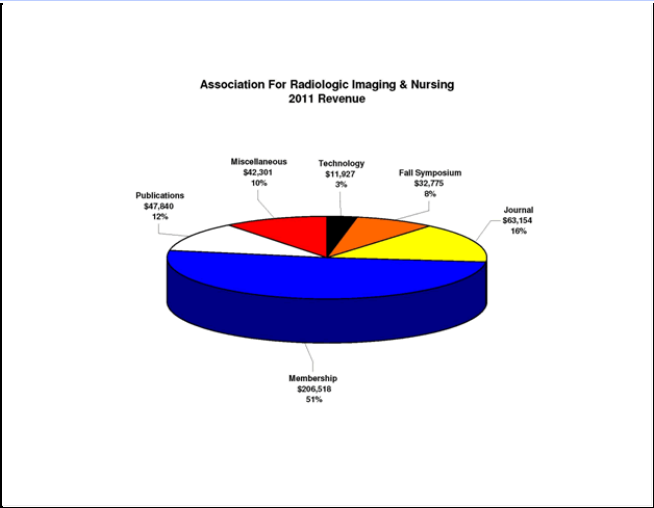


Figure 2 - 2011 ARIN Revenues

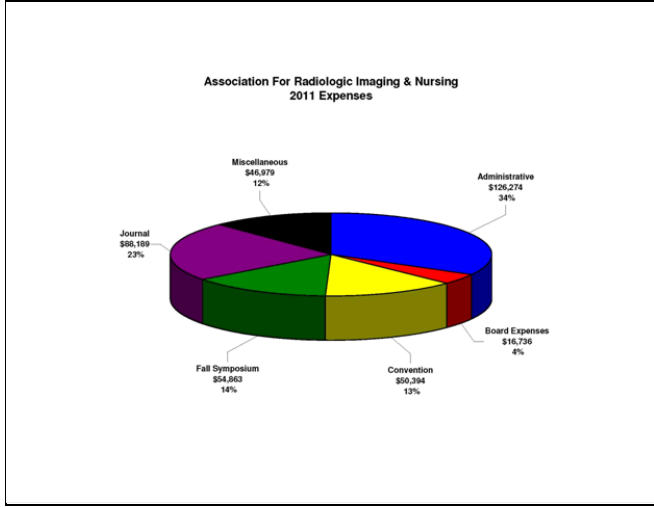


Figure 3 - ARIN 2011 Expenses

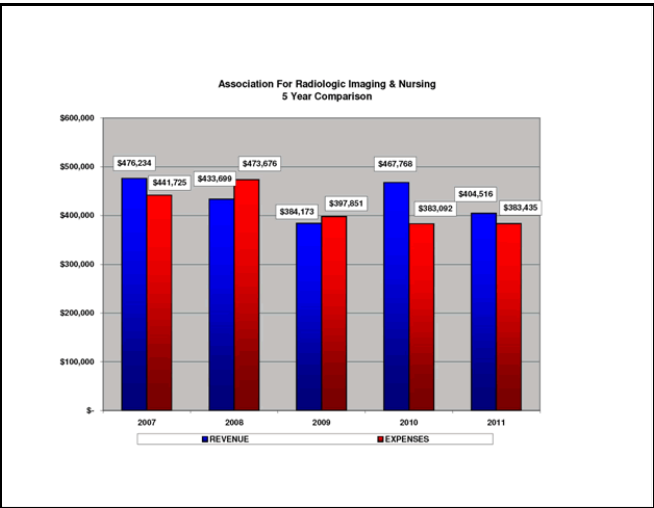


Figure 4 - 5-Year Comparison of ARIN Revenues and Expenses

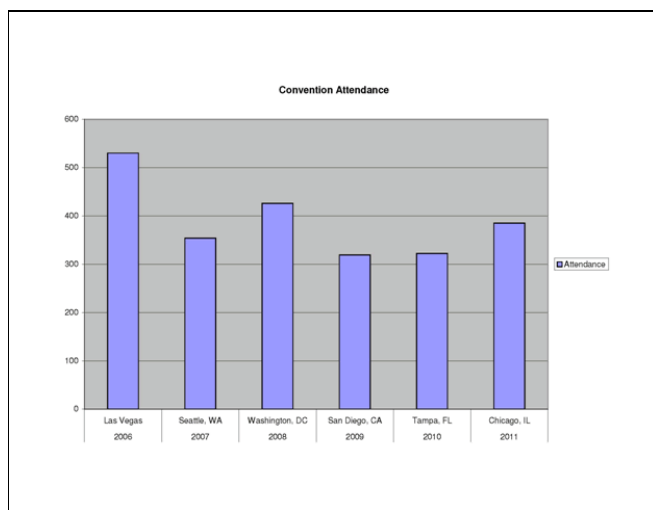


Figure 5 - ARIN Convention Trends over the past 6 years

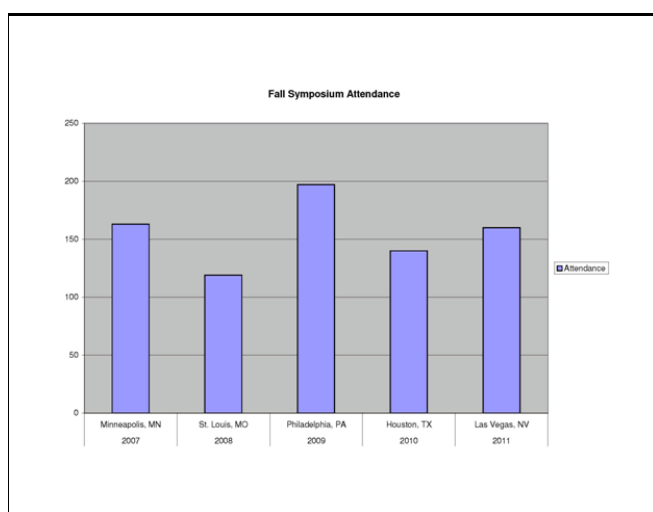


Figure 6 - ARIN Fall Symposium Trends over the past 5 years

Figures 5 and 6 review conference and symposium registrations over the past 5-6 years. Our highest attendance peaked at 530 in 2006 with our 25th anniversary celebration in Las Vegas. (This is the only year that our annual convention did not coincide with the SIR site. Note that this was also the year that we experienced the highest revenue.) We look forward to the 2012 Fall Symposium in Pittsburgh and the 2013 Annual Convention in New Orleans.

In closing, I'd like to stress that you, the ARIN member, are the real treasure of our association. It is through your active participation, whether it be at the local, regional, national, or international level, that the Association for Radiological and Imaging Nursing realizes its goals of maintaining quality patient care. I challenge you to consider the impact we could make if each of us brought one or two new members to the table... through participation at local chapter and regional events, or and nationally at the Fall Symposium and Annual Convention. Let's keep our organization strong as we remain *committed* to ARIN, the organization for our professional practice.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Wickersham, RN, CRN, MAV  
ARIN Treasurer

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## ARIN Call for Nominations for Officers and Nominating Committee

With the 2012 San Francisco Convention and installation of officers behind us, it is time for ARIN to begin the quest for candidates for the next round of elections to the Board of Directors and Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee's mission is to present a full slate of candidates representing all geographical regions of our country. Having broad representation brings about numerous ideas and offers options related to clinical practice and collaboration.

This coming year, the Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for President-Elect, Secretary, Board Member, and Nominating Committee member. Think about your local chapter leaders, or, perhaps you have enjoyed serving on a committee or task force and would like to become more involved. Or you might just like to make a difference!

Qualifications for the positions identified include: active membership in ARIN for one year, possessing an active role or knowledge of radiology/imaging nursing, and having the time to fulfill the responsibilities of the office. [Download](#) the Call for Nominations Form.

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## Health Care Advocacy: Should It Be Left up to Congress?

*What can an RN do?*

As the public policy representative for the Association for Radiologic and Imaging Nurses, I am proud to announce that there are two ARIN members who have volunteered for representation in public policy. Flora Enaje is the 2nd year member, and I am the 1st year member. The first year member is sent to NIWI (Nurse in Washington Internship). I had the opportunity to attend as a representative of ARIN and it was an eye-opening experience.

The meeting is sponsored by The Nursing Organizations Alliance, of which ARIN is a proud member. The Alliance is a coalition of nursing organizations united to create a strong voice for nurses. The Alliance provides a forum for identification, education, and collaboration building on issues of common interest to advance the nursing profession. Membership is open to any nursing organization whose focus is to address current and emerging nursing and health care issues.

Through the internship, I was able to spend 2.5 days in Washington, D.C. on Capitol Hill learning how to become an effective health care advocate. The goal of this program is to prepare nurses to become involved and

help influence policy at all levels of the government. The attendees had all levels of education, from nursing students to DNPs and PhDs. It doesn't matter where one is in their career; anyone can attend, from novice nurses to those with the highest degrees, or professionals approaching retirement. Advocacy for patients begins from within. The goal of this program is to prepare nurses to become involved and influence policy at all levels of government. Attendees are prepared and excited about advocacy and the legislative process by the end of the meeting.

During the opening, Becky Patton, MSN, RN, CNOR, FAAN, Lead Coordinator of The Nursing Organizations Alliance, heartily welcomed the 92 attending nurses from across the country. Multiple advocates discussed the topic, Addressing Core Issues Facing the Nursing Profession Today, including Suzanne Miyamoto, PhD, RN, Director of Government Affairs, American Association of Colleges of Nursing (ACCN); April Canter, MPA, Associate Director, Government Affairs, American Nurses Association (ANA); and Jo Ann Webb, MHA, RN, Director, Federal Relations and Policy, American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE)/American Hospital Association (AHA).

NIWI provides an overview of the basics of Congress and the legislative process. Nurses learn about beginning and developing working relations with congressional members and their staffers, in D.C. and in their home districts. Everyone was amazed to find out the best time of the year to meet Senators and Congress members. Every August, legislative members are in their home districts to meet with their constituents, and to work with their home district staff. This is the perfect time for nurses to set up appointments to meet with them.

As we approach the time when finances are very much on the radar in Capitol Hill, our legislators are approached by many people lobbying for their concerns. Because a face-to-face meeting with a Senator or Congressperson is rare, a person who is requesting funding usually takes a short list of requests to a meeting. These items on the list are known as "ASKS." NIWI provided attendees with the 3 ASKS that The Alliance wants nurses to concentrate on, decided by The Alliance based on input from all the members of the organization.

Our 3 ASKS were:

- Support \$251 million for the Nursing Workforce Development Programs (Title VIII, Public Health Service Act). Please make nursing one of your top FY 2013 programmatic priorities.
- Support \$150 million for the National Institute of Nursing Research in your list of FY 2013 programmatic priorities.
- Support \$20 million for Nurse-Managed Health Clinics in your list of FY 2013 programmatic priorities.

Appointments were made by NIWI staff for interns, who were grouped by state, to meet with Senators. Our group met with the health legislative assistants for Senators Barbara Mikulski and Ben Cardin of Maryland. We were given statistics to share with the legislative staff, and presented those with our ASKS.

I would never have thought I'd be going to Capitol Hill, but I was proud to have the opportunity to suggest funding for so many healthcare needs that affect my profession of 33 years. It all starts with just one person making a difference. I would recommend to every nurse to get involved and have the chance to say, *I helped make a difference.*

Nurses can find out who their representatives are by logging onto <http://www.house.gov/> and entering the zip code. To find out who your senator is, log onto <http://www.senate.gov/>. Send your senator a letter or meet with them when they come back to their home districts in August.

Ronald R. Wardrope, RN, CRN

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## ARIN Presents Chapter of the Year Award for the First Time

The Chapter Award was established in 2011 and honors the chapter that best promotes the goals of ARIN through their member relationships, community activities, and promotion of community health issues. The recipient of the 2011 Chapter of the Year Award is the New England Chapter of the Association for Radiologic & Imaging Nursing. President Carol Cirone was present to accept the award and certificate.



*New England Chapter President accepts the Chapter of the Year award from Awards Committee Liaison Cheryl Jaglowski-Ho and President Linda McDonald.*

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## ARIN Awards and Scholarships

### ARIN Charters New Chapter

ARIN's newest chapter, the North Texas Lone Star Chapter, was officially recognized and presented with their chapter charter plaque during the

Annual Membership Meeting on March 27, 2012, in San Francisco, CA. President Lisa Dalton was present to accept the charter plaque. Congratulations to the members of ARIN's newest chapter!

### **Helen Malenock Award**

The Helen Malenock Award was established by ARIN to provide financial assistance to a radiological nurse who is interested in becoming a member of ARIN. The Helen Malenock Award was presented this year and the recipient received a 1-year membership in ARIN; this was activated in February 2012.

### **Charlotte Godwin Scholarship**

The Charlotte Godwin Scholarship was established to provide assistance for ARIN members to attend an ARIN annual educational meeting. Charlotte Godwin, RN, the first President and a Lifetime Member of ARIN, believed in the importance of the specialty of radiological nursing and its commitment to quality patient care. It is hoped that scholarship recipients gain personal knowledge and work to further the advancement of radiological nursing and ARIN. This year the scholarship was awarded to Mary Sousa. Mary was unable to attend this year's convention and will use the scholarship to attend the 2012 Fall Symposium or the 2013 Convention or Fall Symposium.

### **Dorothy Budneck Scholarship**

The Dorothy Budneck Memorial Scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to ARIN members who have returned to school to advance their nursing education. Dorothy (Dot) Budneck began her career as a Radiologic Technologist. Dot strongly believed in the importance of the nurse's role in radiology and returned to the University of South Carolina to pursue her BSN degree. She faithfully supported ARIN and attended classes at USC throughout her battle with breast cancer. This year's Dorothy Budneck Scholarship was presented to Kimberly Ford.

### **CRN Exam Scholarship**

The Association for Radiologic & Imaging Nursing (ARIN) CRN Exam Scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to ARIN members who are seeking to become certified radiology nurses. This year the CRN Exam Scholarship was presented to Doris Tipton.

*The ARIN Awards & Scholarship Committee invites all ARIN members to nominate a colleague for one of ARIN's annual awards or scholarships. Self nominations are encouraged as well. Download the applications on [www.arinursing.org](http://www.arinursing.org)*

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## **Linda Strangio Editor's Award**

In June 2002, the Board of Directors voted to rename the Editor's Award the Linda Strangio Editor's Award in recognition of Linda's contributions and service to ARIN and to the *Journal of Radiology Nursing*. The Editor's award is for a professional article published in the *Journal of Radiology Nursing* that enhances the image of the radiologic nurse. It may be one



that assists the nurse in understanding a new procedure, treatment, medication, or technique; or a how-to article, an historical article, a research article, or an educational article on caring for the caregiver.

The 2012 Linda Strangio Editor's Award recipients are Lora K. Ott, PhD, MSN, RN, Leslie A. Hoffman, PhD, RN, FAAN, and Marilyn Hravnak, PhD, RN, ACNP-BC, FCCM, FAAN, for their article, *Intrahospital Transport to the Radiology Department: Risk for Adverse Events, Nursing Surveillance, Utilization of a MET, and Practice Implications*. The article was published in the June 2011 issue of the *Journal of Radiology Nursing*. The award was announced during the ARIN Annual Membership Meeting on Tuesday, March 27, 2012. The recipients were not present to receive the award but will be recognized in September during the ARIN Fall Symposium.

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## ARIN 2012 Poster Awards

The ARIN Poster Award was implemented in 2008 to recognize outstanding poster presentations at the annual convention. This year ARIN recognized the first, second, and third place poster recipients.



The Third Place Poster Award Certificate was presented to Susan Orchard, BSN, RN, for the poster, *Expanding Educational Resources for Families/Parents Local Pediatric Communities*.



The Second Place Poster Award Certificate was presented to Margaret Winemiller, RN, and Cynthia Stermer, MS, RN-BC, ACNS-BC, for the poster, *Intrahospital Transport: Safe Passage or Potential for Disaster?*



The First Place Poster Award Certificate was presented to Cathy Brown, BScN, RN, for the poster, *Comparison of Skin Antisepsis Agents*.

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## News from the ARIN New England Chapter

Greetings from the New England, NEC ARIN. After a very mild winter, it is, at last, a beautiful Spring. This is the time of the year when weeding,

cleaning up the garden beds, and even mowing the lawn is a sheer joy! As ever, there is always work to be done—inside and out.

And, work continues for our Chapter. By the time this note is read by you all, our Spring Conference and our CRN Review Course will both be a matter of historical record. We certainly hope our attendees will have enjoyed and benefitted from the information presented. We know that all who attend will be challenged, warmed by the welcoming atmosphere of collegiality, and stimulated by the experience of networking with like-minded professionals. Thanks to ARIN for advertising both of our programs, and to Kathy Scheffer, for being our ARIN master instructor for the CRN Review course. We are very grateful to have your help, support, and expertise.

You may not be aware of our wonderful news. Our New England Chapter is the first ever recipient of The Chapter of the Year award! We are deeply honored and very humbled. For we absolutely *do* know how hard *all* chapters work to devise relevant goals for their members, to present good and timely programs, to collect the dues, manage the accounts, develop and maintain a web site, etc. In our experience, our chapter had to be resuscitated. Truly. We actually considered dissolving—I shudder at the thought! We in New England almost suffered a great loss to our radiology and imaging nurses! Such a catastrophe, however, was averted, thanks to our leadership and our members. Our near-miss—and now, great honor—calls to mind the analogy of Spring cleaning. Such a pleasure it is to get on with things and to be getting such good things accomplished! We have wonderful leadership, wonderful members, and great champions! Yes, it is sometimes hard work, and sometimes it is seemingly thankless. But it is absolutely so well worth all the effort on everyone's part: leadership, members, and champs! It isn't always easy to devote a Saturday to a program/brief meeting or event. And it certainly isn't easy to develop and put on such a program. But, things have come into bloom here in New England for our Chapter. Thank you ARIN for this great honor and recognition. Thank you NEC ARIN, everyone!

One last bit of bragging, if I may. One of the leaders I mention above is our own Mary Sousa. We call her our 'President Emeritus,' an immediate past President, still and ever (we hope) active on our Board. Mary was recently awarded the Charlotte Godwin Award, which enabled her to attend the San Francisco Conference at a reduced cost. This award was given in honor of her innovative contributions to our chapter. You may recall seeing her byline in the journal, for she is a contributor. Way to go Mary, and our heartfelt congratulations to you!

So that's it for now from New England. Happy Spring and Summer—to you all from us all. Be safe and be well. And keep the faith in radiology and imaging nursing and in nurses!

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Duck, BA, RN  
Secretary, NEC ARIN

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## Celebrating Radiologic and Imaging Nursing: Letters from Members

How ARIN Members Celebrate Radiology Nurses Day

*In the past, I have taken the ARIN membership informational brochure and slipped it into whatever goodie-bag I had prepared. As a result, two nurses from our company have joined ARIN. I call it "silent recruiting."*

*One year I purchased the Blue Lab Coats with the ARIN logo patch, and had them all individually monogrammed with each nurse's first name.*

*All in all, the nursing staff greatly appreciates whatever we do for Radiology Nurses Day.*

*This year, I started the day off with a global e-mail to all the radiology nurses, and some of the Radiologists. I purchased several of the ARIN Posters and displayed one at each of our work locations in the city. I copied Golden Gates' Chapter idea, and took pretty mesh bags and filled them with chocolates, an ARIN pen, and the Fall Symposium book mark.*

Faith Washington, BSN, RN  
Nurse Manager  
Inland Imaging LLC  
Spokane, Washington

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*One of the ultrasound docs bought me cookies from Tim Horton's (an iconic Canadian donut shop).*

*I got a few hugs from support staff and verbal appreciation from the gastroenterologists.*

Cathy Brown, BScN, RN, CRN  
Diagnostic Imaging Nurse Navigator  
DTC 1018-3  
Royal Alexandra Hospital  
Edmonton, AB T5H 3V9

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*We had the ARIN poster hanging in our department. I gave the nurses ARIN pens that I purchased at the convention and brought a tray of breakfast treats for them.*

*One of the VIR docs bought Chinese food for everyone's lunch. The staff all recognized the nurses and showed their appreciation to them.*

Linda McDonald, MSN, RN, CCRN  
Pittsburgh, PA  
Immediate Past-President

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*The techs in the department had a spread of food for the day. We received a nice card from them. In the afternoon we celebrated with a big cake provided by the operations manager. The nurses wore the T-shirts I bought at the conference. We all felt appreciated.*

Julieann Anderson  
Nurse Manager  
Minneapolis VA

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*Radiology Administration at Johns Hopkins had a cake and snacks to celebrate the day but it turned out to be a Celebration for the 2012 Nurse of the Year. It was attended by the Vice President of Patient Services and Nursing, two Directors of Nursing, Radiology Administration, and a few other nursing management and a few Radiology Nursing Staff.*

*They gave me a pen and pencil set and a flower arrangement in appreciation for me receiving this wonderful award. Ron Langlotz, Assistant Director of Radiology Nursing, thought, what a better day to show my award off to management than on National Radiology Nurses Day!*

Ronald R. Wardrope, RN, CRN  
The Johns Hopkins Hospital  
600 N. Wolfe Street  
Nelson B-138C  
Baltimore, MD 21287

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*We celebrated with a group lunch provided by our manager. We included our buddies from radiation oncology. We set up a picture display at the employee entrance. On display was everyone's picture, our team shirts and things from the conference, and our hand-off tool. We got a snack gift or two from our colleagues. All in all, we had a great day!*

Cheryl Jaglowski-Ho  
Durham, North Carolina

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*I put the ARIN posters in several places to recognize Radiology and Imaging Nurses Day. We had cake to thank the nurses for everything that they do.*

Sharon Lehmann, MS, RN, CNS  
Clinical Nurse Specialist  
University of Minnesota Medical Center, Fairview  
Minneapolis, MN

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## 2012 New Orleans International Stroke Conference Update

In this age of instant access to all manner of information, the latest science is readily available at our fingertips. It's easy, purportedly accurate, if accessed from a reliable site, and can be retrieved from your laptop or handheld device. So the question remains, what is the necessity of traveling across the country to hear this data presented? After my trip to New Orleans I contemplated this very question. It quite simply is the human interaction that is lacking from the aforementioned ways of keeping current in your practice. It allows you the opportunity to interact with your

peers, share experiences, protocols, policies, and possibly pitfalls.

Saint Luke's Neuroscience Institute of Kansas City, MO, presented their data and experiences, entitled *Community Comprehensive Stroke Center: Meeting Growing Needs*, authored by Tony Nunn, BSN; Marilyn Rymer, MD, FAHA; and Debbie R. Summers, MSN, RN, FAHA, ARNP.

The three presenters systematically chronicled their journey over the last 20 years into the program they have today. It is organized around Centers of Excellence, which follows the patient through the continuum of care. Several key concepts that were integral in the transformation were the development of a process structure and assuring that you have the complement of personnel to carry these concepts through to their actualization. Development of Clinical Order Sets and Checklists to assure continuity and adherence to protocol is essential. The ten core measures outlined by the Joint Commission in collaboration with the American Heart Association (AHA) and the American Stroke Association (ASA) are all addressed in pathway order sets, educational materials, and discharge instructions. One of the core measures actually addresses the issue of the patient being assessed for rehabilitation, again to assure the continuation of the processes that were initiated in the acute phase of the patient's stroke.

A truly inspirational speaker, Judith Johnson, PhD, RN, FAAN, Minneapolis, MN, presented *Long-term Survivor Experience of Integration Back into Life*. She chronicled her experiences in 1991, as she was suddenly thrust from "wellness to illness," when she sustained an hemorrhagic stroke. In addition to her personal experiences, she shared published data on long term stroke survivorship. A few of the key points highlighted were that, 1) Stroke incidence is rising among younger adults, 2) Overall mean age of stroke is decreasing, 3) Improved survival rate from stroke, 4) Improved Interventions has resulted in reduced severity of symptoms. This data needs to be translated into functional outcomes, therefore ongoing research is essential. If you have the opportunity to hear her speak, don't pass it up. An important concept for us all to remember, is to choose our words carefully in our practice, i.e., *stroke survivors*, not stroke victims; *care partners*, not caregivers, just to highlight a few.

The AHA/ASA, in association with The Joint Commission, will soon be releasing new requirements for Primary Stroke Centers to achieve designation as Comprehensive Stroke Centers (CSC) , and the documentation on these processes will become ever more important in the role of the Interventional Radiology Nurse. In the next issue, I hope to address these new metrics.

Jill A. Lean, BSN, RN  
ARIN Clinical Liaison to the American Stroke Association

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## RNCB Announces Newly Certified and Recertified Radiology Nurses

### CERTIFICATION

Certification is one of the most important decisions a nurse can make. Certified nurses are recognized by their peers and employers for having



achieved a standard of competency in the nursing specialty. The Radiologic Nursing Certification Board, Inc. (RNCB) would like to congratulate the following nurses who passed the Radiology Nurse Certification exam on March 28, 2012 at the conclusion of the ARIN Convention and met the requirements to obtain the Certified Radiology Nurse (CRN) credential.

Dale M. Barnett, Long Beach, CA  
 Edith P. Bonds, Metairie, LA  
 Marcy A. Cappello, Schaumburg, IL  
 Leslie M. Carlson, Aurora, CO  
 Ana F. Davis, Williston, VT  
 Judith A. Flanagan-Burdine, Henderson, NV  
 Sara A. Marks, Longview, TX  
 Anne M. Riley, San Francisco, CA  
 Jennifer G. Villanueva, Harbor City, CA

In addition, the RNCB would like to inform you of the Certified Radiology Nurse exam results for the March 28, 2012 exam. 10 nurses took the certification exam, with a total of 9 passing. This is a pass rate of 90 %.

### **RECERTIFICATION**

The Radiologic Nursing Certification Board, Inc. (RNCB) works hard to maintain the standard of excellence among nurses who have made the commitment to set themselves apart as Certified Radiology Nurses by maintaining certification. The RNCB would like to congratulate the following 20 nurses who met the stringent standards to maintain their certification in February and March of 2012.

Beverly O. Corey, Williamston, NC – February  
 Biana Elberg, Brooklyn, NY – March  
 Bridget B. Larsen, Park Ridge, IL – February  
 Betty M. Maslankowski, Roselle, IL – February  
 Chris Hockenberry, Ocean City, NJ – February  
 Christy E. Lee, Lafayette, LA – February  
 Carol F. Rupert, South bend, IN – March  
 Cynthia C. Samples, Erie, CO – February  
 Edgardo B. Somera, Piscataway, NJ – February  
 Heather W. Hussein, Rivervale, NJ – February  
 Joyce A. Weber, Massapequa, New York – February  
 Karen D. Ingnoli, Queensbury, NY – February  
 Kemilla Mehta, Stamford, CT – March  
 Linda Battigaglia, Bellbrook, OH – February  
 Leslie A. Deerfield, Minford, OH – March  
 Laura C. Kilrain, E. Islip, New York – February  
 Margaret A. Goeringer, Elk Grove Village, IL – February  
 Mary Myrthil, Miami, FL – February  
 Susan E. Snead, Springfield, MO – February  
 Wanda L. Parrales, Dacula, CA - February

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