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President's Message

Kate Little, RN

Greetings ARNA members!

As I think ahead to next month, I have mixed feelings. ARNA's annual educational meeting in Phoenix, AZ, brings with it a "changing of the guard" as we like to say in Canada. I look forward to seeing old friends and to making new ones. I anticipate an excellent program and a great opportunity to network with other ARNA members. I also look forward to a new President and Board of Directors leading the way.

There are many ARNA members who have inspired me along the way; here are but a few:

- ❖ Helen Malenock (former Board Member)—she was the first liaison I worked with when I started out as a committee "worker bee" in the early 1990s.
- ❖ Joanna Po (ARNA President - 1985)—a professional example to us all—Administrative Director of Nursing for Diagnostic Imaging at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, TX, and in 1998 achieved CHMP.
- ❖ Elaine Deutsch-Rawls (ARNA President -1986)—Carolinas Chapter member, she was one of the first radiology nurses at the University of North Carolina (UNC) Health Care System. I have heard many stories about the "good old days," Elaine.

❖ Linda Strangio (former Editor of *Images*)—her steadfast enthusiasm for being a radiology nurse was contagious. She is gone, but not forgotten. I think about her and quote her every day.

❖ JoAnn Stubblebine-Belanger (ARNA President - 1998)—Carolinas Chapter member and my mentor both in ARNA and at UNC.

I would like to thank the current Board for their time and attention to details. Thank you to Kathleen Gross, Delma Armstrong, Sophia Jan, Kathy Scheffer, Rhonda Caridi, Barb Sargent, and Paulette Snoby. Thanks go as well to the ARNA office staff who work hard on behalf of our 1500 members.

Thanks also go out to the following:

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ARNA Journal Has New Publisher & New Name

Beginning with the first issue of 2004, the ARNA journal will be published by Elsevier and will be retitled the *Journal of Radiology Nursing (JRN)*.

These two changes will increase the professionalism of the journal and enhance its standing in the publishing community. We are excited about these new changes!

Watch your mailbox for the inaugural issue of the *Journal of Radiology Nursing*.

Letter to the Editor

I was a little surprised to see the article in the winter issue of *Vision* asking members to call their state representative on the overtime policy. I wish that an unbiased view would be presented to members and all information given to members so that we can make an educated decision on our own.

The information printed just didn't sound correct to me so I did a little investigating on my own. I think the proposal presented by the Department of Labor will only help those in the lower/middle income brackets to have higher incomes and strengthen our overtime protections. So I urge us (RNs) not to support the Harkin amendment.

Cathy Beck, BSN, RN
Imaging Nurse Coordinator
Waterford, WI

Editor's Note: The following information is from a news release dated January 20, 2004. For more information, visit <http://www.dol.gov>

Labor Secretary Elaine L. Chao Testifies in Support of Proposal to Update Overtime Protections for White-Collar Workers

In congressional testimony U.S. Labor Secretary Elaine L. Chao debunked a number of myths, distortions, and inaccuracies about the department's proposal to update the nation's overtime regulations for white-collar workers, saying the proposal will "strengthen overtime protections for millions of low-wage and middle-class workers and empower workers to

understand and insist on their overtime rights. If the Department is blocked from issuing updated, stronger overtime protections, these workers will continue to suffer." Secretary Chao delivered her testimony in front of the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee's Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies.

For the first time since 1975, the Department's proposed regulations would raise the salary threshold—below which workers would automatically qualify for overtime—from \$155.00 a week to \$425.00 a week, or \$8,060.00 per year, to \$22,100.00 per year. This increase of \$270.00 a week, or \$14,040.00 per year, would be the largest since Congress passed the FLSA in 1938. The impact of this revision will be to increase the wages of 1.3 million lower-income workers and reduce the number of low-wage salaried workers currently being denied overtime pay.

Other proposed changes include revising job duties required to qualify for the exemption to better correspond to 21st century workplace realities. The old regulations, written in 1949, mention job classifications that no longer exist. Clarifying which job duties qualify for overtime pay will help workers and employers determine overtime entitlement for millions of workers whose status is currently unclear.

ARNA Has Three New Chapters!

The ARNA Board of Directors approved three charters for 2004: The Grand Canyon State Chapter, First Coast Nurses Radiology Chapter, and The Greater Pittsburgh RNA Chapter.

The Grand Canyon Chapter is located in Goodyear, AZ. The chapter began forming in April 2003. This motivated group of radiology nurses has 11 members. The chapter officers are Stuart Glen, RN, CRN, President; Carolyn Bennett, BSN, RN, CRN, President-elect; Julie Beck, BSN, RN, Secretary; and Chris Boivin, BSN, RN, Treasurer.

First Coast Nurses Radiology Chapter is located in Jacksonville, FL. The chapter began forming in June 2003. This motivated group of radiology nurses has 8 members. The chapter officers are Billie Stilwell, RN, President; Sandra Brinson, RN, President-elect; Joni Hamilton, RN, Secretary; and Mary Timlin, RN, Treasurer.

The Greater Pittsburgh RNA Chapter is located in Mars, PA. The chapter began forming in March 2003. This motivated group of radiology nurses has 13 members. The chapter officers are Linda McDonald, BSN, RN, CRN, President, Sarah Bradford, RN, President-elect; Carolyn Mayer, MSN, RN, CRN, Secretary; David Zimmer, RN, Treasurer; and Debbie Romanie, RN, Zahra Winston, RN, and Kathy Kelly, ACLS, Board Members.

If you would like to consider joining these active groups, contact:

Grand Canyon State Chapter

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Five Minutes With a Member of the Board

Recently, *Vision* had the opportunity to participate in a “virtual interview” with Kathy Scheffer, BSN, RN, CRN, Secretary of ARNA’s Board of Directors.

Vision: Kathy, how did you become involved with ARNA?

Scheffer: In 1982, a radiologist I worked with brought back an ARNA pamphlet from the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA). It looked interesting, so I investigated the association. The following year I went to a conference and met a fellow radiology nurse from Seattle, and we formed a chapter to have a local basis for networking.

Vision: What journey did you take through ARNA that led you to becoming a member of the Board of Directors of a national nursing organization?

Scheffer: It all started with my serving as local chapter president of the Northwest ARNA chapter in 1987. I then became the chapter treasurer, and I still hold this position. Both these positions allowed me to become active on chapter committees. I then volunteered for the national nominating committee and attended several ARNA national conferences. Through these conferences, I networked with other officers and members. During the creation of the core curriculum, I served as editor of the sedation chapter and ran for office as a board member. I was asked to run for the secretary’s position and decided it was time to become more involved at a national level. I continue to actively participate with our local chapter because I believe chapters are ARNA’s greatest strength. I have enjoyed the past year, serving on the Board, and look forward to the many challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Vision: How do you view your role as a radiology nurse, and where do you see the nursing profession going in the future?

Scheffer: I see myself as an advanced practice nurse in a leadership role in radiology. I no longer perform direct patient care but help oversee care and drive policy and protocols that affect all patients in the imaging department. I see this becoming more and more common as radiology nurses continue to advance and more advanced practice nurses are involved.

Vision: Where do you see the radiology nursing specialty going in the future?

Scheffer: I was very proud to be the first certified radiology nurse in the northwest and continue to promote certification for all of my staff. Even as we cross train nurses because of nursing and staff shortages, I stand firm in the belief that “specialists” are needed to be the core strength of the imaging team. Knowing the differences in the imaging modalities and procedures can only promote safety and quality patient care.

Vision: How do you think individual ARNA members make a positive influence on practice?

Scheffer: Each radiology nurse can take national standards and apply them to individual work settings. This helps to strengthen the positions of all imaging departments across the country. To have evidence-based practices and research applied to our interventions truly creates the best patient care available. We have a national organization (ARNA) that provides evidence-based recommendations; this gives us great credibility and authenticity to our practice.



SPN Develops Safe Staffing Position Statement

The Society of Pediatric Nurses (SPN) recently adopted a position statement on safe staffing in the pediatric setting. It is the intention of SPN that the position statement (along with the other resources cited and endorsed in the document) be a guide and a resource for pediatric nurses and administrators involved in staffing decisions.

For a copy of the position statement, see SPN’s Web site at www.pedsnurses.org or contact the SPN National Office at (850) 494-9467 or 7794 Grow Drive, Pensacola, FL 32514-7072.

Legislation Corner

Legislation Updates and Their Affect on Nursing

In December 2003 President Bush signed into law the Medicare prescription drug Improvement and Modernization Act (MMA) of 2003. This was a Medicare overhaul that includes a prescription drug benefit for seniors, as well as several reimbursement opportunities for hospitals, physicians, and rural providers. This marks the largest wholesale change to the Medicare program since its inception in the 1960s. The total price tag of this bill is over 10 years for about \$400 billion.

Provisions in the bill include the following:

- ❖ Increased payment if new technology is used for inpatient hospital services
- ❖ Coverage of category A devices for clinical trials
- ❖ Higher payments for services performed for residents with AIDS in skilled nursing facilities
- ❖ Cash-flow assistance to critical access hospitals
- ❖ Funding for hospitals that serve illegal immigrants
- ❖ New appeal right for providers, including the ability to stretch repayments in hardship cases and receive notification for overusing a code
- ❖ A quality initiative that results in reduced payments of .04% in fiscal year 2005, 2006, and 2007 to hospitals that fail to furnish data to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid service (CMS)
- ❖ The bill is also aimed at attacking fraud and abuse, such as a three-year provision to allow Medicare to contract with private firms for identifying underpayments and overpayments and recouping overpayments.

This bill affects everyone in healthcare organizations, some directly and others indirectly. Not only does it affect patient care, but it also affects patient caregivers in ways you might not have thought, such as the needle stick policy mentioned below.

Public Hospital Needlestick

Several of you are currently working in hospitals with safety needles and sharps. However, there are 26 states that do not recognize the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) regarding needlestick protections to public hospital workers. The MMA established a new Medicare condition of participation for those hospitals. Beginning July 1, 2004, these hospitals will be required to meet the bloodborne pathogen standard, which requires the use of safety needles and sharps.

In March of 2003, I attended the Nurse In Washington Internship (NIWI) in Washington DC, at which time I met Congresswoman Lois Capps (D-CA), an inspiring nurse on Capital Hill. During my visit, she started to put together a Nursing Caucus. She encouraged nurses throughout the United States to explain the purpose of the Caucus and to get representatives from their state involved in the Caucus. The Nursing Caucus has now grown to over 80 member of Congress.

This new focus on nursing issues in Congress was highlighted when the Nurse Reinvestment Act was signed into law. This bill was passed with bipartisan support in both the House and the Senate. The bill included issues related to the nurse shortage, the aging nurse workforce, the workplace environment, and the need to attract over one million new registered nurses by 2010.

The leaders of the House Nursing Caucus coordinated a letter signed by over 90 members of Congress urging the Appropriations Committee to increase funds for the Nurse Reinvestment Act. The House Nursing Caucus will continue to focus on increasing financial support for all programs aimed at recruiting and retaining more nurses.

Another issue that may be brought up for consideration by the caucus this year is the Institute of Medicine (IOM) which reports a clear link between the nursing work environment and patient safety and recommends improvements in healthcare working conditions that would lead to safer patient care. It's reassuring that a permanent caucus has been dedicated only to nursing issues.

2004 is the presidential election year and even though radiology nurses are a small group, we have enough clout to successfully influence the policy makers who are writing the laws, which influence the development of nursing policies during the 2004 presidential and congressional election. Please contact your representative to urge him/her to cosponsor The Quality Nursing Care Act of 2004 which will mandate the development of staffing systems in hospitals aimed at ending the widespread practice of healthcare facilities in stretching nursing staff with unsafe patient loads, mandatory overtime, floating to units without training and orientation, and other practices that undermine the delivery of safe, quality care. This act specifically addresses staffing. I encourage you to get involved, take a stand, vote, and if you're not already registered to vote get registered. As a nurse and citizen get involved and make a difference in the nursing community at large.

Lois Curtwright, MSN, RN, CPN
Chair, Public Policy Committee

Resources

Capitol Update—newsletter www.wisbar.org/capup
National Institutes of Health (NIH)—www.nih.org

Member in the News

Madeline Rosado, MSN, RN, is a nurse practitioner in Interventional Radiology at Montefiore Medical Center in New York. She has been appointed the clinical research coordinator of the division. In May she traveled to Europe to learn about a study drug that has potential to treat acute limb ischemia. The study is now in phase 2. Madeline has been a member of the executive committee of the Advanced Interventional Management Symposium for the past 4 years. She has also contributed to an article titled "Angiography and Catheter Directed Interventional Techniques and Catheter Induced Vasospasm to the Treatment of Acute Lower Gastrointestinal Bleeding."

Members in the News

- ❖ Have you recently changed jobs or received a promotion?
- ❖ Have you received an award related to your professional responsibilities?
- ❖ Have you written an article, a chapter in a book, or an entire book that has been published recently?
- ❖ Have you received an academic honor or award?
- ❖ Are you serving in an elected or appointed position in a professional or a governmental organization?
- ❖ Are you serving in on the Board of Directors for a health-related community agency?
- ❖ Have you made a presentation at a professional conference or meeting?
- ❖ Have you recently traveled to another country to teach or learn more about your specialty?

If you can answer "yes" to any of these questions, please tell us about it. We would like to include it in our "Members in the News" column. Send your announcements to Shay Stephens, Member in the News, 7794 Grow Drive, Pensacola, FL 32514-7072, fax (850) 484-8762, e-mail arna@puetzamc.com

Notice

Please be advised that the candidate information for Jeanne T. Mills, candidate for the Nominating Committee, contained a miscommunication. Jeanne's Professional Affiliation statement should have been printed as follows:

Professional Affiliation

Jeanne is an active member of ARNA and has served as President-Elect and President on the Board of Directors for the Rocky Mountain Radiological Nurses Association (1997-1999) and more recently as Secretary of the Carolinas Chapter of ARNA (1999-2002). Jeanne served as President-Elect (2001-2002) and President (2003) of the Eastern North Carolina Chapter of the American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants (2001-2003) and is an active member of the American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants, member of the American Nurses Association, and has done volunteer work for the American Heart Association.

Certification Deadline

The next exam for certification in radiology nursing will be held on August 21, 2004. The deadline for applications is June 30, 2004. Contact the Radiologic Nursing Certification Board at (866) 486-2762 or (850) 474-7292 for your application.

Recruitment materials (a table top display, membership brochures, and copies of *RN News*) are available for your next meeting, conference, or continuing education activity. Contact the National Office at least 6 weeks before the date needed to arrange for shipment of these display materials.

Belinda E. Puetz, PhD, RN, Publisher, and Pohl Publishing, Inc., offer ARNA members a 20% discount off the list price of any book in the Conversations series.

Conversations in Nursing Professional Development Editors: Belinda E. Puetz, PhD, RN, Editor, Journal for Nurses in Staff Development and Founder, National Nursing Staff Development Organization, Pensacola, FL; Julia W. Aucoin, DNS, RN, BC, Consultant, Nursing Professional Development, Durham, NC

This book answers questions about the basics such as roles and responsibilities, educational design, and learning styles as well as advanced topics such as accreditation/approval, publishing and presenting in the nursing literature, and certification. 415 pages, soft cover, ISBN 0-9717499-0-6, \$36.00 **Sample Table of Contents:** Preparing for a Staff Development Position • Assessing Learning Needs • Accreditation/Approval Criteria • Integrating Technology Choices into Practice



2003 AJN Book of the Year Conversations in E-Learning Editor: Diane Billings, EdD, RN, FAAN, Associate Dean of Teaching, Learning, and Information Resources, Indiana University School of Nursing, Indianapolis, IN

Readers learn how to develop an e-learning marketing plan, how to get started using the tools and platforms of e-learning, how to coordinate a course design team, and how to establish a learning community. 278 pages, soft cover, ISBN 0-9717499-1-4, \$28.00

Sample Table of Contents: E-Learning Tools and Platforms • E-Educators • The Online Learning Community • Designing Courses or Modules

Conversations in Leadership of Professional Nursing Associations Editor: Linda J. Shinn, MBA, RN, CAE, Principal, Consensus Management Group, Indianapolis, IN

Have you ever wished you could ask an expert about a particular issue about volunteering in a professional nursing association? This book is the source for busy elected and appointed leaders (or those thinking about serving) to find the right answer right away. 233 pages, soft cover, ISBN 0-9717499-2-2, \$28.00 **Sample Table of Contents:** Electronic Communication • Building and Maintaining Membership • Generational Issues in Leadership and Membership • Crisis Management

Conversations in Critical Thinking and Clinical Judgment Editors: Marilyn Jackson, PhD, MA, RN, Principal, Intuitive Options, Kaslof, AK; Bette Case, PhD, RN, BC, Independent Consultant & Partner, Clinical Care Solutions, Chicago, IL; Donna Ignatavicius, MS, RN, Cn, Owner & President, DI Associates, Inc., Placitas, NM

There is no one definition for critical thinking. However, the very nature of critical thinking implies that we are open to all aspects, and willing to see issues from a multitude of views, always questioning and challenging the current state. This book is designed to be the kind of experience you would have if you had a consultant nearby and were able to ask those practical, down-to-earth questions that challenge you on a daily basis. 300 pages, soft cover, ISBN 0-9717499-3-0, \$36.00 **Sample Table of Contents:** Attitudes and Indicators • Learning Strategies to Promote Critical Thinking • Selecting Practice Issues for Critical Thinking Application • Recruitment and Retention

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Conversations in Palliative Care Editors: Joan Panke, MA, RN, APRN, Palliative Care Nurse Practitioner/Consultant, Scarsdale, NY; Patrick Coyne, MSN, RN, CS, CHPN, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Medical College of Virginia Hospitals, Richmond, VA

Confusion still exists about what "palliative care" actually means. Some mistakenly believe that palliative care is reserved only for patients who are close to death—those who are within days or hours of death. This book is designed to assist healthcare professionals in providing total palliative care to those who need comfort, regardless of how impending their death. **Sample Table of Contents:** Psychological Issues • Spirituality • Pharmacologic Management of Pain • Ethics in Palliative Care

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Call for Manuscripts

The *Journal of Radiology Nursing* (JRN) is looking for manuscripts on the following topics:

- ❖ Nursing Leadership
- ❖ New Procedures
- ❖ Research Studies
- ❖ JCAHO Requirements
- ❖ HIPPA
- ❖ Orientation and Competency for Radiology Nursing
- ❖ Patient Satisfaction
- ❖ Moderate Sedation
- ❖ Radiation Safety
- ❖ Magnetic Resonance Imaging
- ❖ Management of Lines
- ❖ Drug Eluting Stents
- ❖ Multidisciplinary Approach to Team Building in Interventional Radiology
- ❖ PI Efforts
- ❖ Infection Control Policies
- ❖ Budget and Financial Strategies
- ❖ Patient Safety Issues
- ❖ Role of the PA and ARNP in Interventional Radiology
- ❖ Patient Teaching Techniques in Interventional Radiology

For assistance in developing an idea or writing a manuscript, contact the Editor, Marie Korenstein, MHS, RN, CRN, at 7794 Grow Drive, Pensacola, FL 32514, (866) 486-ARNA (2762), fax (850) 484-8762, or e-mail mariek@bhssf.org We're eager to hear from you!

(President, continued from page 1)

- My family (Shannon and Ryan)
- My other family (the staff at UNC Radiology: clerks, technologists, nurses, and physicians with whom I work every day)
- There is a special place in my heart for my Carolinas Chapter ARNA colleagues
- Last but not least I would like to thank my mentor JoAnn Belanger. It's amazing where one can go when someone is patient and dedicated enough to support and guide you!

I would like to accentuate all that ARNA volunteers have accomplished. For an organization of our age and size, we have a lot to be proud of!

- We have a lasting relationship with RSNA/Associated Sciences Consortium, SIR, AHRA, AHA, ACR, and The Alliance.
- In 1998, we were officially recognized as a specialty by the American Nurses Association (ANA).
- We have an excellent educational offering annually.
- There is steady membership growth in an organization that is just over 20 years old.
- ARNA has 28 local chapters and is still growing!
- There is consistent international interest.
- ARNA has contact hour provider status.
- The Radiologic Nursing Certification Board (RNCB) is now a separate entity.
- The radiology nursing certification exam is offered twice a year.

- The Core Curriculum is being revised.
- The *Journal of Radiology Nursing* (formerly known as *Images*) is published by Elsevier.
- The ARNA newsletter, *Vision* (formerly known as *RN News*), is published quarterly.

These accomplishments were only reached through the hard work and

dedication of volunteers who have come before us, yes *volunteers*, women and men who have full lives outside of ARNA and their "paying jobs."

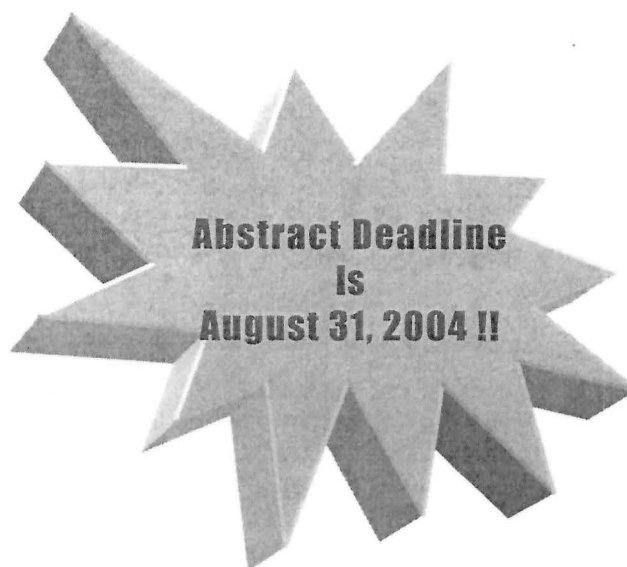
For the future, I would like for us to focus on retaining existing members. Secondly, we should aim to recruit new members. We should try to foster involvement at both the local and national level; encourage diversity for the team of elected volunteers who represent ARNA; continue on our path to deliver quality patient care in the radiology setting; and support the learning needs of the dedicated individuals who advocate for patients daily.

We have a vibrant, viable professional organization to be proud of. Serving as your President has been a privilege and an honor. Thank you.

Connections

Does your institution have a policy regarding the performance of VCUGs on children with fevers? We have found some literature that recommends this practice not be done. Any information would be helpful.

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Call for Presentations and Posters

American Radiological Nurses Association
23rd Annual Educational Meeting
March 31 – April 5, 2005
New Orleans, LA



Call for Presentations

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The ARNA Planning Committee invites you to submit an abstract for a presentation at the 23rd Annual Educational Meeting sponsored by the American Radiological Nurses Association (ARNA) to be held March 31 – April 5, 2005, in New Orleans, LA. We welcome abstracts for presentation and posters from radiological nurses and others on topics in clinical practice, education, administration, research, patient education, and consultation in all practice areas. The focus of presentations should be on innovative, practical approaches that can be used in a variety of settings related to radiological care. Presentations are being sought on topics such as competency development, orientation to radiological care, elements of transition in the current healthcare environment, case management, technological advances, clinical techniques or procedures, outcome measurement, nursing administration/staff development, patient education, and others. Presentations should have an interdisciplinary focus whenever possible.

The education meeting will focus on innovative strategies in radiological nursing, with an emphasis on challenges to be faced in the 21st century. The goals of the meeting are to:

1. Enhance the practice of radiological nurses in order to improve the quality of services provided to patients.
2. Formulate strategies to foster the role of the radiological nurse as patient advocate and educator.
3. Prepare radiological nurses for roles as clinicians, managers, educators, and researchers through:
 - analysis of effective techniques for patient education
 - advances in research strategies and methodologies
 - creative strategies in managing patients
 - identification of current and projected trends in the field
 - application of research findings into practice
 - innovative concepts in clinical practice
4. Facilitate networking and professional development of radiological nurses.

Submission Guidelines for presentation:

The Planning Committee will review abstracts for **presentation** based on the following criteria:

- clarity of description of the content and presentation methods
- importance, depth, focus, level of audience interest
- feasibility of application to a variety of settings
- presenter's professional background and speaking experience
- absence of commercial content
- originality of topic/presentation (has not been presented at other radiological nursing programs)

Keeping the selection criteria in mind, prepare an abstract that is 250 words or less.

One presenter per concurrent session will receive complimentary registration for the educational meeting.

Submission Guidelines for posters:

The Planning Committee will review abstracts for **posters** based on the following criteria:

- clarity of description of the content and presentation methods
- importance, depth, focus, level of audience interest
- feasibility of application to a variety of settings
- presenter's professional background and speaking experience
- absence of commercial content
- originality of topic/presentation (has not been presented at other radiological nursing programs)

Keeping the selection criteria in mind, prepare a **poster abstract that is 100 words** or less.

Complete proposals for presentations and posters include:

1. **Presentation Submission Form with abstract**
2. **Biographical sketch or curriculum vitae**

The completed proposal should be sent to:

Call for Presentations
ARNA National Office
7794 Grow Drive
Pensacola, FL 32514-7072

Abstracts must be postmarked no later than June 15, 2004. Submissions postmarked after this date will not be considered. All submissions must be received by mail. Notification of selection of presentation will occur in September 2004.

For further information or questions contact ARNA Convention Services

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American Radiological Nurses Association
23rd Annual Educational Meeting
March 31 –April 5, 2005
New Orleans, LA

Poster Presentation Submission Form

Presenter Name with Credentials: _____

Position: _____

Institution: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Fax: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Please provide below (or attach a separate sheet) an abstract summary in **100 words or less** for consideration to present at the 2005 ARNA Educational Meeting.

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Call for Presentations Submission Form

E-Mail Address: _____

American Radiological Nurses Association
Core Curriculum

Name: _____

Chapter Writer _____ Section Editor _____

Chapter _____

Preferred Mailing
Address: _____

Telephone Home: _____ Work: _____

Email Address/s: _____

BRIEFLY describe your qualifications to write the chapter/s you selected.

Please include a current copy of your curriculum vitae or resume.

**RETURN TO: Patricia Barlow, Core Curriculum Project Manager, ARNA National Office,
7794 Grow Drive, Pensacola, FL 32514 or fax to: (850) 484-8762**

ARNA Call for Volunteers

The 2nd Edition of the Core Curriculum for Radiological Nursing is well underway with authors assigned to most chapters. However, there are several chapters that need authors. If you are interested in writing one of these chapters, please contact Patricia Barlow at the ARNA National Office.

- Diagnostic Radiology
- Radiology Oncology
- Understanding Ultrasound
- Computed Tomography
- Research in Radiological Nursing

To be a chapter writer, you must meet the following criteria:

- Be a registered nurse (or collaborate with an RN).
- Submit all drafts and final works in both hard copy and on computer disk using an IBM PC format compatible with Microsoft Word for Windows.
- Meet all deadlines outlined for the publication.
- Use the style defined by the 5th edition of the *APA Publication Manual* to reference your work.

If two persons would like to work on a chapter, then the collaboration would be done in person or via telephone, fax, or electronic media. Only one manuscript will be accepted from co-writers.

We are also looking for section editors. Section Editors will play a significant role in the development of the ARNA Core Curriculum. Section editors should be able to meet the following expectations:

- Meet established and/or revised deadlines.
- Review and communicate with the Editor and/or the Project Manager in the event of any concerns.
- Assist authors to meet established deadlines as much as possible.
- Review material submitted for accuracy of content, flow, grammatical content, and the like.
- Provide constructive suggestions for improving content and flow as follows:
 - Question the accuracy of information (if in doubt).
 - Suggest additions/deletions of content.
 - Recommend the inclusion of additional references or information.
 - Recommend changes in writing flow.
 - Suggest inclusion of tables, charts, figures when appropriate.
- Provide positive ongoing feedback for writers' efforts.
- Provide Editor with recommendations for peer reviewers.

If you are interested in participating in this project, please complete all sections of the application below and return it to the ARNA National Office no later than January 31, 2005. We look forward to hearing from you!

American Radiological Nurses Association
Call for Volunteers

If you are interested in contributing your skills and you are an active member, please fill out the information below for consideration of a committee appointment. ARNA's leadership looks forward to your participation.

Name _____ Credentials _____

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City/State/Zip _____ Home Phone () _____

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Address _____

Work Phone () _____ Fax () _____ E-Mail _____

Hours to Contact _____

Areas of Nursing Experience: ☐ Clinical Sub-Specialty (specify) _____
☐ Management
☐ Education
☐ Other (specify) _____

Education (check/fill-in all that apply)

☐ Associate in Nursing
☐ Diploma in Nursing
☐ BSN
☐ Doctorate: _____
☐ MSN
☐ Master's in Other: _____
Certifications: _____

Indicate the Committee (s) on which you would most like to serve. You may list up to three choices, however, if you list more than one choice, indicate the order of preference (#1 being your first choice, #2 your second choice, and so on).

☐ Chapters Committee
☐ Scholarship Committee
☐ Convention Planning
☐ Public Policy Committee
☐ Nominating Committee
☐ Special Teams (Volunteers for task forces that may be formed in the coming year.)

If you are currently serving on a Committee or Task Force please list it and indicate how long you have been on the Committee or Task Force: _____

Please drop this form off at the ARNA Registration Desk or fax or mail by May 1, 2004 to:

American Radiological Nurses Association (ARNA)

◆ 7794 Grow Drive ◆ Pensacola, FL 32514-7072 ◆ Fax: (850) 484-8762

American Radiological Nurses Association
23rd Annual Educational Meeting
March 31 –April 5, 2005
New Orleans, LA

Poster Presentation Submission Form

Presenter Name with Credentials: _____

Position: _____

Institution: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Fax: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Please provide below (or attach a separate sheet) an abstract summary in **100 words or less** for consideration to present at the 2005 ARNA Educational Meeting.

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- originality of topic/presentation (has not been presented at other radiological nursing programs)

Keeping the selection criteria in mind, prepare an **abstract that is 250 words** or less.

One presenter per concurrent session will receive complimentary registration for the educational meeting.

Submission Guidelines for posters:

The Planning Committee will review abstracts for **posters** based on the following criteria:

- clarity of description of the content and presentation methods
- importance, depth, focus, level of audience interest
- feasibility of application to a variety of settings
- presenter's professional background and speaking experience
- absence of commercial content
- originality of topic/presentation (has not been presented at other radiological nursing programs)

Keeping the selection criteria in mind, prepare a **poster abstract that is 100 words** or less.

Complete proposals for presentations and posters include:

- 1. Presentation Submission Form with abstract**
- 2. Biographical sketch or curriculum vitae**

The completed proposal should be sent to:

Call for Presentations
ARNA National Office
7794 Grow Drive
Pensacola, FL 32514-7072

Abstracts must be postmarked no later than August 31, 2004. Submissions postmarked after this date will not be considered. All submissions must be received by mail. Notification of selection of presentation will occur in October 2004.

For further information or questions contact ARNA Convention Services

Toll Free: 866- 486-ARNA (2762)
Tel: 850- 474-7292
Fax: 850- 484-8762
E-mail: arna@puetzamc.com
www.arna.net

Call for Presentations

American Radiological Nurses Association
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The ARNA Planning Committee invites you to submit an abstract for a presentation at the 23rd Annual Educational Meeting sponsored by the American Radiological Nurses Association (ARNA) to be held March 31 – April 5, 2005, in New Orleans, LA. We welcome abstracts for presentation and posters from radiological nurses and others on topics in clinical practice, education, administration, research, patient education, and consultation in all practice areas. The focus of presentations should be on innovative, practical approaches that can be used in a variety of settings related to radiological care. Presentations are being sought on topics such as competency development, orientation to radiological care, elements of transition in the current healthcare environment, case management, technological advances, clinical techniques or procedures, outcome measurement, nursing administration/staff development, patient education, and others. Presentations should have an interdisciplinary focus whenever possible.

The education meeting will focus on innovative strategies in radiological nursing, with an emphasis on challenges to be faced in the 21st century. The goals of the meeting are to:

1. Enhance the practice of radiological nurses in order to improve the quality of services provided to patients.
2. Formulate strategies to foster the role of the radiological nurse as patient advocate and educator.
3. Prepare radiological nurses for roles as clinicians, managers, educators, and researchers through:
 - analysis of effective techniques for patient education
 - advances in research strategies and methodologies
 - creative strategies in managing patients
 - identification of current and projected trends in the field
 - application of research findings into practice
 - innovative concepts in clinical practice
4. Facilitate networking and professional development of radiological nurses.

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- Past ARNA positions, committees, or projects in which you were involved

2. On a separate sheet, please submit a 250 word statement **for inclusion with the ballot** describing what you hope to achieve through the office you seek and what you hope ARNA would achieve through your service.

Sample biographical information and a sample statement are provided for your reference when preparing your own statements.

Sample Biographical Information (for review by the Nominating Committee)

I received my BSN from Biola University in 1988. Following graduation I worked in a radiology department at a small community hospital. I currently am lead nurse in an interventional radiology department of a large medical Center. Several years later, at a University Medical Center as a preceptor for new graduates, I became interested in staff development. In 1984 I received my MSN in adult health with a minor in education. Currently, I am the Director of Education for Flowers Hospital and Health System, where I am responsible for overseeing all aspects of education, including orientation, competency assessment, in-service, and continuing education as well as patient education for all levels of personnel at the four hospitals in our system. I supervise a staff of ten nurses and five support personnel and administer a budget of \$100,000.00. I have been involved with ARNA for many years. I served on the ARNA Bylaws Committee, and the Planning Committee for the 2000 ARNA Convention, and was a Star Search winner in 1998. I was instrumental in establishing our local affiliate, served as its first Secretary, and have been the President for the past three years. I am eager to expand my horizons and seek an active role on the national level as a member of the Executive Board.

Sample Statement (for inclusion with ballot)

My first exposure to ARNA was at one of the national conventions when I was brand new to the radiology nurse role. They became my role models and I aspired to achieve what they had. Now I feel I have the experience and background to be a role model for new members in our organization. In my job I have been involved with mentoring colleagues who want to work in staff development. With the escalation of technology and the rapid changes taking place in the health care arena today, it is more and more pivotal to mentor and assist anyone who desires to take on the multiple challenges faced by those of us in this specialty...increased demands for services that may change on a daily basis. Based on my involvement with our local affiliate and networking with others in our field at the annual conventions, I have become increasingly aware of the variety of settings and wide array of needs of our membership. I want to be proactive to meet these needs and look forward to being a liaison with the affiliates. I want to be a role model and mentor future leaders for ARNA. I want to explore expanding our publications and programs, look into helping affiliates plan regional meetings, and be an active participant in growing and expanding our membership. I bring my enthusiasm and energy to support the nurses in our specialty. I welcome the opportunity to represent you and your needs through this position on the Executive Board.

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- ☐ One hour
- ☐ One and ½ hours
- ☐ Two hours

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Call for Volunteers

Volunteers Needed for Task Force to create a Certification Preparation Course

ARNA would like to offer a one-day Certification Preparation Course on March 30, 2005, the day before the ARNA annual educational meeting in New Orleans, LA. The intent of the course is to provide an overview of certification exam content and allow members to ask questions and take a sample test. Members will preferably be a certified radiology nurse or demonstrate expert knowledge in at least one area of radiology nursing. There will be monthly conference calls and updates by e-mail and/or fax as needed. The Task Force is being chaired by Kathy Scheffer, MN, RN, CRN.

Please direct your interest to the ARNA National Office at 866-486-ARNA (2762) or ARNA@puetzamc For more information, contact Kathy Scheffer at kathy.scheffer@multicare.org or any other officer or director of ARNA.

Volunteers sought for Orientation Document Revision Task Force

ARNA is updating its orientation document information and expanding its content to meet the needs of new nurse orientation in a variety of radiology settings. Members of this task force will have had experience developing orientation tools or presenting all or part of an orientation for radiology nurses or nursing students. Members who have recently been through an orientation or who would have benefited from one are also encouraged to participate. The task force is being chaired by Patrick Glickman, BSN, RN.

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AMERICAN RADIOLOGICAL NURSES ASSOCIATION

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS 2004-2005

Nominations are being sought for the following ARNA offices:

President-Elect: The first year is spent working closely with the President to understand the comprehensive role of the President. The President-Elect is required to assume the role of President in the event the President is unable to complete the elected term. The second year the President-Elect assumes the role of President by acting as the presiding officer of the Board of Directors and assuming the general supervision over all business affairs of the Association. Travel is required and expenses are reimbursed as set by ARNA policy. Two-year commitment.

Secretary: The Secretary shall record and review the minutes for all Board of Directors and Membership business meetings of the Society. Travel is required and expenses are reimbursed as set by ARNA policy. Two-year commitment.

Board Member: Board members direct the business and financial affairs of the Association, establish policy, foster the growth and development of the Association, and engage in strategic planning. Board members serve as liaisons to ARNA committees. Travel is required and expenses are reimbursed as set by ARNA policy. Three-year commitment.

Nominating Committee Member: The Nominating Committee oversees the elections process, solicits and screens applicants, and presents a slate of candidates to the membership for voting. The business of the Nominating Committee is conducted via conference calls; travel is not required. Two-year commitment.

NOMINATION AND CONSENT STATEMENT

A candidate must have been an active member of ARNA for a minimum of one year preceding nomination. In addition, the President-Elect should have served at least one year as a member of the Board of Directors or served as a chairperson of an ARNA national committee for a minimum of one year prior to nomination. Nomination does not guarantee that a person's name will appear on the final slate.

I am willing to serve in the office of _____ if selected for nomination and elected by the membership.

Signed, _____ Member, ARNA Date _____

CANDIDATE'S INFORMATION

Full Name _____ Credentials _____

Current Position _____ Work Phone _____

Affiliation _____ Home Phone _____

Address _____ Fax _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Please see reverse side for nominee questionnaire

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