Past Year's Progress:

- Initiated and funded a $50,000 evidenced-based research study, "Practices, Clinical Behaviors, Clinical Decision-Making Processes, and Aspirations in Practice of Medical-Surgical Nurses: A Qualitative Study".
- Participated as a strategic partner in the Alliance to Advance Patient Nutrition.
- Partnered with HealthStream to market and distribute the AMSN certification preparation course.
- Redesigned and launched the new AMSN website (amsn.org).
- Participated in NQF, NAQC & ANA Organizational Affiliate activities.
- Member of ANSR & Nursing Community. Signed on to several initiatives.
- Collaborating with the Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification Board (MSNCB) in the following initiatives:
  - FailSafe program  A program in which a health care facility registers 10 or more nurses to take the CMSRN exam within a year. The nurse gets more than one chance to pass the exam, and the health care facility doesn't pay until the nurse passes.
  - AMSN PRISM Award  A program to recognize exemplary medical-surgical nursing unit. Received five applications.
- A total of more than 18,000 nurses have earned the CMSRN credential since 2003.
- Collaborated with American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing (AAACN) in Care Coordination.
- Participated in Joining Forces and Partnership for Patients initiatives.
- Began collaboration with Lippincott Williams and Wilkins (LWW) to review and endorse their Online Nursing Solutions product suite.

New Year's Focus:

- Complete the data collection of the evidence-based qualitative research study described above.
- Implement a clinical leadership development program for bedside nurses.
- Collaborate with other nursing organizations to prepare nurses for accountable care, the IOM Future of Nursing recommendations and other health care reform initiatives.
- Implement strategies to promote and support the self-sustainment of local chapters.
- Implement an online toolkit to support AMSN volunteers in leading committees and task forces.

Current Interests:

- Healthy work environment
- Clinical leadership
- Care coordination and transitional care
- Volunteer management
President: 
President Elect: 
Executive Director: Debbie Fraser, MN, RNC-NIC

Past Year’s Progress:
Offered three successful national meetings; continued to review and updated CNE activities where required; planned and organized four CNE webinars. The webinars are showing a progressive increase in attendance. We have transitioned to new association website and database management system; moved online continuing education to new online learning management system and increased online CE offerings. We are now working on increasing member involvement in association committees and activities; continued to develop industry partnerships to increase online learning opportunities; expanded offering of member only tools and resources and professional development tools. We are continuing to use Facebook to provide an opportunity for case study discussions.
Past Year's Progress:
ASTNA represents over 1700 transport nurses worldwide. Safety is at the forefront of our agenda: whether working in a helicopter, airplane, or ground ambulance, transport nurses must carefully manage both operations and patient safety in their jobs. We represent transport nurses on safety matters at the state and national levels, including testifying and meeting with legislators, and participating in government and industry forums. Education is another primary focus for ASTNA. We offer a Transport Nurses Advanced Trauma Course (TNATC) and an Advanced Provider Course, the only advanced level trauma care courses specifically for transport nurses. In keeping with technology, we are working on a plan to offer this class with an online option. Specialty certification is closely linked with education. We collaborate with the International Association of Flight and Critical Care Paramedics (IAFCCP) and offer a Transport Certification Exam Review Course (TraCER), designed to help transport nurses and their partner transport paramedics be successful on specialty certification exams required by programs employing experienced transport nurses. We continue to promote the credentials, Certified Flight Nurse (CFRN) and Certified Transport Nurse (CTRN), and to collaborate with the Board of Certification for Emergency Nursing in their development and administration.

New Year's Focus:
ASTNA will continue to represent transport nurses in the promotion of safety in all modes of transport. Both individually and in collaboration with other transport organizations, we participate in educational, investigational, advocacy, and regulatory forums designed to maximize the workplace safety of our members. We are currently working on the revision of our Flight and Ground Transport Nursing Core Curriculum, which we are doing for the first time in collaboration with the IAFCCP. We are also in the process of combining our ground, rotor, fixed wing and commercial transport standards to consolidate the information and provide a stronger resource for air and ground transport programs.
Past Year’s Progress:
- Ended 2012 with the most members in AAACN history: 2,628.
- Developed Care Coordination Competencies. Began the development of a care coordination and transition management core curriculum text and course.
- Appointed representative to ANA Care Coordination Panel Steering Committee.
- Continued to promote the Role of the RN in Ambulatory Care Position Statement and Paper to justify the need for RNs to meet the increasingly complex patient care needs in the ambulatory care setting.
- Appointed a Nurse Sensitive Indicator Task Force to develop and identify nurse sensitive processes and outcome indicators related to the role of the RN in ambulatory care.
- Appointed an RN Residency Task Force to develop a white paper that describes the need and criteria for an Ambulatory RN Residency Program.
- Collaborating with Gannett Health Care Group to offer an Ambulatory Care Nursing Certification Review Intensive CE Series.
- Released 4th edition of the Ambulatory Care Nursing Review Questions to assist nurses in achieving certification.
- Became a Supportive Association of the DAISY Foundation to recognize outstanding ambulatory nurses.
- Joined National Alliance for Quality Care (NAQC).

New Year’s Focus:
- Complete the RN Care Coordination and Transition Management Core Curriculum and Course.
- Identify nurse sensitive processes and outcome indicators.
- Release the RN Residency in Ambulatory Care White Paper.
- Complete the Ambulatory Care Nursing Certification Review Intensive CE Series with Gannett Health Care Group.
- Continue to update members on the changes in practice and care as a result of Health Care Reform.
- Revise the AAACN telehealth nursing practice text and course.

Current Interests:
- Care Coordination and Transition Management
- Role of the RN in Ambulatory Care Nurse
- Sensitive Indicators
- Patient Centered Medical Homes
- RN Residency Programs
Past Year's Progress:

- Launched the Graduate Nursing Student Academy to provide leadership development and other resources to students pursuing masters and doctoral degrees.
- Hosted national DNP and PhD Summits for academic leaders and other stakeholders to shape the future of doctoral nursing education.
- Established a new partnership with The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to recognize nurse educators, researchers, and students for leadership in providing compassionate, humanistic care.
- Working with the CDC to help build capacity in the public health nursing workforce. This work focuses on faculty development and enhancing experiential learning opportunities for students.
- Joining with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Johnson & Johnson Campaign for Nursing’s Future to award more than $4 million in scholarships to nursing students from minority and/or disadvantaged backgrounds.
- Partnering with the Jonas Center for Nursing Excellence to increase the number of doctorally prepared nurse faculty in all 50 states.

New Year’s Focus:

- Providing expanded services to students through the Graduate Nursing Student Academy.
- Collaborating with five other national health professions organizations to advance the work of the Interprofessional Education Collaborative (IPEC).
- Advancing the IOM report recommendations related to leadership development, expanding educational capacity, academic-practice partnerships, and interprofessional collaboration.
- Expanding faculty development initiatives, including growing the AACN faculty webinar series and offering new enrichment opportunities for nurse educators.
- Supporting nursing schools looking to transition their master’s programs to the Doctor of Nurse Practice degree, and for new academic-practice partnerships wishing to join the Clinical Nurse Leader initiative.
- Promoting the CNL certification to recent program graduates and increasing awareness of this emerging role and its positive impact on patient safety and high quality care.
- Expanding participation of all nursing schools in the Joining Forces campaign to improve the care of veterans and their families.
- Collaborating with the University HealthSystem Consortium to promote the jointly developed post-baccalaureate residency program to hospitals nationwide.
- Enhancing the reach of NursingCAS, the profession’s centralized application service for students applying to RN programs.

Current Interests:

- Raising the education level of the nursing workforce
- Addressing the nurse faculty shortage
- Promoting interprofessional education
- Providing faculty development opportunities
- Enhancing diversity in the nursing workforce and faculty population
- Preparing more nurses researchers/scientists
- Expanding capacity in schools of nursing
- Enhancing patient care through nursing education
- Facilitating the transition to the DNP
- Promoting the adoption of the CNL role across practice settings
- Securing funding to nursing students and schools of nursing
- Responding to the IOM report on the Future of Nursing
Past Year’s Progress:
AACN continued its growth in membership and certification. New certification exams were launched to align with the APRN Consensus Model. The Clinical Scene Investigator programs were launched in 5 of 6 regions. Completed the 3rd wave of the work environment study. Implemented evidenced-based practice Webinar series with a blended learning component. Begun development of a road map to achieve a comprehensive digital strategy. Multiple projects completed and underway with sister physician societies related to advocacy, quality goals, and research.

New Year’s Focus:
The next year focuses on strategic education, evidence-based resources, digital strategy implementation, and welcoming a new CEO following the planned retirement of our current CEO.

Current Interests:
Movement of acutely ill patients to venues outside of acute care hospitals including quality standards and need for greater accountability in care transitions.
Past Year’s Progress:
In 2013 the American Association of Diabetes Educators began implementation on a new strategic plan. The organization’s four key strategic areas include:

- Invest in Diabetes Educators
- Advance Diabetes Populations Health
- Empower People with Diabetes
- Expand AADE Capacity

Progress has been very favorable to date and has included initiatives to:

- Strategically review and evaluate the cohesiveness and comprehensiveness of AADE’s various practice-related documents.
- Initiate a systematic review of the literature regarding the value and efficacy of diabetes education as it relates to patient outcomes, satisfaction, and cost of care.
- Launch a national provider and patient awareness campaign on the value and availability of diabetes education. The campaign focuses on media relations, use of social media, engagement in various professional association relationships, and distribution of various provider/patient collateral materials.
- Development of a 3-year technology plan including the first step of implementation of a new association management system. An additional key priority has been to establish collaborative relationships in order to expand our influence and in order to activate our mission with various stakeholder groups.

New Year’s Focus:
In 2014 AADE will retain its focus on our strategic plan. Various expansion activities are designed as the next set of steps to advance AADE and our membership toward our intended outcomes. A sampling of 2014 activities include:

- Development of a one-source knowledge center for all of AADE’s practice documents and related practice resources.
- Evaluation of the current career path to become a diabetes educator and exploration of opportunities to define and attract professionals into the specialty.
- Continued work on our Center for Disease Control grant to implement the Diabetes Prevention Program.
- Continue to pursue state licensure for diabetes educators in order to define a scope of practice for diabetes self-management education and support.
- Expansion of our national awareness campaign to providers and patients while also engaging payer groups.

Current Interests:

- Affordable Care Act implementation and impact
- Changing roles in nursing and the future of care coordination
- Changing care models
- Cross professional/team-based care models
Past Year's Progress:
AAHFN continues to lead heart failure nurses though our educational and membership offerings. We developed a new Basic Heart Failure pocket guide publication to assist nurses at the bedside and in different practice settings with a basic understanding of heart failure. The Certified Heart Failure Nurse (CHFN) exam was offered via testing centers for the first time this year. There are currently over 550 CHFN's. We held our first symposium on Advanced Heart Failure with 200 attendees. Membership within the organization will cross over 2,000 for the first time in our history. Finally, we are holding a one-day symposium on helping reduce heart failure readmissions.

New Year's Focus:
AAHFN will continue to invest into patient education materials for our members to utilize. We will also continue to educate nurses across the continuum on basic heart failure care.

Current Interests:
AAHFN is and will continue to be focused on patients. Specific topics we are addressing include: adherence, cultural needs, and staying out of the hospital. We will also look to find ways to ensure that our members, nurses, are taking the time to think about their own needs. We will be offering education around time management, stress relief, and helping create a supportive environment for networking.
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Past Year’s Progress:
As industry leader, AALNC aims to both improve the quality and scope of its education offering to Legal Nurse Consultants (LNCs), and to increase its visibility to the legal and clinical nursing communities. It is taking particular care to ensure that all initiatives are part of an effective business model. AALNC is revising the essential Scope and Standards document, and working on a new Core Competencies/Behavioral Expectations document, which will drive future educational development, and reinforce the importance of the Legal Nurse Consultant Certification (LNCC). AALNC successfully held its Legal Nurse Consulting Educational and Networking Forum in Chicago, IL in April 2013. The forum attracted over 200 attendees. AALNC approved a 3-year plan to overhaul its current LNC Online Course. The first phase is expected to launch in early 2014. AALNC continues to promote the LNC Locator® to various legal communities. The LNC Locator® provides geographic search results for legal nurse consultants and nurse expert witnesses. AALNC’s certification Board (ALNCCB) is developing a revised certification exam for release in spring 2014. For the first time, AALNC had representatives on the Voice of the Defense Bar’s (DRI) Steering Committee for the Medical Liability and Health Care Law Seminar and the American Bar Association’s Nursing Alliance and Allied Healthcare Professionals Committee. AALNC also has a representative on DRI’s LTC Conference Committee.

New Year’s Focus:
In 2014, AALNC will have several new product launches which will include the phase one launch of the updated modules of the Legal Nurse Consulting Online Course; the release of an eleven module online LNCC Review Course which was done via live webinar in 2013; and the launch of educational case studies. AALNC will also complete the Core Competencies document it started in 2012, with an associated Curriculum Map. AALNC will continue to work with industry partners on LNC awareness, specifically promoting the use of the LNC Locator®. AALNC will also focus on continuing to identify value for membership and providing support to AALNC chapters. AALNC’s 2014 Legal Nurse Consulting Educational and Networking Forum will take place in Denver, Colorado, April 4-5.

Current Interests:
- Medical Malpractice
- Personal Injury
- Workers’ Compensation
- Risk Management
- Toxic Torts
- Product liability
- Elder Law/Long term care
- Life Care Planning
- Criminal/Forensics
- Regulatory Compliance
Past Year’s Progress:

- AANN continued focused work on integrating the 4 key messages of the IOM report on nursing into the strategic plan. In 2012, AANN published a White Paper in response to the IOM report and in 2013, a powerpoint presentation was developed to provide a roadmap for change and disseminated to AANN chapters and Special Focus Groups. Members have been encouraged to operationalize the goals of each of the 4 themes and they have recently been surveyed for feedback on how they have implemented the 4 key messages into their practice.

- AANN continues to expand, update and revise its publications. The 2nd edition of the Scope & Standards of Neuroscience Nursing Practice was published in 2013. Adding to the neuroscience nursing portfolio of CPGs, a new Clinical Practice Guideline was published on the Care of the Patient with Myasthenia Gravis.

- The Journal of Neuroscience Nursing’s impact factor increased to 0.81 in its second year of receiving an impact factor.

New Year’s Focus:

- AANN continues its work on integrating the IOM report on nursing into its strategic plan and communicating AANN’s position.
- The advocacy committee is in its second year and is focusing on developing processes for addressing issues that impact neuroscience nurses.
- AANN is developing stroke nursing education specifically for nurses that plan to sit for the new Stroke Nursing Certification exam.

Current Interests:

- Advocacy
- Education and nursing CE
- Research
Past Year’s Progress:
Through the AANA State Management Division, consultants were hired to provide assessments of state associations to continue the work of association and leadership development. Twelve states were assessed in phase I and implementation of best practices has started. Phase II has started with 18 states for assessment. The Association continues to work on CRNA reimbursement. The AANA implemented a state reimbursement specialist program, featuring a new state association key contact position. This year the Federal Registry published a Medicare final rule providing direct reimbursement for all Medicare CRNA services within CRNA scope of practice in the state where services were provided, including chronic pain management. The AANA obtained clarification on QZ billing issues from CMS. CRNAs can continue to bill QZ if all seven steps of medical direction are not met. The AANA continues to work with other groups to address advanced practice nursing issues, diversity, workforce development and education, and provider nondiscrimination issues within the legislative and regulatory arenas.

New Year’s Focus:
Patient safety and quality care remain organizational priorities. Continued collaboration with the NQF, Safe Injection Practices Coalition and Council for Surgical and Perioperative Safety supports these priorities. The AANA continues to advocate for adequate medication supplies in response to drug shortages. A major focus will be assuring full access to CRNA services and obtaining equity and parity for CRNA services within all reimbursement systems. The AANA will continue to provide financial and staff support for the Coalition for Patients Rights in order to minimize the impact of any initiatives intended to restrict the legitimate scope of practice of non MD/DO professionals. Advocacy support for nursing education, diversity and workforce development initiatives within the Affordable Care Act will continue. Participation in LACE activities continues. The AANA continues to invest resources in activities and relationships reflecting our motto: Safe and Effective Anesthesia Care. We will continue to share the message that quality anesthesia care provided by CRNAs is safe, promotes access to care and makes fiscal sense.

Current Interests:
- Removing barriers to full scope of APRN practice
- Ensuring equity and parity in reimbursement models across healthcare professions
- Including provider nondiscrimination in federal legislative and regulatory language
- Ensuring that the value of nursing is recognized and incorporated into future efforts to transform the healthcare system
- Educating the public about CRNA education, quality, and cost-effectiveness
- Collaborating with other groups to advocate for funding for nursing education and workforce development at a level that will improve patient access to quality care and strengthen the nations healthcare system.
- Best practices in organizational governance and leadership development
Past Year’s Progress:
The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and the American College of Nurse Practitioners merged effective January 1, 2013 to become the American Association of Nurse Practitioners - the "new" AANP. This has provided our members with the resources and skills of two exceptional organizations, combined to create one strong voice for the role of NPs and their patients. AANP and ACNP had strong support from members of each organization. Our membership continues to grow - an increase of nearly 14 percent since the first of the year.

New Year's Focus:
AANP’s focus is to continue to advocate for the role of NPs and their patients. The merger has provided unity in terms of our messages, goals, strategies and resources. The focus will include strengthening the voice of the NP on the national stage as well as within each state. AANP will work to improve and align state practice acts and update archaic language in laws that prevent NPs from practicing to the full extent of their education and licensure. We will provide overall support for state efforts to remove barriers that prevent patients from full and direct access to NP services. AANP will continue to represent NPs at White House meetings, through policy-making committees, panels, and invited testimony to decision makers and through strategic partnerships and coalitions, ensuring that NPs are at the table whenever health care decisions are being made.

Current Interests:
- Continued implementation of the IOM Report
- Team-based care
- Patient Protection
- Affordable Care Act
- Insurance Exchanges
- Work with government agencies
- Continued representation of AANP and NPs on coalitions, panels and other initiatives
- Providing members with resources and tools to enhance the NP role
- Support for Million Hearts initiative
- Support for Joining Forces initiative
- State and Federal issues impacting NPs and their patients
Past Year's Progress:
The AAOHN Board of Directors met in April at the AAOHN 2013 Annual Conference held in Las Vegas, Nevada with 950 nurses in attendance. The Board meets continuously throughout the year on a monthly basis. At the national meeting the Board continued their development efforts by having an educational session with a certified Parliamentarian. During that meeting, the board reviewed activities accomplished and set the strategic plan for the next 2 years. Over the past year, the organization has established its financial roots, developed an educational platform to meet member needs, implemented projects to improve the infrastructure of the organization as well as actively been engaged in partnering with our colleagues in collaborative initiatives.

New Year's Focus:
Looking ahead, AAOHN strives to meet the needs of its membership through a strong educational initiative called the AAOHN Academy, establishing an active governmental affairs initiative which is developing a strong infrastructure of communications, website, and tools for individual member engagement as well as development of a robust website to enhance the our ability to the source for all things OHN. The 2014 national conference to be held in Dallas Texas May 3-8 will feature an international nursing summit with speakers from around the world highlighting nursing research and occupational and environmental health nursing. To begin in 2014 to develop a Leadership and Talent Development program.

Current Interests:
- Leadership and Talent Development initiatives
- Legislative issues affecting occupational, safety, and environmental health nursing
- Technology
- Marketing strategies
- Membership recruitment and retention
- Identifying new sources of revenue
- Development and promotion of resources and education
- Collaborations
- Grants and funding of research and education
- Organizational representation
Past Year’s Progress:
Increase Public Relations Promotion of Holistic Nursing Through the efforts of the office staff, public relations consultant, and the Board, AHNA is generating increased press coverage and promotion of holistic nursing through media venues, exhibiting at regional and national conferences and through additional communications to the public about who we are, what holistic nursing is about and why holistic nurses and holism is a benefit to any healthcare setting. This additional media exposure over time will also assist holistic nurses in their work. We will be considering a national campaign focused on lending our voice and input to further promote self-care and a holistic approach to care. This will bring recognition to our specialty. With additional media exposure comes the obligation to respond timely to media requests and inquiries. With the assistance of a public relations consultant we are assembling the resources, talking points, and speeches that will serve as the infras-structure for a continued and sustained media presence. AHNA is partnering with an increased number of like-minded organizations to obtain greater exposure about holistic nursing through these networking opportunities. Since the release of the Holistic Nursing Scope and Standards 2nd Edition in February, AHNA has been using these newly released standards to garner media attention as well.

New Year’s Focus:
The AHNA Practice activities are growing and are focused on supporting members as they incorporate holistic nursing in their practice settings. The Community Building Calls (CBC) have been filled each quarter this year with members actively participating. The AHNA website in the Resource section has State Practice Acts listed referencing holistic nursing or complimentary therapies within the scope of RN practice. That resource has recently been updated and a report is being prepared that describes the state nurse practice acts that have adopted either position statements or made statute or regulatory changes of interest to practicing holistic nurses. This report will illuminate the forward movement toward greater recognition of holistic nursing as a specialty by some boards of nursing. This will enable the next step of increasing and understanding of holistic nursing by nursing regulators.

Current Interests:
Advanced Practice issues related to prescribing, including botanicals. Engaging several generations of members through social media and relevant publications. Implementing a more active advocacy role on behalf of members.
Past Year’s Progress:
AMIA is widely recognized nationally and internationally as the major U.S. based professional society for over 4,000 health care professionals, informatics researchers and thought-leaders in biomedicine, health care, and science. The rapid changes in health care have also made AMIA a growing source of programming in applied clinical informatics. AMIA’s members primarily in the U.S. with 10 percent international membership representing more 65 countries belong to a dynamic informatics community where they actively share best practices and research for the advancement of the field and practical clinical application. Members are subject matter experts and are dedicated to increasing the role of informatics in patient care, public health, teaching, research, administration, and related policy. AMIA’s Nursing Informatics Working Group (NIWG) is one of 24 professional interest sections within the organization. Nurse informaticians work as developers of communication and information technologies, educators, researchers, chief nursing officers, chief information officers, software engineers, implementation consultants, policy developers, and business owners, to advance healthcare. NIWG is one of AMIA’s largest and most active working groups.

New Year’s Focus:
Clinical Informatics Subspecialty—In 2013, AMIA introduced a Clinical Informatics Board Review Course. The program builds on the success of a multi-year initiative to elevate clinical informatics to an American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) subspecialty. Concurrently, AMIA continues to develop an alternate pathway for certification of clinical and public health informatics professionals through its Advanced Interprofessional Informatics Certification (AIIC) Task Force. This is critical to the process since we recognize that other clinical informatics professionals (nurses, dentists, pharmacists, computer scientists, etc.) as well as non-U.S. physicians and U.S. physicians who are not ABMS-certified, need to have a pathway to CI certification. Further information on the Advanced Interprofessional Informatics Certification will be available at the AMIA 2013 Annual Symposium, in Washington, DC this November. AMIA will also continue to co-manage the Alliance for Nursing Informatics with HIMSS. ANI represents thousands of nurses and brings together 30 nursing informatics groups that function separately at local, regional, national and international levels. For more information on AMIA or ANI, visit our web sites at www.amia.org or www.allianceni.org.

Current Interests:
iHealth Conference—In the midst of rapid implementation of EHR systems and concentrated improvements in the use of analytics and big data in healthcare settings, the importance of applied clinical informatics or operational informatics has grown by leaps and bounds. AMIA has always served informaticians and practitioners with applied clinical expertise and the interest in educational programming continues to grow. AMIA is expanding its educational outreach through the launch of a new meeting focused on applied clinical informatics. The new meeting debut in January 2014 is called iHealth. iHealth will serve clinical professionals actively engaged in applying informatics tools to enhance efficiency, reduce costs and increase quality. iHealth is designed to appeal to decision makers, strategic planners, clinicians charged to understand the big picture and how to improve outcomes and lower costs; bottom-line analysts, managers and physician/nurse executives transforming the business and practice of healthcare delivery; financial executives who need to move the margins in ways that only operational informatics can influence; and CMIO/CNIOs seeking to deepen the information base feeding critical decision-making by the CMIO/CNIO teams. iHealth is an essential element in the Applied Clinical Informaticians tool box and those leaders who want to make system investments that produce measurable results. We invite you to join us!
Past Year’s Progress:

- Conducted successful education programs for members including: Volunteer Leadership Workshop; 44th National Symposium in Las Vegas, NV; Annual Fall Meeting for Nephrology Nurses, Managers, and Advanced Practice Nurses in New Orleans, LA; Health Policy Workshop in Washington, DC; and Webinars.
- Implemented new governance structure from a partially regionally-elected Board of Directors (BOD) to a nationally-elected competency-based BOD.
- Revised ANNA’s Strategic Plan, mission, goals, strategic actions, and initiatives to focus on new and innovative ways to meet the needs of our members and help our members serve our patients.
- Initiated Road to Success program to assist volunteer leaders to identify and build current strengths.
- Collaborated with the nephrology community to help shape health care reform to benefit our patient population.
- Coordinated outreach programs designed to educate legislators about kidney disease.
- Celebrated Nephrology Nurses Week in September.
- Expanded our Specialty Practice Networks (SPN) and online networking services to broaden participation opportunities for our members working in various treatment modalities.
- Awarded over $100,000 in Scholarships, Awards and Grants to members.

New Year’s Focus:

- Develop resources for Evidence Based-Practice.
- Improve and expand virtual learning opportunities and services.
- Be an influential voice at the table and advocate for nephrology nursing
- Develop and mentor current and new leaders within the organization.
- Focus on recruitment and retention of nephrology nurses within the specialty and within the association.
- Help shape Quality Improvement Programs (QIP) for facilities that provide renal dialysis services to Medicare beneficiaries.

Current Interests:

- Leadership development and creative ways to increase volunteer participation, motivate volunteers, and ensure leadership succession
- Electronic publishing opportunities
- Leverage technology to enhance membership services
- Evaluate online learning management systems
- Membership development and trends
Past Year’s Progress:
ANA continues its mission to advance the nursing profession and improve the health of all. In the past year ANA:
- Assumed management of the Nursing Alliance for Quality Care (NAQC), formerly administered by The George Washington University School of Nursing.
- Launched professional issues panels on Care Coordination Quality Measures and Nurse Fatigue over 605 ANA/Organizational Affiliate Premier members participating. Soliciting for the RN Scope of Practice Barriers panel.
- Developed NDNQI enhancements such as new quality intelligence dashboards and updated RN Survey.
- Planned national staffing conference, co-hosted with ANF, to empower nurses to discover, learn, and create innovative staffing solutions.
- Engaged with federal agencies and their rule-making efforts that impact the full continuum of RN services.
- Hosted Navigate Nursing webinar series with topics such as Nursing’s Role in Care Coordination and The Complex World of Delegation.
- Developed a leadership competency framework to support ANA’s Leadership Institute.
- Engaged in court cases to affirm nurses’ right to practice to the full extent of their knowledge and professional scope.
- Collaborated with 30 Organizational Affiliate members, two having OA Premier status (i.e. electronic member access to ANA’s digital materials).

New Year’s Focus:
ANA will continue to enhance its programmatic work focusing on the eight pillars of Quality of Care; Leadership; Safe Staffing; Practice Innovation and Health Care Transformation; Work Environment; Cornerstone Documents; Scope of Practice; and Healthy Nurses. Further, ANA will continue its focus on translating its unique policy work into products and services nurses can use within the framework of its programmatic pillars. ANA will continue to create a variety of educational and advocacy activities to enhance the leadership capacity of nurses to advance health and lead change. ANA will revise a number of its standards documents including: Nursing Scope and Standards of Practice, Code of Ethics for Nurses, and Nursing Administration Scope and Standards of Practice. ANA will continue its state and national legislative efforts to sponsor and support initiatives that fulfill advocacy work on the behalf of its members, larger nursing community, and the public. ANA will continue to integrate NAQC into the organization’s quality strategy work.

Current Interests:
- Enhanced focus on care coordination and delivery models for health care services
- Third Party Payment for APRN services
- Reset the dialogue related to appropriate nurse staffing
- The National Quality Enterprise, improvements in health care quality, and developing a powerful voice for nursing in its quest for better care, healthier communities, and lower cost.
- Continue to develop and promote programs and projects that foster healthy and safe work environments
- Advocate and support nurses in advocating for a system where nurses can practice to the full extent of their knowledge and professional scope.
- Building and enhancing the leadership capabilities of nurses.
Past Year’s Progress:
In 2013, AONE continued to advocate for funding of nursing workforce development programs. Representing the Tri-Council for Nursing, AONE serves as the national office for the Academic Progression in Nursing (APIN) initiative which aims to advance state and regional strategies to create a more highly educated nursing workforce. This year, AONE hosted educational courses including review courses for the CNML and CENP certification exams, webinars, and the organization’s annual meeting. In September, a new Certificate in Health Care Finance was launched with HFMA. New resources included the AONE Salary and Compensation Study for Nurse Leaders, Guiding Principles for the Nurse Executive, Chief Information Officer and Industry Partners to Work Together to Leverage Technology to Enhance Clinical Outcomes (published in collaboration with CHIME and Hill-Rom) and Principles of Collaborative Relationships between Clinical Nurses and Nurse Managers (published with ANA). The AONE Center for Care Innovation and Transformation initiative (CICT) continued to improve the quality and safety of patient care by bringing together hospital teams to learn the process of innovation and cultural transformation. The AONE Foundation provided research seed grants and conducted its Emerging Nurse Leader Institute, Nurse Manager Institute, and the Nurse Manager Fellowship. AONE expanded its international reach, including hosting a nurse leader program in Tanzania.

New Year’s Focus:
Key strategic priorities for AONE in 2014 include the following:
1.) Develop core competencies of nurse leaders across the care continuum to support current and emerging roles.
2.) Advance community-based teams across the care continuum that supports the design and implementation of effective care delivery models and transition of care.
3.) Support the provision of safe, quality care in delivery systems grounded in healthful practice environments.
4.) Communicate the value of nursing in healthcare across the continuum to all stakeholders.
5.) Optimize the operational effectiveness of AONE. Through AONE’s advocacy efforts and educational programs, we will continue to support our mission of shaping healthcare through innovative and expert nursing leadership. AONE’s vision Global nursing leadership—one voice, advancing health will be supported by our international presence which will include a People to People delegation program and other international meetings.

Current Interests:
- ACA implications on care delivery and workforce management
- Continued implementation of the IOM Future of Nursing report recommendations
- Inter-disciplinary/inter-professional education and models
- Expanding the international voice of nursing
- Nurse leader representation on Boards
- Nurse leaders beyond the hospital and across the continuum of care
- Preparing nurse leaders for the changes in health care
- Role of nursing in population health management
- Workforce planning and new roles for the future
- Maintaining organizational agility given the pace of change
- Member and customer communication vehicles (including social media and mobile devices)
- Data collection and management for association operations
Past Year's Progress:
Partnering efforts. First speaker exchange with NAPNAP. Reviewed revised Scope and Standards for Pediatric Nursing in collaboration with SPN, NAPNAP, ANA. Outsourcing of on site registration and Program support to management company

New Year’s Focus:
Hiring consultant for teambuilding workshop at mid year Board Meeting. Further partnering with NAPNAP. Speaker exchange and joint session at both Annual Meetings. American College of Surgeon in the development of patient education materials. Outsourcing of Website, online conference registration, expansion of member database, on site meeting planner vendor management with management company. Restructuring of BOD to include redefining Board Role (Scope of Practice quality research. Redistribution of work, greater focus on governance. Focus on member engagement strategies and leadership development. Integrate efforts of IOM report on Nursing into strategic plan. Review revision of strategic plan

Current Interests:
- Maintaining focus on organizational governance in the absence of staff support (smaller organizations)
- Optimizing impact on nursing practice in face of scarce resources.
- Membership engagement/leadership development.
Past Year’s Progress:
To continue to pave the way to providing effective evidence-based psychiatric mental health care and as a part of the APNA Recovery to Practice Curriculum project, the American Psychiatric Nurses Association piloted a one-day Recovery to Practice workshop which was targeted towards RNs. The program discussed recovery knowledge, skills, and attitudes, focusing on facilitating change in and incorporating recovery principles into psychiatric-mental health nursing practice. Addressing the need for nurse-specific education on the 2013 CPT Code changes, the American Psychiatric Nurses Association collaborated with the American Nurses Association to develop a multi-module educational series. This series is offered online in the APNA eLearning Center at no cost. The American Psychiatric Nurses Association launched a multi-pronged approach in order to cultivate and develop the leadership potential of psychiatric mental health nurses. This includes an online mentoring program which matches up mentees with mentors, a series of email communications providing nurses with talking points to use in advocating for themselves and those with mental health problems, a Board of Directors Scholarship program offers young students dedicated to the profession the chance to attend the APNA Annual Conference and experience unique networking and professional development opportunities.

New Year’s Focus:
The American Psychiatric Nurses Association is in the midst of developing a workforce development program in psychiatric mental health nursing, a basic course that will offer all nurses basic skills and an understanding of working with persons with mental illness. The APNA Transitions in Practice (ATP) program will promote safety for both nurses and persons in treatment by increasing knowledge and awareness. The American Psychiatric Nurses Association will continue to work with key stakeholders such as the Office of National Drug Control Policy with regards to substance use, the Health Resources and Services Administration in addressing the nursing faculty shortage, the Veterans Administration and Joining Forces to ensure that our service members and veterans receive the best care possible, and the American Nurses Association to continue to advocate for all nurses.

Current Interests:
nurse and patient safety, military mental health, integration of physical and mental health care, recovery and wellness, patient-centered and trauma-informed care, tobacco dependence and addictions, leadership and mentoring, suicide prevention, SBIRT, staffing
Past Year's Progress:
ASPMN is looking forward to its 2013 conference to be held in Indianapolis in October. ASPMN has been busy with its educational goals providing position statements and new educational products for its members. We have been working with the AAAP and other organizations on a webinar series through a grant and are beginning year three of that series.

New Year's Focus:
ASPMN will continue to focus on its membership including retention and new members. As we move forward into year two of our strategic plan we will begin our focus into our relationships with our corporate membership. We will also be working on a recognition program for our advanced practice nurse members.

Current Interests:
Working with the Children's Hospital Association on collaborative projects for education Technology in healthcare Advancement in pain management nursing practice Organizational representation Grants and funding of research
Past Year's Progress:
The A.S.P.E.N. Nutrition Support Nurses Practice Section (NSNPS) became a member of the Nursing Organizations Alliance (ALLIANCE) in June 2008. The NSNPS continues to play a pivotal role in the Society's work as experts in parenteral and enteral nutrition for adult and pediatric patients. Nurse members participate on a variety of task forces and serve on editorial boards. Members have published and presented nutrition support topics in an effort to share expertise with nursing colleagues across subspecialty groups. Currently NSNPS content experts partner with the Mosby On Line Nursing Skills editors to review/update skills pertinent to nutrition support. A.S.P.E.N. Nurses also contributed to numerous 2013 Guidelines and Standards for specific patient populations. An exciting, A.S.P.E.N collaborative project, sponsored by the New Opportunities for Verification of Enteral Tube Location (NOVEL) with strong nursing leadership, is evolving: the intent is to understand the risks associated with pediatric NG tube placement verification. To learn more about the NOVEL project, visit http://www.nutritioncare.org/Professional_Resources/NOVEL_Project_Fact_Sheet/ Work continues around promoting safe enteral connections, safe parenteral nutrition delivery, public policy advocacy, in lieu of, the medication shortage crisis and contributing to a national nutrition data base called Sustain. The purpose of Sustain is to maintain a prospective, longitudinal nutrition therapy patient registry in order to improve patient outcomes. Information about Sustain, nutrition standards and guidelines are available on the A.S.P.E.N website www.nutritioncare.org

New Year's Focus:
A.S.P.E.N Nurses will complete a review and revision of the A.S.P.E.N. Nutrition Support Nurse Practice Standards. Additional work will focus on Safe Practices for Enteral and Parenteral Nutrition Delivery, Malnutrition, and Pediatric Enteral Feeding Tube Confirmation. Additional nutrition support guidelines for patient specific conditions are expected to be published in 2014. The A.S.P.E.N. Nutrition Support Nurses Practice Section continues to focus on outreach and collaboration with colleagues across nursing subspecialty groups. A.S.P.E.N. nurse experts serve as faculty at many ALLIANCE member organizations and look forward to this continued collaboration.

Current Interests:
- Safe Administration of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition
- Impact of Drug Shortages on Patients Requiring Nutrition Support
- Pediatric Feeding Tube Confirmation
- Malnutrition
- Nutrition Support
- Clinical Guidelines for Patients (adults and pediatrics) with Specific Conditions, included but not limited to, critical illness, obesity, necrotizing enterocolitis, hyperglycemia or at risk for metabolic bone disease
Past Year’s Progress:

- ASPAN has made great progress in areas of research, clinical practice and with fiscal security. We have increased the number of and ease of availability of our online educational products.
- ASPAN and our certification sister, ABPANC, successfully conducted an environmental scan focused on issues and trends impacting the practice of our specialty.
- ASPAN is continuing its work with JBI and all the related programs and training needed.
- ASPAN is actively updating its Leadership Development Committee to help nurture future leaders.
- ASPAN very successfully conducted its 32nd National Conference this past April with over 2,000 attendees!

New Year’s Focus:

Research continues to be a focus for ASPAN. We hope to fully utilize JBI and all that it offers to our membership to help facilitate ground root research as well as research projects within the ASPAN research Committee. ASPAN is working to complete a revision to our Competency Based Orientation next year. We are also looking at ways to increase our ONLINE readership of our bimonthly newsletter, Breathline.

Current Interests:

We are concerned, as most organizations are about leadership development/succession planning. This is especially an issue at state and community levels. We are also looking to increase non-dues areas of programming.
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Past Year’s Progress:
The ASPSN, in conjunction with the Plastic Surgical Nurses Certification Board, has launched its second certification exam, the Certified Aesthetic Nurse Specialist (CANS) exam. This is the first certification of its kind for nurses and we are excited to offer this to both members and non-members. ASPSN will also release the 4th Edition of the Core Curriculum in Plastic Surgical Nursing in early 2014. The 2nd Edition of the Scope and Standards produced in conjunction with the ANA was released this past summer.

New Year’s Focus:
ASPSN will focus on education and membership development in 2014. ASPSN is also excited to celebrate its 40th Annual Meeting in October of 2014 in Chicago.

Current Interests:
- Certification
- Accreditation
- Education
- Online Learning
- Research
- Advocacy
Past Year’s Progress:
In the past year, the Association for Nursing Professional Development (ANPD) has made significant Strides in the following areas:

- Formerly known as the National Nursing Staff Development Organization (NNDSO), the name of the organization was changed to align with the specialty’s certification and scope and standards. The new name of the organization was announced at the annual convention in Boston in July, 2012. Rebranding with a new logo and Website (ANPD.org) has occurred.
- The Board of Directors developed a new strategic plan to guide the work of the association through the next few years. Five target areas for action were identified: public policy, products and services, marketing and promotion, research, and governance and infrastructure.
- As one element of the strategic plan, the Board of Directors hired a Mary G. Harper, PhD, RN-BC as the Director of Nursing Professional Development for ANPD. The Director is responsible to oversee all aspects of education and educational products and services.
- ANPD launched its first monthly Webinar series in February, 2013. Average attendance at the first 6 Webinars has averaged over 100.
- The Core Curriculum for Nursing Professional Development, 4th edition, was released in July 2013.

New Year’s Focus:

- Over the next year, ANPD will develop two position papers. One of these papers will address the impact of the Institute of Medicine’s (2010) Future of Nursing report on the NPD specialty. The other will differentiate the role of the NPD specialist from that of the academic educator.
- ANPD anticipates an update of the Nursing Professional Development Scope and Standards of Practice (2010) in 2015. In the next year, a workgroup will be created to achieve this goal.
- ANPD is sponsoring a multisite research study to provide benchmarking data for nursing professional development. The ANPD Research Committee has been charged with conducting this study to meet the needs of our membership.
Past Year’s Progress:

- ARIN incorporated concepts from the Race for Relevance and the Road to Relevance into its infrastructure and strategic plan.
- Two Board Member positions were redefined as Director of Leadership Development and Director of Education.
- ARIN conducted two successful educational meetings: Fall Symposium: September 2012 in Pittsburgh, PA, and Annual Convention: San Francisco, CA, April 2013, and 6 webinars for CEU.
- A leadership development mentor program is in the developmental stages. The first leadership Development Workshop was held in April 2013.
- Two member surveys were conducted; the ARIN is examining member responses to bring greater value to membership and educational program venues.
- Working to support existing chapters and develop new chapters.
- Reviewing ARIN practice guidelines and position statements for updates; exploring the need for new topics.
- Established My Thoughts on our web site as a communication link to the Board of Directors.
- Established an ARIN LinkedIn account.
- Hired a new association management company, Professional Management Associates (PMA).
- The Certified Radiology Nurse CRN® is now accredited by the ABSNC.
- The new Radiologic & Imaging Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice was co-published with the ANA in April 2013.
- ARIN became an Organizational Affiliate of the ANA.

New Year’s Focus:

- Develop and implement member benefit initiatives to increase membership and retention.
- Maximize the opportunities for growth with the transition with new management company, PMA
- Continue to identify ways to support local ARIN chapters and actively support the development of new chapters.
- Continue to develop the role of the two new board positions, Director of Leadership Development and Director of Education, and define the focus of the third Board member Director position.
- Market ARIN to radiologic and imaging and other nurses practicing in complimentary fields.
- Review and update strategic plan
- Market our Imaging Nurse Review Course to chapters and institutions
- Develop ARIN sponsorship and education grant options.

Current Interests:

- Online Educational Opportunities
- Support for existing chapters and promotion of new chapters
- Promoting radiology nurse certification
- Collaborate with organizations with similar interests in improving the standard of care in the imaging department
- Public policy as it relates to Healthcare.
- Develop the ARIN Leadership Development program
Past Year's Progress:
ANAC is pleased with our progress over the past year. Membership increased from the prior two years, and member engagement is at its highest level in several years. As a new member benefit, ANAC has hosted free monthly webinars on relevant topics identified as important by our members. ANAC has also collaborated with a number of other organizations to prepare frontline HIV providers for the ACA enrollment period and implementation, with a specific emphasis on implications for HIV care. ANAC also initiated an application with ANCC to be approved as a primary provider of CNE.

New Year's Focus:
ANAC will continue to focus on the implementation of the ACA, paying particular attention to HIV workforce concerns and considerations. ANAC’s policy agenda will guide advocacy activities in 4 main areas: HIV workforce capacity and development, evidence-based, high impact HIV prevention, decriminalization of HIV and access to care for all people living with at risk for HIV. Educational activities will be responsive to ANAC's annual member needs assessment, and we anticipate ongoing work related to the ACA, access to care for PLWH and biomedical HIV prevention interventions.

Current Interests:
Following are issues of interest for ANAC:
- Decriminalization of HIV in all jurisdictions
- Access to care for PLWH HIV workforce capacity and development
- Expansion of NP scope of practice
- Nurse-led models of HIV treatment and care
- Medical home model of care
- High impact HIV prevention in primary care settings
Past Year's Progress:
The Board worked on redefining our organization. APGNN's mission, means of communication with members and the public, and enhancement of membership benefits. A second on-line teaching module was created for new GI nurses. Grant support is being obtained for the second edition of the Clinical Handbook of Pediatric Gastroenterology. We are upgrading our website. Preparation for our 2-day education program is being finalized. Pharmacology CEUs will be offered for the first time this year in addition to CEUs at our Annual Meeting next month.

New Year's Focus:
Membership recruitment, patient and family education development, and publication of the second edition of our handbook will be the focus. Additionally, there will be ongoing work to further develop our organization.

Current Interests:
Membership recruitment and retention, social networking, and increasing member participation.
Past Year’s Progress:
This past year has been a busy one for APHON. We have released the second version of Foundations of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nursing, which is available to members and nonmembers as a PowerPoint presentation with notes on a flash drive. We have also released a new edition of Foundations of Pediatric Hematopoietic Progenitor Cell Transplantation: A Core Curriculum, again a PowerPoint presentation on a flash drive. We’ve also released a new publication that is a combination print/online resource: Telephone Triage Guidelines: A Professional Resource for Pediatric Hematology/Oncology and Stem Cell Transplant Nurses. This new product was released at our recent conference, and has proven to be very popular among our members. We are close to releasing the second edition of APHON’s Foundations of Pediatric Hematology Nursing: A Comprehensive Orientation and Review Course. We anticipate this flash drive product to be available by the end of the year. We are also in the process of producing a fourth edition of Essentials of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nursing: A Core Curriculum. We anticipate this publication to be available in both English and Spanish, in both print and an electronic version, to be available at the end of the first quarter in 2014. Our conference, held in Louisville, Kentucky just concluded with approximately 850 attendees. Our membership stands at approximately 3,500 individuals. We have just launched a new online community—APHON Member Connection—through Higher Logic. The community was launched in mid-September, and has been very, very popular with members.

New Year’s Focus:
APHON has the following four strategic goals:
- Goal 1: To become an influential leader in defining the future of nursing.
- Goal 2: To identify knowledge gaps among healthcare providers caring for children, adolescents and young adults with cancer and blood disorders and fill the gaps with high-quality educational programs and products.
- Goal 3: To increase membership by 8% from targeted stakeholder groups.
- Goal 4: To develop Evidence-Based Practice Guidelines and supports research activities within the membership optimizing outcomes for children, adolescents and young adults with cancer and blood disorders.

Current Interests:
- IOM/Future of Nursing Report
- Mentoring Programs
- Evidence-Based Practice and Research
- Online Communities
Past Year’s Progress:
AORN expanded its resources in 2012 to serve the unique needs of nurse executives who manage perioperative services. AORN introduced the Center for Nursing Leadership and presented 20 networking events in 10 cities that focused on hot topics and strategies for managing the complex perioperative environment. A monthly newsletter, OR Exec, was launched with management tips, strategies, and updates on the latest regulations for perioperative services. A new division focused on Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASC) was launched and the following products have been developed based on a survey conducted with ASC managers: Periop 101, a Core Curriculum for novice nurses beginning a career in the ASC, ASC Infection Prevention Course, CMS ASC Quality Reporting CD and a tool kit to Reduce Radiological Exposure in the ASC. Two on boarding tools were developed to identify gaps in knowledge, clinical reasoning skills, and problem solving skills related to the recommended practices and medications used in the perioperative setting. The feedback gained from these assessment tools assist in planning an individualized orientation for an experienced nurse. AORN SYNTegrity organizes and structures clinical data for perioperative nursing care. The framework is build on the Perioperative Nursing Data Set (PNDS) and is embedded in leading perioperative information systems. The data crosswalk developed for SYNTegrity has been licensed by CMS to update the SCIP measures into eMeasures.

New Year’s Focus:
AORN’s annual meeting will have a name change to AORN Surgical Conference and Expo 2014. Congress will continue to represent the governance activities of the association but the name change is intended to attract more attendees. Based on feedback from perioperative executives we are launching a premium conference within Expo. This is an intensive 3-day educational and networking event to meet the unique needs of executive level nurses. Attendance will be capped at 400. AORN is collaborating with the Health Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) to bring a Preconference Nursing Informatics Symposium to the Expo 2014 to advance informatics in the perioperative environment. AORN will continue to be an active participant in Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise (IHE) an initiative of healthcare professionals and industry to improve the way care providers and patients create, manage and access electronic health records (EHRs) efficiently and securely. IHE accelerates the adoption of EHRs by improving the exchange of information to improve the quality, efficiency and safety of care by making relevant health information accessible. One of AORN’s perioperative clinical nurse specialist is the co-chair for the IHE Nursing Subcommittee that is responsible for reviewing profiles and making recommendations to ensure the proposals address the needs and incorporate the requirements identified by nursing professionals.

Current Interests:
- Social media
- Ambulatory Surgery
- Evidence based practice
- Healthcare reform
- Informatics
Past Year's Progress:
In January, leader updated the ARN strategic plan with the goals of leadership, research and evidence-based practice, health policy, professional development and rehabilitation nursing team. Transitions in care is a hot topic. In October, ARN released a white paper titled, The Essential Role of the Rehabilitation Nurse in Facilitating Care Transitions. We believe the current process of care transitions is both ineffective and inefficient. Clinicians involved in post-acute care decisions are now guided more by geographic proximity or relationship to their own setting, rather than achieving optimal, cost effective outcomes for the patient and families involved. The clinician involved in post-acute care transitions for persons with chronic disease and disabling conditions must be client centered, goal oriented and outcome based. ARN recommends that the person best able to promote quality outcomes and cost effective care is a nurse with rehabilitation nursing training, knowledge or experience. Our research goal calls for building and dissemination of rehabilitation nursing research and its translation into practice. Rehabilitation Nursing Foundation awarded a $30,000 grant to support research focusing on the relationship between inpatient rehabilitation nurse staffing and patient outcomes. The recipient of the grant was Kathleen Stevens from the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago for her project titled, Nurse Staffing and Patient Outcomes in the Rehabilitation Setting.

New Year's Focus:
We are convening an expert panel to solidify our characterization of rehabilitation nursing concepts and competencies to serve as a foundation for future educational programs. We recognize the important contributions of all members of the rehabilitation nursing team and plan to provide more resources for nurses in the post-acute rehabilitation settings. We also plan to expand our outreach to countries, such as China, that are currently developing new rehabilitation programs.

Current Interests:
- care transitions
- outcomes research
- membership growth
- new product development
Past Year’s Progress:
In 2013, AWHONN published several important clinical resources. They include: Assessment and Care of the Late Preterm Infant Implementation Toolkit; Neonatal Skin Care Evidenced Based Guideline, 3rd Ed; and Perinatal Orientation and Education Program, 3rd Ed. AWHONN has also hosted a number of educational webinars. The complete library of webinars can be found online at: http://www.awhonn.org/awhonn/content.do?name=04_ConsultingTraining/4F_RecordedWebinars.htm In June 2013, AWHONN hosted its annual Convention in Nashville, TN. The Convention attracted over 3,000 attendees and offered 34 contact hours of Continuing Nursing Education. AWHONN launched its Go the Full 40 educational campaign in 2012 in support of 39 plus weeks of pregnancy and spontaneous labor. Since then, the resources have been translated into Spanish, made available on the CMS Strong Start website, and featured in Consumer Reports. The materials are available at no cost at: www.GoTheFull40.com and have been accessed by more than 75,000 people. An AWHONN Advisory Panel developed a set of nursing care quality measures. This is the first published set of draft nursing care quality measures to specifically address the women's health and perinatal populations. Prior to validity and reliability testing, AWHONN solicited public feedback on the measures. We are currently reviewing the comments we received.

New Year’s Focus:
Dr. Karen Peddicord will retire at the end of 2013 and AWHONN is the process of recruiting its next CEO. Starting in 2013, AWHONN will embark on a multi-year research project on postpartum hemorrhage and associated practices. In 2014, AWHONN will release a brand new evidence based guideline for diabetes in pregnancy. AWHONN will host its 2014 annual Convention on June 14-18 in Orlando, FL. AWHONN will continue its work on the Data Collaborative for Perinatal Staffing. Hospital organizations are invited to submit perinatal staffing data related to the AWHONN perinatal staffing guideline for comparison to other organizations in the collaborative.

Current Interests:
- Preterm Birth
- Nurse Staffing
- Breastfeeding
- Preconception and Interconception Care
- Nursing Research
- Maternal Mortality and Morbidity
- Quality Measurement
- Fetal Heart Monitoring
- Spontaneous Labor
- Induction of Labor
Past Year's Progress:
CGFNS International experienced significant growth in its global reach becoming the world’s largest credentials evaluation organization for nursing. Guided by our strategic vision of ensuring the quality and competency of nursing professionals, we adopted a multi-pronged approach to meet global needs. Focusing on faculty development as a critical component of curriculum reform, we inaugurated the ISPN Summer Institute for nursing faculty in China. We expanded our credential assessment portfolio by developing a technology-mediated assessment system for the National Nursing Assessment Service in Canada. Our customer-centricity led us to create new services that enable professionals educated outside the United States to have their earned credentials verified, authenticated and stored for accessibility by regulatory organizations and qualified institutions. We continue to share our knowledge and expertise at national and international venues including the 25th Quadrennial of International Council of Nurses (ICN) in Australia and the Council of Licensure, Enforcement, and Regulation (CLEAR) in the United States. We contributed articles to the profession via publications including the Journal of Transcultural Nursing and the Journal of Nursing Regulation.

New Year's Focus:
CGFNS International will continue its strategic direction in ensuring the quality and competency of nursing professionals worldwide and continue our global expansion.

Current Interests:
Our research profile featured a funded project under the “Decent Work Across Borders” initiative of the International Labour Organization (ILO). We conducted a comparative study of nursing education in the Philippines and that of Norway, Denmark, and Finland.
Past Year’s Progress:
Report of the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) to the 2013 Nursing Organizations Alliance

- The Institute for Emergency Nursing Research (IENR) has
  - Conducted studies entitled:
    - Educational needs of emergency nurses working in rural and critical access hospitals
    - The experience of emergency nurses assaulted at work
  - Developed, written and published 5 out of a series of 10 articles designed to demonstrate how research is used in emergency practice
  - Obtained funding from OSHA to develop training materials to assist emergency nurses in the recognition and mitigation of violence in the workplace "The Institute for Quality, Safety, and Injury Prevention (IQSIP)"

- ENA has published four new evidence based Clinical Practice Guidelines:
  - Prevention of Blood Specimen Hemolysis in Peripherally-Collected Venous Specimens
  - Suicide Risk Assessment
  - Prevention of Blood Culture Contamination
  - Non-Invasive Blood Pressure Measurement with Automated Devices

- Department of Education
  - Provides free online CE for ENA members.
  - Our flagship pediatric educational program Emergency Nurse Pediatric Course was revised and published in 2012.
  - ENAs Emergency Department Staffing Guidelines was revised in 2012 and published in early 2013 as an online product.

New Year’s Focus:
- ENA continues to study workplace violence in the emergency department.
- ENA has expanded its advocacy program with the creation of both federal and state advocacy staff and a Washington DC office, co-located with the American College of Emergency Physicians.
- Further expansion of online, interactive learning products are being developed in 2014-2015 including professional development courses and writers workshops.
Past Year’s Progress:
During 2013, HPNA began implementing strategies defined by our Race for Relevance evaluation activities that were conducted during 2012. These initiatives include the following: completions of an enterprise-wide evaluation of our information technology platform and development of our implementation plan, implementation of our Board competencies and enhancements in our education products and services. Our membership numbers have reached an all-time high of over 11,000 members. We have had very successful attendance at our Annual Assembly, ELNEC courses and Clinical Practice Forum. We recently initiated a new Bioethics SIG. We also worked with ANA to complete the revision of the Scope and Standards for Palliative Nursing. We have also focused on nominating HPNA members for national committees and awards and have very successful in this area. We will have an Congressional Briefing in Washington D.C. on November 4, 2013.

New Year’s Focus:
We will be implementing our new IT platforms. In 2014 we will work on developing our new 3 year strategic plan for HPNA. We will also be focusing on membership engagement, leadership development and enhanced educational products and services.

Current Interests:
Membership Engagement, Leadership Development, Chapter Development, Interactive Educational Offerings,
Past Year’s Progress:
This past year the Infusion Nurses Society (INS) focused its attention on the following:

1. Revision and publication of Policies and Procedures for Infusion Nursing of the Older Adult. This resource provides a consistent, step-by-step guide to infusion procedures for the older adult.
2. The development of the INS Laminated Card Deck Series. The series consists of: "Flushing Protocols that provide guidance on saline flushes, heparin locking, and drug incompatibilities " Infusion Therapy Device Selection Algorithm that simplifies the task of selecting the proper infusion therapy device, and " CVAD Occlusions Identification and Interventions that provides recommendations for appropriate interventions for partial and complete occlusions
3. Launch of an iPad app for the Journal of Infusion Nursing. INS was the first specialty nursing society to have an app developed for its journal. The iPad edition of Journal of Infusion Nursing presents each bi-monthly issue in a state-of-the-art digital format for a print-like reading experience.
4. Revision to Core Curriculum for Infusion Nursing a comprehensive reference and valuable resource for those looking to update their infusion skills. The Core provides complete coverage of all core areas of infusion nursing and will be published in May 2013.

New Year’s Focus:
1. Continue to expand our online Knowledge Center by adding additional educational programs and developing enhancements to the Clinical Nursing Forum section of the Center. The INS Knowledge Center offers access to unparalleled educational material for the infusion professional. Developed as a means to augment INS existing live continuing education offerings, this online learning platform houses a wide variety of educational programming, content, and resources in one central location.
2. Develop and publish Policies and Procedures for Infusion Nursing of the Pediatric Patient. This resource will provide a consistent, step-by-step guide to infusion procedures for the pediatric patient.

Current Interests:
1. Development and expansion of Infusion Teams
2. CRBSIs
3. Affordable Care Act and how/if its implementation will affect the infusion specialty.
Past Year’s Progress:
The International Association of Forensic Nurses (Forensic Nurses) underwent a logo transformation (debuted October 22, 2013). In the future, we will refer to ourselves as Forensic Nurses. Our web address is now www.ForensicNurses.org and all email addresses will end in @ForensicNurses.org. The website is undergoing a mini makeover to reflect the new logo. Forensic Nurses issued new Education Guidelines for the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner trainings for all populations. We continue to offer nursing CEs through online education events and our annual conference which was renamed this year to the International Conference on Forensic Nursing Science and Practice. We provided education and technical assistance about the National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations of Adults and Adolescents as well as provided education surrounding sustainable forensic programs teaching basic management skills and sharing tools. We partnered with the ENA on a position paper about the role of nurses in responding to intimate partner violence. We partnered with the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care and others on a position paper to support universal access to anti-HIV medication in cases after sexual assault. We issued position papers on the Use of Dental Floss in Evidence Collection and on Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Education and Certification. ANCC and Forensic Nurses debuted and launched the Advanced Forensic Nurse Board Credential through the portfolio method.

New Year’s Focus:
Forensic Nurses remains focused supporting federal advocacy on bills that support the role of the forensic nurse in healthcare and in forensic science. Forensic Nurses will launch its own Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Web-Based Training, a 15 week, intensive online curriculum that can be taken by RNs at any time. The Association has partnered with nearly 15 teaching facilities to host two-day clinical curriculum trainings. Forensic Nurses will be publishing the research from the initial training that highlights the importance of the clinical training to the overall learning. We will undergo a major website renovation summer 2014. We will be writing a Forensic Nurse Core Curriculum textbook and corresponding online certificate course which is anticipated to launch in late 2014/early 2015. Forensic Nurses will be developing a communications strategy that promotes the role of the forensic nurse within their organizations and externally to policy makers. We will be conducting a survey of the forensic health field on its level and use of conducting strangulation assessments. Forensic Nurses will be developing an online 40 hour SANE pediatric forensic nursing course and an online 24 hour Intimate Partner Violence forensic nursing course. We will be providing open access to all of IAFN’s Education Guidelines to the public seeking greater adoption. Forensic Nurses will be reviewing and updating the Forensic Nurse Scope and Standards of Practice.

Current Interests:
Elder mistreatment HIV International AID work Forensics Core Curriculum Certification program accreditation Seeking grants through federal health related agencies
Past Year’s Progress:
NACNS established several task forces to address issues in the profession including: Family Across the Lifespan, Cost and Outcomes, Transitions of Care, Psych/Mental Health, and others. NACNS continues its outreach to other nursing organizations as well as advocacy efforts on behalf of the profession. NACNS held another successful Annual Conference in March and CNS Summit in July.

New Year’s Focus:
NACNS is looking forward to another successful Annual Conference in March and CNS Summit in July. NACNS will continue its work on competencies, updating the strategic plan, and advocating on behalf of the clinical nurse specialist profession.

Current Interests:
NACNS is interested in healthcare cost and outcomes, transitions of care, research, translating evidence into practice, grandfathering, prescriptive authority, and, education and curriculum.
Past Year’s Progress:
NANN continues to focus on growing its membership and thus initiated an association-wide campaign offering group membership discounts to encourage NICU’s to sign up the nurses in their units. We had everyone get involved from our board members, to our chapters, to our members. We also decided to target Magnet facilities for this campaign. The campaign has been wildly successful. We set a goal of 7,777 members by YE 2013, and we have already exceeded that number. The NANN annual conference will take place October 2-5, 2013 at the Nashville Convention Center and Nashville Renaissance Hotel. The program will include four, 2-hour interprofessional sessions during which three different professionals will explain how they handle the various situations covered in the sessions. Topics include the preemie parent experience; the interfacing of ethical decision making and palliative/supportive care in the NICU; congenital heart disease; and methods to change systems of care to produce safe, timely, and effective patient-and-family-centered care. NANN and NANNP continue to monitor and advocate for issues important to the neonatal profession, families, and patients. Advocacy topics include drug shortages and neonatal drug development and universal newborn screening for critical congenital heart disease. The NANN Health Policy and Advocacy Committee will host a 1-hour plenary session at the 2013 NANN Annual Conference. NANN's Editor-in-Chief, Catherine Witt, is retiring as journal editor at the end of 2013. Drs. Jacqueline McGrath and Debra Brandon will be filling this role, but as co-editors of "Advances in Neonatal Care."

New Year's Focus:
NANN, AAP and March of Dimes are completing work on the Preemie Discharge Module. This free resource will be made available to clinicians and hospitals to standardize the discharge process for families. The module will include printed and website resources on topics such as breastfeeding in the hospital and at home, skin care, selecting a primary care provider and follow up. Diagnostic teaching tools are included to support bedside teaching on neonatal specific diagnoses such as ROP, IVH, and RDS/BPD. Anticipated release is March 2014. Recent work and policy statements by NANN and NANNP on workforce, education, competency and fatigue will culminate in a Neonatal APRN Whitepaper. The whitepaper will articulate the role, preparation, and scope of practice of the Neonatal APRN (NNP and CNS). Anticipated release is Q1, 2014. NANN will be participating in planning for the 2014 Hot Topics in Neonatology Conference. Hot Topics is a premiere neonatal conference, with more than 1000 neonatologists and perinatologists attending each year. Dr. Terri Cavaliere of NANN will be sitting on the program planning committee.

Current Interests:
- Changes in educational requirements for practice (both BSN and DNP)
- Continuing competency through self-assessment by our certification organization
- Pursuing certification
- Scope and standards of practice
- Dealing with institutional changes in a rapidly changing healthcare environment
- Precepting new advanced practice nurses
- Leadership education and mentoring
Past Year's Progress:
NAON continues to be a leader in the field of orthopaedic nursing and impact the delivery of quality health care overall. We continue to have a strong membership base, ending our 2012 year with over 6100 members. We are continuing with a number of membership drive initiatives including our popular NAON Bone Up program. This program offers a package of NAON best products and services, including NAON membership at a discounted price. NAON also provides 6 free webinars annually for all NAON members. In 2013, NAON offered all new Orthopaedic Nursing Certificants (ONC s) a 50% discount on their membership. This program will bring in over 100 new members each year. NAON has completed a number of exciting offerings in the past 12 months. NAON produced its first Clinical Practice Guideline on Surgical site infection. This product is free to members as a benefit of membership. The 7th Edition of the NAON Core Curriculum was completed in July, 2013. This new Core has been transformed from an outline format to a narrative format and additional new chapters have been added. Up to 31.5 contact hours will be available on the NAON website through post tests for each chapter - each chapter can be purchased individually. NAON also completed our updated Scope and Standards. This product is available to all NAON members for free. We completed our Orthopaedic Nursing Core Competencies (3rd) edition and updated our Orthopaedic Nursing Self-Assessment CD (4th Edition). We have also created a new online course titled, Preventing Orthopaedic Surgical Site Infection.

New Year's Focus:
NAON is busy working on our next Clinical Practice Guideline on Thromboembolism. We are also developing a robust online course focused on Safe Patient Handling. Our 2014 Congress will be held next May in Las Vegas please join us: NAON 34th Annual Congress Ever Strong, Ever Growing, Ever Green May 17-20, 2014 Mirage Resort and Casino Las Vegas, NV
Past Year's Progress:
The National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP) is the leading professional association for PNPs and other advanced practice nurses who focus on child health. NAPNAP has a membership of over 7,600 members and 48 chapters working to carry out our mission to empower pediatric nurse practitioners (PNPs) and their healthcare partners to enhance child and family health through practice, leadership, education and research. NAPNAP commemorated its 40th anniversary during its successful 2013 Annual Conference hosted in Orlando, Florida. Highlights included remarks by the founding President and a Past President panel discussion. The Executive Board completed a strategic plan update focusing on growth in key areas to guide our vision and operations for the next three to five years. Executive Board members enhanced relationships with other key organizations related to APRN and children’s health activities, including AFPNP, AANP, NONPF, and AAP. The association collaborated with policy groups such as the NP Roundtable, Partnership for Medicaid, and Coalition for Patient Rights on legislative and regulatory issues. The Association published key new position statements on Integration of Mental Health Care in Pediatric Primary Care Settings and the Role of PNPs in Quality Improvement. NAPNAP promoted mental health and violence prevention, which included a well-attended roundtable discussion, chapter resource toolkit, and participation in the White House’s National Dialogue.

New Year’s Focus:
In the coming year, the Executive Board and staff will look for opportunities to grow our collaboration with other groups with a focus on strategic vision for long-term growth and streamlined operations. In addition, the association looks to strengthen its committees, chapters, and special interest groups through tools and resources that will result in sustainable and responsible growth NAPNAP plans to continue its advocacy efforts on national, state, and local levels, especially developing grassroots support for PNP and child health initiatives. NAPNAP will also continue to provide its members and their patients with practical information and resources about the Affordable Care Act. NAPNAP’s Research Committee looks forward to presenting an updated five-year Research Agenda in early 2014. NAPNAP’s Annual Conference will celebrate its 35th anniversary on March 11-14, 2014 in Boston. The Association will expand its in-person and online continuing education opportunities. In addition to increasing NAPNAP membership, the Association looks forward to improving processes and technology to serve our members, chapters and special interest groups.

Current Interests:
- Maintaining content relevance and up to date delivery methods
- State-level advocacy collaboration
- New means for revenue generation
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Past Year’s Progress:
- NASN Endowment Fund (for scholarship and research) reached $1 million
- Began strategic planning process
- Increased collaboration on health care reform with federal agencies
- Implemented updated online communities for school nurses

New Year’s Focus:
- Increase online learning opportunities
- Increase membership recruitment and retention
- Increase public awareness of NASN and school nursing’s role in student learning and health
- Technology plan development

Current Interests:
- Evidence-based indicators of school nurse effectiveness
- Board leadership development
- Affordable Care Act implementation related to school health services
- Effectively serve global membership and pursue implications of global leadership
- School nurse training of unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP) using NASN developed training modules
Past Year’s Progress:
   1. NCSBN and The National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers published the National Nursing Workforce Survey of Registered Nurses, a new study that provides a comprehensive snapshot of the U.S. nursing workforce in 2013.
   2. NCSBN launched Nursys® e-Notify, the national nurse licensure notification system that automatically delivers licensure and publicly available discipline data directly to employers as the data is entered into the Nursys database by U.S. BONs.
   3. NCSBN, the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) and the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP), jointly issued a statement that supports state and federal health care regulators, agencies and other key stakeholders in the collective effort to compile an evidence-based, comprehensive analysis of the nation’s health care workforce.

New Year’s Focus:
Implementation of the APRN Consensus Model, publication of two major research studies, Transition to Practice and National Simulation.

Current Interests:
Effective board governance, collaboration models, managing change.
Past Year’s Progress:
The National Gerontological Nursing Association has a strategic focus on developing member benefits, enhancing membership value and facilitating member peer networking. In 2013, we achieved our goal of producing non-dues revenue from online continuing education. Our new national collaboration with the Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing produces monthly evidence-based webinar education programs at deep discounts for our members as well as providing high quality access to education to other interested nurses. NGNA participated as a key stakeholder in enhancing gerontological content in accredited nursing education programs with the National League for Nursing. A Board, Board Liaison, and Committee Leader/Member orientation program has been fully implemented to support our members to successfully transition into and effectively execute their roles. We believe opportunities for member networking are critical in our committees, special interest groups and ad hoc task forces. NGNA has developed a new recognition award for gerontological nurse educators in 2013. To support our mission of improving nursing care delivered to older adults, we served as a stakeholder with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to address elder maltreatment and the improving dementia care as well as reducing unnecessary use of antipsychotic medications in nursing homes. NGNA collaborated with The Joint Commission on a national campaign to improve dementia care provided in health care settings.

New Year’s Focus:
NGNA continues to seek to identify non-dues revenue sources, opportunities to collaborate with other nursing organizations for mutual benefit and membership recruitment in the coming year. We are developing our next three year strategic plan to guide our organization’s growth, member impact, and sustainability. President-Elect Mary Rita Hurley will be assuming the organization’s leadership in October, 2013.

Current Interests:
- Collaborative partnerships for development of education products
- Membership engagement best practices
- Efficient and effective strategies for health policy information to members
Past Year’s Progress:
The NLN moved to Washington, DC, restructured as the Home for Transformative Excellence with seven Centers for Nursing Education dedicated to: the Advancement of the Science of Nursing Education (in partnership with Chamberlain College of Nursing), leadership, diversity and global initiatives, simulation and technology, academic and clinical transitions, assessment and evaluation. New this year: 1) Acceleration to Practice, a partnership of not-for-profit and private enterprise to develop collaborative programs to better prepare students for nursing practice, with support from Laerdal Medical and Wolters Kluwer Health. 2) The National League for Nursing Commission on Nursing Education Accreditation (NLN/CNEA) is under development. The NLN has 38,000 members; 34 new schools, from all types of nursing programs, joined since January; affiliated constituent leagues represent 29 states; 714 ambassadors represent schools in every state; as of June, there were 2650 certified nurse educators. The NLN administers more than $2 million in grant-funded projects from the Hearst Foundations and Independence Blue Cross of Philadelphia (ACES-Advancing Care Excellence for Seniors); Laerdal Medical (High Stakes Project, Simulation Innovation Resource Center, ACE/V- Advancing Care Excellence for Veterans); J&J (Leadership Institute); Jonas Center for Nursing Excellence (Scholars Program), and MetLife (unfolding cases to teach care of Alzheimer’s patients and caregivers).

New Year’s Focus:
The NLN will continue to promote excellence in nursing education to build a strong and diverse nursing workforce to advance the nation’s health. Areas of focus include academic and clinical transition, nursing education research, diversity, simulation and technology, assessment and evaluation (including accreditation and testing), and leadership in nursing education.

Current Interests:
- Leadership in nursing education
- Academic and clinical transition
- Nurse and nurse educator workforce development
- Geriatric nursing education
- Simulation in nursing education
- High stakes testing
- Nursing education research
- Diversity and global issues
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Executive Director: Diane J. Mancino

Past Year's Progress:
Students from across the country attended the 2012 MidYear Career Planning Conference in San Diego, CA last November. Last April, 3,500 students and faculty attended the 61st Annual NSNA Convention in Charlotte, NC. Thirty-nine resolutions were passed in the House of Delegates. Jesse Kennedy, student at Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, OR, was elected president. In 2011 and 2012, the NSNA Board of Directors and the House of Delegates endorsed the Institute of Medicine Future of Nursing Report: Leading Change, Advancing Health; and the Campaign for Action. NSNA is striving to implement the Report's recommendations related to leadership and academic progression. The 2013 MidYear Career Planning Conference takes place November 7-10, 2013 in Louisville, KY at the Galt House Hotel. Several NOA member organizations will participate in panel discussions, workshops, and seminars. A Career Counseling Center offers seniors an opportunity to meet one-on-one with a career counselor.

New Year's Focus:
The 62nd Annual NSNA Convention takes place at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel and Convention Center in Nashville, TN, April 9-13, 2014. NSNA's membership continues to grow with over 60,000 members in 1,603 schools of nursing. Since 2010, NSNA has added 220 new schools of nursing to NSNA's school roster indicating a proliferation of nursing programs, mostly for-profit proprietary programs. The Foundation of the NSNA Forever Nursing Capital Campaign continues to add endowment funds to ensure a strong future for nursing students and nursing education. A gift of $135,000 was added to the National Council of States Boards of Nursing endowment to commemorate the NCSBN's 35th Anniversary. To find out how your association can get on board, please contact Dr. Mancino. For the 6th year, the NSNA has surveyed new graduates to explore the employment experiences of recent RN graduates. The 2013 Survey results will be published in the January 2014 issue of Dean's Notes. With an estimated 403,000 enrolled nursing students and 150,000 annual first-time USA-educated NCLEX-RN® takers in 2012, the NSNA survey results continue to reveal that many new graduates are experiencing significant challenges in achieving their first RN position. The NSNA Partnership Program with nursing specialty organizations now has eleven participating associations: ANN, AHNA, AONE, AORN, APHON, DNA, ENA, NANN, ONS, AAMN and The Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science (CANS). Contact NSNA for details.

Current Interests:
• Real-time workforce supply and demand statistics related to entry-level RN positions;
• Increasing diversity in the RN workforce;
• Leadership development and professional formation;
• Academic progression;
• Growing the endowment for undergraduate nursing education.
Past Year’s Progress:
- Participation in the First Lady’s Joining Forces Campaign.
- Expansion of our annual Legislative Roundtable.
- Outstanding annual meeting with the largest attendance in more than 10 years.
- Awarded 6 NOVA Scholarships to VA staff enrolled in nursing programs.
- Established an Education Committee to assist in developing a series of educational webinars.
- Launched a new membership video.
- Launched a marketing program aimed at potential Associate Members.
- Participation in several nursing community annual meetings.

New Year’s Focus:
- Board member development through special leadership sessions.
- Refining the Scholarships Program process, particularly the online application.
- Expanding educational offerings to members, including regional meetings and webinars.
- Investigating additional membership benefits.
- Enhancing NOVA’s website.
- Investigating partnership for member discount tuition/rates on materials/courses to move from RN to BSN.

Current Interests:
- Expanding membership to include LPN/LVN’s.
- Federal Budget, specifically effects of sequester on federal agencies.
Past Year’s Progress:

- Completed a three-year quality measures study that provided benchmarks in breast cancer care and breast cancer survivorship that providers could use to make across-the-board improvements in patient care.
- Received a grant from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), Dissemination of Caregiver-Centered Outcomes Research to Clinicians by the Oncology Nursing Society. This is a three-year grant developed by the research, education, and grants departments.
- Hosted 38th annual ONS Congress in Washington, DC, which included visits to lawmakers on Capitol Hill, the FDA, and NIH.
- ONS honored with the 2013 Alfred P. Sloan Award for Excellence in Workplace Effectiveness for its use of workplace flexibility in employee retention and business strategy.
- Publications received awards from AJN, Communications Concepts (APEX Award), and American Society of Healthcare Publication Editors.
- Issued a joint position statement, Implementing Screening for Psychosocial Distress, with American Psychosocial Oncology Society and Association of Oncology Social Work.
- Launched the ONS Leadership Development online course and published the ONS Leadership Competencies.
- A new ONS membership model was approved and launched that includes universal chapter membership and added a new membership category.
- Presented to the Institutes of Medicine on the role of oncology nurses in healthcare and attended federal agency meetings (NIH, FDA, CMS, CDC, and others), and Congressional briefings.

New Year’s Focus:

- Transitioning the ONS chemotherapy/biotherapy training course to a certificate program and an online course beginning in January, 2014.
- Hosting two virtual conferences Quality and Safety in Oncology Nursing and Care Coordination: Improving Patient-Centered Care.
- Nurse navigator competencies have been drafted and will be released in late 2013.
- Continue to offer quality educational offerings to nurses treating patients in oncology and non-oncology settings.
- Focus on the oncology workforce shortage and how to educate advanced practice nurses in oncology to fill the gap.
- Continue health policy advocacy for nursing workforce, cancer services reimbursement, access to care and clinical trials, and improving cancer symptom management and pain control.

Current Interests:

- Providing oncology nursing care education to nurses who do not specialize in oncology.
- Health policy issues focusing on cancer care and the nursing profession.
- Electronic health records.
- Oncology workforce shortage and how advanced practice nurses are filling the gap.
- Survivorship.
Past Year’s Progress:
The PENS Board met in May of 2013 in conjunction with its national conference. During a special segment of that meeting, the Board created a new strategic plan. In addition, the board analyzed feedback from its membership and integrated this information into the strategic plan. Over the past year, the society has worked to enhance the quality of the resources offered and explored opportunities for collaborations with other organizations.

New Year’s Focus:
Looking ahead, PENS will put the final touches on its strategic plan and begin its implementation. PENS strives to meet the needs of its membership and enhance its role as the primary resource for pediatric endocrine nurses.

Current Interests:
- Advancement in pediatric endocrine care and practice
- Increasing membership and membership retention
- Collaborations with other organizations and companies
- Grants and funding of research
Past Year's Progress:

- Inducted 19 into the International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame
- Leadership academies for geriatrics, maternal/child health and nurse faculty continue to progress well
- The Prague Research Congress was successful with 896 researchers attending from 47 countries. The next congress will be held in Hong Kong on 24-28 July 2014.
- Co-sponsoring Evidence-Based Practice: Implementing Best Practice Guidelines in Your Organization, 20-23 July 2014, in Hong Kong with Registered Nurses Association of Ontario (RNAO)
- Co-sponsoring Nursing Education Research Conference with the National League for Nursing (NLN), 3-5 April 2014
- Continue to seek and build collaboration with nursing organizations nationally and internationally
- STTI/Chamberlain College of Nursing Center for Excellence in Nursing Education was established to advance global excellence in nursing education.
- Dr. Bernadette Melnyk, Dean, Associate Vice President for Health Promotion, Chief Wellness Officer at The Ohio State University College of Nursing, has accepted the position of editor of Worldviews on Evidence-Based Nursing.
- Dr. Hester Klopper, from South Africa, was installed as the society’s president in November 2013

New Year’s Focus:

Building on the Board’s Vision 2020 document, with an emphasis on being:

1. a valued, relevant and meaningful organization for members and nurses worldwide;
2. an intentionally global organization;
3. a thought leader in creating and sharing knowledge and in developing leadership resources; and
4. a knowledge-focused, technology enable organization.

Current Interests:
Meeting member needs globally.
Past Year’s Progress:
SGNA will host the fourth Infection Prevention Consortium in November. The meeting will be attended by 50+ representatives of societies and industry partners. Main topics will include SGNA’s Infection Prevention Champions Program, which launched during the summer of 2013, regulatory and accreditation issues, human factor engineering and centralization of HLD. The Education Committee has focused on finalizing the Endoscopic Cleaning and High-Level Disinfection Module, released in July 2013, and the Core Curriculum, 5th Edition, released in August 2013. The Committee is finalizing two modules part of SGNA’s IBD Module eLearning series with expected release in September 2013. Lastly the committee is revising the Pocket Guide: Level One with expected release in early 2014. SGNA is in the middle of our second class of Nurse Fellows and Scholars. The Nurse Fellows received in-person training using curriculum developed by SGNA and the TCU Center for Evidence-based Practice and Research: A Collaborating Center of the Joanna Briggs Institute to educate and train them on evidence-based research that can be then applied to their day-to-day practice. The Scholars also received training at TCU to educate and train them to build a repository of research applicable to the GI/endoscopy setting. In addition, SGNA’s Legislative Director attended several meetings this year including the Digestive Disease National Coalition, Dialogue for Action, National Colorectal Cancer Roundt

New Year’s Focus:
In 2014, SGNA will continue to work on our three year strategic plan which began in 2012. The plan includes immediate work on addressing the educational needs of experienced nurses, those in nursing management/leadership roles and nursing assistive personnel. SGNA will continue to build our Infection Prevention Champions Program to ensure the best patient care through resources, training and research to ensure safety from infections. SGNA will work on providing access to information regarding emerging technologies and practices in the GI/endoscopy field. SGNA will continue to identify tools to assist nurses in learning how to translate evidence into practice. SGNA will continue to focus our efforts to support policy regarding colorectal cancer awareness, infection prevention and sedation administration. SGNA’s 41st Annual Course will take place May 2-7, 201 in Nashville, Tennessee. We expect registration to open in December 2013.

Current Interests:
- Infection Control
- Sedation
- Evidence-based research and practice
- Nurse leadership/management
- Colorectal cancer awareness
Past Year’s Progress:

New Year’s Focus:
SOHN’s focus for 2014: Major energy and resources will be invested in the ANCC reaccreditation process. The structure of ORL - Head and Neck Nursing Journal will be reviewed and suggestions for the future presented. Development of a new strategic plan. Development of ORL/HN webinars. Continuation of participation in guideline development with the AAO-HNSF. Tracheostomy Care Guideline Development and integration into clinical practice. Leadership development.

Current Interests:
- Increasing Membership
- How to attract the younger generation
- Webinar Development
- Leadership Development
Past Year’s Progress:
Mission: SPN champions the specialty of pediatric nursing by supporting its members in their practice.

New Year’s Focus:
SPN Strategic Goals 2013-2016:
- Increase the quantity of individual and corporate memberships and the quality of members’ experience.
- Increase the visibility of SPN among targeted stakeholders by strengthening the brand and the association’s communication strategies.
- Develop the organizational and operational ability to achieve the above stated goals.

Current Interests:
Promote excellence in nursing care for children and their families through support of our members’ clinical practice, education, research and advocacy, continued progress on initiatives aligned with strategic goals, engagement of volunteers and members, growth in the number of members and diversity of member backgrounds within the specialty, planning for the 2014 SPN Annual Conference—Blazing Trails to Improve Child Health (April 10-13, 2014) in Scottsdale, AZ, development of a new website, ongoing support of our state chapters, provision of live and online CNE activities, partnerships with outside organizations, and continuation of grant and scholarship opportunities for members.
Past Year's Progress:
The Society of Trauma Nurses (STN) took member engagement to a new level over the past year through new initiatives including an enhanced succession planning program to develop volunteer leaders and a mentoring program designed to bring up-and-coming leaders with sound advice from seasoned professionals. STN's educational offerings continued to grow in 2012-2013 with the introduction of the 3rd edition of the e-Library, an educational resource featuring 18 presentations addressing trauma topics. In addition, STN held more than 300 educational programs over the past year, featuring three courses, Trauma Outcomes and Performance Improvement Course (TOPIC), Optimal Trauma Center Organization & Management Course (Optimal), and Advanced Trauma Care for Nursing (ATCN). During 2013, ATCN celebrated its 15-year anniversary and its Journal of Trauma Nursing celebrated its 10-year anniversary. The STN Annual Conference enjoyed record attendance with roughly 570 attendees and its membership grew by nine percent at nearly 1700 members. STN is most proud of the relationships that it has been able to build and strengthen over the past year with other organizations including the American Trauma Society (ATS), the American College of Surgeons (ACS), the Pediatric Trauma Society (PTS), the Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma (EAST), the Trauma Center Association of America, and the Board of Certification for Emergency Nursing (BCEN).

New Year's Focus:
Over the next year, STN will focus on the development of a trauma certification program, the development of enhanced online educational activities for members, the implementation of a leadership training program and increasing partnerships and collaborative efforts that will advance STN's mission.

Current Interests:
1. Certification
2. Online course development
3. Leadership training
4. Continuing Education Requirements
Past Year's Progress:
Promote membership: SUNA initiated several bundled mailings of the member-valued Urologic Nursing Journal (UNJ) to reach out to potential and past members in an attempt to increase membership, conference attendance and awareness of SUNA member benefits. Offered members a new monthly free CNE program on the SUNA Online Library. Collaborating with ActivStyle on a nationwide effort to promote additional free CNE sessions and membership. Launched a searchable archive of UNJ articles beginning with January 2010 on the Online Library. The Annual Conference and Symposium planning committees successfully conducted "virtual" planning meetings and implemented the new 2013 ANCC guidelines, with specific criteria related to Evidence-Based Practices. Launched a redesigned and improved website. The new website is current, user-friendly and informative. Online Community SUNA Forums were created and launched for all 7 Special Interest Groups to promote networking with urologic colleagues throughout the year. Member testimonials were implemented on the website homepage to create a higher level of awareness of membership benefits.

New Year's Focus:
Continue to strive to be fiscally responsible in the midst of challenging economic times and declined membership. Continue efforts to find a balance of enhancing membership value by offering more quality, evidence-based educational programs and products/services that truly matter to our members. Complete and publish the SUNA Core Curriculum for Urologic Nursing (1st Edition). Continue to offer relevant, evidence-based educational resources and programs/services. Implement more efficient and proactive planning and budget processes. Continue to find ways to increase revenue and be more fiscally sound. Create a leadership development tutorial/tool for incoming board members and other association leaders. Explore how to encourage new and established members to volunteer their time and expertise.

Current Interests:
- Create collaborative educational efforts with other professional organizations, industry partners and international colleagues.
- Seek funding opportunities for research grant support
- Increase overall membership and member engagement by staying relevant to member's needs
- Improve the quality of educational programs to be robust and relevant
- Develop templates for clinical practice guidelines and patient fact sheets that incorporate evidence based practice in a standardized format
- Create a transparent succession plan
- Explore and employ strategies to retain new members.
Past Year’s Progress:
Developed A-Typical Wounds Part I, II, III Online Continuing Education Series Developed Peristomal Hernia Prevention, Treatment and Maintenance: Best Practice for Clinicians Developed Diagnosis/Treatment Incontinence Associated Dermatitis Best Practice for Clinicians Revised our Clinical Practice Guidelines: Lower Extremity Neuropathic Disease Developed Magnet Recognition and the Role of the WOC Nurse Created second edition Professional Practice Manual Developed he Role and Scope of Practice for Wound Care Providers Published the results from our Outcome Study: The Effectiveness of the WOC Nurse Awarded 20 scholarships for WOC nursing education and advanced practice education Developed Reimbursement of Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Services: A Fact Sheet Created Understanding Medicare Part B Incident to Billing: A Fact Sheet Conducted a WOC Nurse Leadership orientation for public policy and advocacy Collaborated on HR Resolution 152; focused on access to ostomy supplies and reimbursement. Collaboration with affiliated consumer groups for the continued funding of ostomy supplies

New Year’s Focus:
Promote awareness among the public, policy makers and the healthcare community about the prevention and management of WOC disorders. Develop education to promote safe and effective prevention and management of WOC disorders 3. Engage in research to enhance WOC clinical practice

Current Interests:
- Protect and encourage funding for ostomy supplies
- Increase access to WOC specialty nursing service
- Develop educational offerings for APNs Increase leadership development of WOCN members Increase efforts to obtain funds for the support of research