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What an exciting time for the NLNAC as we begin the transition to our new home in Atlanta, Georgia!

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The office is located in the Atlanta Financial Center, a landmark building at the heart of Buckhead, and will open Monday, June 1, 2009.

Please be advised that the NLNAC New York office will continue to operate until June 1, 2009.



THE 2009 NLNAC DIRECTORY OF ACCREDITED NURSING PROGRAMS

Scheduled to ship directly to all NLNAC accredited programs. Look for it in the mail.

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Directory information is accurate as of January 1, 2009



DR. SHARON J. TANNER APPOINTED AS PRIMARY NEGOTIATOR FOR NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING COMMITTEE UNDER THE DOE

The Higher Education Opportunity Act (Public Law 110-315) (HEOA) was enacted on August 14, 2008, and reauthorizes the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA). The US Department of Education (DOE) established five negotiated rulemaking committees to prepare proposed regulations under Title IV of the amended HEA. Dr. Sharon Tanner, NLNAC Executive Director, has been appointed to serve as the primary negotiator representing specialized accrediting agencies of the Accreditation Team. The negotiated rulemaking process will be used to implement some of the law through new or revised regulations, while

other areas will be regulated through the usual process of public comment or as technical changes. Under negotiated rulemaking, the DOE works in collaboration with representatives of the parties significantly affected by the regulations. The NLNAC Board of Commissioners congratulates Dr. Tanner on this prestigious position.

NLNAC - ACTIVE IN NURSING EDUCATION

The NLNAC continues to reach out to all nursing programs with ongoing participation in groups and discussions, speaking engagements, and presentations related to current issues in nursing education. This spring, the NLNAC participates in the Doctorate of Nursing Practice Roundtable Discussions convened by the Department of Health and Human Services to examine the impact of DNP programs in nursing education. We are also continuing our work with the APRN Consensus Work Group and APRN Joint Dialogue Group on the Consensus Model for APRN Regulation: Licensure, Accreditation, Certification & Education. In addition, the NLNAC will be presenting the 2008 Standards and Criteria at the *Minnesota Health Educators Conference*, sponsored by HealthForce Minnesota, to encourage accreditation for associate and practical nursing programs; and at *The Road to Successful Accreditation* presented by the Association of Diploma Schools and Professional Nursing.



DESTINATION LAS VEGAS! NOW ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS FOR THE FALL 2009 SELF-STUDY FORUM

Attendance at the Self-Study Forums continues at record numbers. The 2009 Forums in Dallas and New Orleans welcomed 600 nurse administrators and faculty from all types of nursing programs. In response to the tremendous number of requests for another Forum in 2009, NLNAC is thrilled to announce the

offering of a third [Self-Study Forum this October 14-15, 2009](http://www.nlnac.org/forms/SSForum.asp), at the world-renowned Venetian Resort Hotel Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. There is limited space at this Forum, so you are encouraged to register early to ensure your participation. To register online, go to www.nlnac.org/forms/SSForum.asp or call the NLNAC office at 800.669.1656 ext.153.

JOIN US IN WELCOMING TWO NEW MEMBERS TO THE NLNAC STAFF

Vivian Yates, PhD, RN, CNS, comes to the NLNAC with thirty years of experience in the nursing profession. Dr. Yates has a background in clinical nursing, academia, and nursing administration. Prior to joining the NLNAC, she taught in the practical and associate degree nursing programs at Lorain County Community College in Elyria, Ohio, and the RN to BSN/MSN program at the University of Akron in Akron, OH. Her background also includes leadership and management experience in academic settings, healthcare service areas, and professional organizations. She has served as an NLNAC program evaluator since 1997 and has also been a member of the Evaluation Review Panels.



PATRICIA M. BARLOW joins NLNAC as the Assistant to the Executive Director, providing support to the Board of Commissioners and NLNAC professional staff in addition to Dr. Sharon Tanner. Patricia comes to NLNAC with 17 years of experience working with specialty nursing organizations. Prior to joining NLNAC, she worked in governance and administration at Dancy, Puetz & Associates, an association management company that provides professional management services for nursing associations. In addition to serving as a senior staff member working with governing boards and committees for the firm's clients for ten years, Patricia worked in publications, special projects, event planning, and membership services.

