

## KEEPING YOU INFORMED

### Updated NLNAC Contact Information

Please remember that the NLNAC recently moved from Suite 500 to Suite 850. As you know, all programs are required to correctly list the NLNAC name and contact information on any documents (paper and electronic) intended to inform the public. It is particularly important that programs preparing for site visits in Fall 2011 or in 2012 check publications to ensure that the correct NLNAC address is listed.

National League for  
Nursing Accrediting Commission  
3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850  
Atlanta, Georgia 30326  
P. 404.975.5000  
F. 404.975.5020  
[www.nlnac.org](http://www.nlnac.org)

### UPCOMING NLNAC ELECTIONS

Watch for the NLNAC election ballot which will be sent by email to nurse administrators of NLNAC-accredited programs in mid-May. Elections will remain open until July 31, 2011.

Please be sure to review the candidates for the NLNAC Board of Commissioners and Nominating Committee members and cast your votes. The NLNAC elections are for three nursing education representatives and one nursing service representative on the Board and one member of the NLNAC Nominating Committee.

*It is essential that all NLNAC programs participate in the election to select the members of the Board of Commissioners, the decision-making body for the NLNAC.*

The trademarks NATIONAL LEAGUE FOR NURSING ACCREDITING COMMISSION and NLNAC are owned by the National League for Nursing, Inc., and are being used pursuant to license.



### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR Elizabeth H. Mahaffey, PhD, RN

"Integrity is what we do, what we say, and what we say we do" (Don Galer). When the NLNAC Accreditation Standards were revised, the Standard Integrity was eliminated. As a new Commissioner, I did not initially understand this decision. As I listened to the rationale, I quickly agreed that integrity is a part of everything we do, and the concept is woven into every other Standard. NLNAC will begin the process of review of the 2008 Standards and Criteria in early 2012. Please start thinking about how you might participate. First, this year, we will be implementing election of Commissioners though a new NLNAC voting process. Only NLNAC accredited programs will be voting on Commissioners, so it will be more important than ever that you vote. Second, later this year, we will be seeking volunteers to be a part of the Standards and Criteria review process. Watch the website for this information. Third, and, most important, take time to review any recommended changes in the Standards and Criteria during the process. Every comment that was submitted in the last review was read and considered. The constituent programs and their faculty and administrators provide the feedback for the final approval of the Standards and Criteria by the Board of Commissioners. The Commissioners take this responsibility very seriously, and our goal is to govern with integrity. One final quote that I appreciate about integrity comes from W. Clement Stone: "Have the courage to say no. Have the courage to face the truth. Do the right thing because it is right. These are the magic keys to living your life with integrity." Have a great spring and summer.



### CONGRATULATIONS TO THIRTY NEWLY SELECTED SITE VISIT TEAM CHAIRS!

The NLNAC is pleased to be hosting team chair orientation July 29-30, 2011, in Atlanta, GA. A formal team chair orientation program was established to orient experienced and highly skilled team members to the role of team chair, the designated leader of the site visit team. Over 100 new team chairs have been oriented in this way since 2007. We congratulate the 30 team chair candidates from all program types which have been confirmed to attend the 2011 team chair orientation. We thank them for their willingness to participate in this essential role.

### SELF-STUDY FORUMS CONTINUE TO BE A VALUABLE RESOURCE; REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN FOR FALL 2011

Attendance at the NLNAC Self-Study Forums in March and April totaled over 650 attendees! Special sessions, which were first implemented in 2010, continue to be a popular addition to the Forums. Feedback from participants validated the importance of the Forums in providing vital information in preparation for accreditation visits. Staff will continue to use evaluation feedback to ensure that Self-Study Forums meet the needs of NLNAC's constituents. As special thank you is also extended to NLNAC Commissioners Dr. Ann Schlumberger and Dr. Mary Lou Rusin for assisting the professional staff with the Forum presentations this year. The [Fall 2011 Self-Study Forum](#) is scheduled for September 29-30, 2011, in Chicago, IL. The Forum's special session will be The Novice Accreditee and is designed for nursing programs, nurse administrators, and faculty new to accreditation. Registration is now open for the upcoming Forum, but spaces will fill quickly, so register today. For more information or to register, visit us online at [www.nlnac.org](http://www.nlnac.org).



**SPRING 2012 SITE VISIT APPLICATIONS DUE** - Site visit applications for programs with visits in Spring 2012 are due now. Spring 2012 site visit applications can be found on the NLNAC website under Resources for Nursing Programs. Programs with visits in Spring 2012 are asked to download the application and submit it as soon as possible to secure their preferred site visit dates. The application for Fall 2012 visits will be posted on the website in early Fall; programs with upcoming site visits are sent reminders approximately one year in advance of the visit cycle.

### MEET THE NLNAC STAFF



**Carla Haynes** joined the NLNAC staff at the end of January as Administrative Assistant for Systems Support. Carla brings to the NLNAC her previous experience as a meetings planner for an international corporation. Her primary areas of responsibility at the NLNAC are the coordinating of meetings including the ERP and Forums and providing travel support for our volunteers. Carla enjoys going to the movies, attending live music and poetry events, and giving back to the community by mentoring the youth through her local church.