

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

ELECTIONS 2012

Watch for the NLNAC election ballot which will be sent by email to nurse administrators of NLNAC-accredited programs in early June. Elections will remain open until July 31, 2012.

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

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 NLNAC. There will also be an opportunity to elect one member to the NLNAC Nominating Committee.

SITE VISIT APPLICATIONS

Site visit applications for programs with visits in Spring 2013 are due now. Spring 2013 site visit applications can be found on the NLNAC website under Resources for Nursing Programs. Programs with accreditation visits in Spring 2013 are asked to download the application and submit it as soon as possible to secure their preferred site visit dates. The application for Fall 2013 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.

SECOND SPECIAL SESSION ADDED TO FALL FORUM

In response to requests from programs, we have added a second special session available to attendees of the Fall 2012 Self-Study Forum.

This free session will focus on Standard 6 Outcomes and will be held after the first day of the Forum on Thursday, October 18th. To register for the Forum and the special sessions, visit us online at www.nlnac.org.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO [Sharon J. Tanner, EdD, MSN](#)

April greetings from NLNAC! Warm days are already here in Atlanta, and we enjoyed a very mild winter. With graduations right around the corner, the staff and I congratulate you on the upcoming end to another successful academic year. Summer brings the opportunity to work on non-visit related activities in the NLNAC office. This year is especially exciting for us as the work of revising the Standards and Criteria continues. Also, we welcome the Spring 2012 Evaluation Review Panel and Board of Commissioners meetings, NLNAC's appearance before the Department of Education's National

Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI), team chair training, and the myriad of summer projects the staff take on during June, July, and August.

More than fifty nurse educators along with administrators and clinicians from across the U.S. convened in Atlanta on March 22-23, 2012, to begin the necessary work to develop the 2013 Standards and Criteria. I am happy to report that the meeting and preliminary work went very well, and I appreciate the efforts of the Board and subcommittee members who participated. The subcommittees will be finalizing their work over the next few weeks, and the first drafts of the 2013 Standards and Criteria will be posted on the NLNAC website for public review and comment in early summer. I encourage all of you to review the drafts of the proposed Standards and Criteria and share your comments and suggestions. Each comment submitted is sent to the respective subcommittee and considered during the preparation of the next draft, so please be sure to participate in this important process.

Earlier this year, I had the privilege of participating in my third appointment to a negotiated rulemaking taskforce for the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, DC. The taskforce was convened to review and recommend new language for the regulations guiding the student loans programs, and, as you might imagine, the scope of the work was immense. Following this experience, I have a renewed appreciation for the work of the financial aid personnel at our programs' governing organizations. I am grateful to the Board of Commissioners for supporting my participation.

As always, I encourage you to contact the NLNAC staff if we can assist you, and I extend to all of you my best wishes for safe summer holidays.

INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATION

As part of NLNAC's ongoing support of quality nursing education for international programs, [Dr. Suzette Farmer](#) and [Dr. Cheryl Kish](#) traveled to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia to conduct an onsite Candidacy review of a baccalaureate nursing program seeking initial accreditation. To facilitate the Candidacy process, Drs. Farmer and Kish completed a three day review of the nursing program by meeting with faculty, students, and administrators and observing educational experiences of the program. The NLNAC acknowledges its international colleagues in Saudi Arabia's nursing community for their commitment to quality nursing education through accreditation.

FALL 2012 SELF-STUDY FORUM COMES TO ORLANDO!

Register now at www.nlnac.org for the [Fall 2012 Self-Study Forum](#), October 18-19, 2012 to be held at the [Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort in Orlando](#). Space is expected to fill quickly. If you or your colleagues are planning on attending the Forum, register early to ensure availability. A free special session for new nursing programs, faculty, and administrators is being offered on the morning of October 18th. We look forward to seeing you in Orlando!



THE 2011 NLNAC REPORT TO CONSTITUENTS

A copy of the [2011 NLNAC Report to Constituents](#) has been sent to all NLNAC-accredited and candidate programs. The Report is compiled by the NLNAC professional staff using data from the Annual Reports submitted by the 1,300 nursing programs accredited by NLNAC. The Report also contains data from the accreditation cycles of Fall 2010 and Spring 2011, information about the 2011-2012 accreditation cycles, and other NLNAC activities. We are pleased to report that NLNAC-accredited programs continue to demonstrate quality and to reflect positive student and graduate outcomes. The Report to Constituents is also available for download at www.nlnac.org/reports/2011.htm.



MEET THE NLNAC STAFF...



Robert Steinbruegge, Administrative Assistant to the Professional Staff - Robbie joined the NLNAC staff in November in a newly-created position of administrative support for the professional staff members. Originally from Rome, Georgia, he graduated from the University of Georgia in 2007 with a major in journalism and a minor in psychology and earned his master's in mass communication research from the University of Colorado at Boulder in 2010. He is happy to be back in his home state and bringing his writing, editing, and organizational skills to the NLNAC. In his spare time, Robbie enjoys running, basketball, traveling, and writing.