

## KEEPING YOU INFORMED

### Call for Nominations

*The NLNAC is seeking nominations for five (5) Commissioners and one (1) member of the NLNAC Nominating Committee. The following positions will appear on the 2010 election ballot:*

*Three (3) educators representing diverse program types accredited by the NLNAC. Candidates must be from an NLNAC accredited program.*

*One (1) nurse administrator/clinician from nursing service. Candidates must be employed full-time in nursing in a non-educational setting. Candidates may have a faculty appointment as an adjunct or clinical faculty.*

*One (1) member of the public. Candidates may not have any connection to the discipline of nursing or to a nursing education program.*

*One (1) member of the NLNAC Nominating Committee. Candidates must be from an NLNAC accredited program.*

*If you are interested in serving on the Commission or Nominating Committee, please send a copy of your current resume/CV and a letter indicating interest to Patricia Barlow at the NLNAC office by February 26, 2010.*

### NEW SITE VISITOR ORIENTATION

The NLNAC welcomes over 60 new Site Visitors and 25 new Site Visit Team Chairs to the upcoming [Program Evaluator Forum](#) in Atlanta, GA, February 5-6, 2010. [Click here for more information about becoming an NLNAC Site Visitor.](#)

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### MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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**Happy New Year!** 2010 promises many new opportunities in the important work of preparing tomorrow's nurses. NLNAC is no exception as we expect to introduce you to several exciting new additions to our resources, programs, and even our staff in 2010. As we welcome programs seeking accreditation for the first time or we work to support our currently accredited programs, we anticipate the need for additional professional staff to help us carry out the work of the organization. So our first priority in 2010 is the expansion of our professional staff to better meet your needs. NLNAC professional staff contribute to the nursing profession through the work they do mentoring programs, facilitating the work of our wonderful volunteers, and monitoring and evaluating educational program quality. NLNAC's professional staff are always engaged in interesting and important work that provides numerous opportunities for personal and professional development. I encourage you to give some thought to applying for one of the professional staff positions. As I write this message, the work of the Negotiated Rulemaking team on program integrity issues at the Department of Education is drawing to a close with the third and final session being held this week in Washington, DC. During these sessions, we have discussed topics such as the definition of a credit hour, definition of a high school diploma, misrepresentation of student information, gainful employment, and the disbursement of Title IV funds, among others. The experience has been a valuable opportunity to help develop the regulations that affect what many of us do on a daily basis. I would like to thank the NLNAC Board of Commissioners for their support of my participation in the DOE negotiated rulemaking process. Site visits for the Spring 2010 cycle began earlier this week and will continue for the next five weeks. For those programs being visited, I thank you for your support of the accreditation process and wish you well. For those program evaluators who are traveling, we thank you for your service. Safe travels!

### RECENT MEETINGS AT THE NLNAC

In January, NLNAC hosted two meetings in its new offices in Atlanta and the Fall Cycle Evaluation Review Panel in a nearby hotel. First, NLNAC hosted the **INESA Global Task Force** meeting January 8-9, 2010. The purpose of the meeting was for the NLNAC representatives of the joint NLN/NLNAC Task Force to address those international activities specifically related to accreditation. The Task Force will be making its recommendations to the Board of Commissioners at its February meeting. Watch the NLNAC website for updates on the work of the Task Force. NLNAC also served as host for the **APRN Consensus Model Workgroup** meeting on January 12, 2010. The workgroup met to discuss details of the implementation of the [APRN Consensus Model](#) and the implications of the Model on nursing practice and education. The meeting was attended by 32 representatives from the agencies governing nursing licensure, accreditation, certification, and education (**LACE**). The **Fall 2009 Evaluation Review Panel** met in Atlanta January 20-23. Fifty Panelists representing all program types participated in the Panel meetings. A total of 101 programs were reviewed during the four days of meetings. NLNAC is pleased to be able to welcome its colleagues and constituents to its new location in the Buckhead area of Atlanta. Please feel free to visit us if you are in the Atlanta area.



### ATLANTA SELF-STUDY FORUM FILLED TO CAPACITY; LIMITED SPACE STILL AVAILABLE AT CHICAGO LOCATION

- Don't miss this valuable opportunity to help you and your faculty prepare for the accreditation process. Registrations are now closed for the Forum in Atlanta (April 8-9, 2010). **There are only 75 seats remaining at the Chicago location** (March 25-26, 2010). Register online at [www.nlnac.org](http://www.nlnac.org) to reserve your space today. Be sure to take advantage of the low rates negotiated with the host hotels. Book now while rooms are still available.

### CALL FOR APPLICANTS

NLNAC is seeking applicants for professional staff positions. These positions would be a wonderful opportunity for qualified and experienced nurse educators or administrators to work with nursing education faculty to advance excellence, accountability, and continuous quality improvement in nursing education for all program types. [For more information, including a job description, please refer to the NLNAC website.](#)