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JUST A REMINDER...

The next edition of the NLNAC Accreditation Manual with Interpretive Guidelines by Program Type will be published in early 2008.

Programs scheduled for site visits in Spring and Fall 2008 will be reviewed in accordance with the 2005 Standards & Criteria

available in the 2006 Edition of the NLNAC Accreditation Manual with Interpretive Guidelines by Program Type.

The 2006 Edition is now out of print. For your convenience, the publication is available online for download as a printable PDF file at www.nlnac.org.

ALERTS!

It's that time of the year! ***The NLNAC Annual Report for the 2006-2007 academic year is due to the NLNAC office by November 21, 2007.*** *You may login to your Report at www.nlnac.org with the unique access code that has been provided to you.*

Should you need any assistance, please contact Alex Mariquit at amariquit@nlnac.org or by phone at 800.669.1656 ext.247. We are looking forward to receiving your information.

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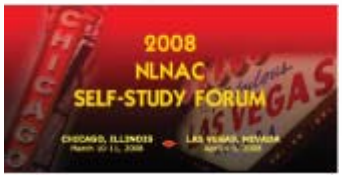
AUTUMN GREETINGS FROM DR. SHARON TANNER, NLNAC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - It was such a pleasure to see so many of you at the NLN Education Summit 2007 in Phoenix! Thank you for stopping by our exhibit and visiting with us.

The *2007 Report to Constituents* is on its way to all accredited programs via mail and also available online. Be sure and review the report; aggregated and trended data from over 1,200 nursing programs is included. Graduates from NLNAC accredited programs continue to outperform non-accredited programs in areas commonly utilized to determine student and program outcomes including pass rates for licensure and certification exams.

WELCOME OUR NEW COMMISSIONERS - Results from the 2007 elections were recently announced. Please join us in welcoming the new Commissioners to NLNAC: Carol Easley Allen, PhD, RN; Deanna M. Suggs, MSN, RN, FNP-C; Rhonda Johnston, PhD, CFNP, CANP, CNS; David E. Ormstedt, JD; Marsha H. Purcell, CAE; and Dala J. Dewitt, MS, RN (re-elected for a new term) will join their colleagues on the Commission at the Board's November meeting.

DRAFT 2 OF THE NLNAC 2008 STANDARDS & CRITERIA RELEASED FOR COMMENTS - The development of the 2008 Standards & Criteria is ongoing. Draft 2 was made available for your review and comments at our website www.nlnac.org from September 30 - October 30, 2007. Once again, your feedback will be utilized by the Committee on Accreditation Standards and Criteria and six program specific Subcommittees to guide the revisions in the final document. A total of more than 2,100 individuals reviewed the drafts. Thank you for providing your valuable feedback and recommendations. Watch for the release of the 2008 Standards and Criteria in February.



SELF-STUDY FORUMS COMING SPRING 2008 - The first Fall Self-Study Forum held in Palm Springs, California this October was well attended with over 175 registrants. Many of the participants were colleagues from programs throughout the western region of the United States. Thank you for your support of this inaugural event. Plans are underway for the upcoming Spring 2008 Self-Study Forums in Chicago and Las Vegas. Registrations are now being accepted online at www.nlnac.org; spaces are limited. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to learn more about the accreditation process and the new 2008 Standards and Criteria. We hope to see you there!

OUR 10-YEAR CELEBRATION CONTINUES...
NLNAC SALUTES OUR VOLUNTEERS!
Over 100 of your colleagues have served 10 years as program evaluators for NLNAC! Please check the NLNAC website for a list of their names. Each of our 10 year evaluators will be receiving a beautiful award for their hard work and dedicated service. Thank you, volunteers, for ensuring the success of the accreditation processes.

INSIDE NLNAC . . . MEET OUR STAFF

NGOZI O. NKONGHO, PhD, RN, CNE - Deputy Director - Dr. Nkongho joined NLNAC in 2004. In her role as Deputy Director, she works with programs seeking initial accreditation and those requested to write a Follow-Up Report by NLNAC Board of Commissioners. She also monitors substantive change requests from our accredited programs and participates in conducting focused visits as needed. In her spare time, Ngozi enjoys cultural events and participates in local community activities.

ANTHONY BUGAY - Board Liaison & Manager of Special Projects - Mr. Bugay has been working at NLNAC for eight years. As the Board Liaison, he provides direct assistance in matters pertaining to Board materials, correspondence, presentations, minutes, and logistics of the tri-annual meetings of the Board. He also manages the Self-Study and Program Evaluator Forums and special projects of the Commission. Outside the office, Anthony enjoys spending quality time with his 3 year-old daughter and family and is quite a sports competitor.

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