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**REMINDER about the
NLNAC Accreditation
Manual**

As you know, the NLNAC has discontinued the practice of printing a paper version of the NLNAC Accreditation Manual. As the paper version of the Manual was last printed in February 2008, any paper copies are now out-of-date and should not be used. Instead, the online version of the Manual should be used for current information about accreditation policies and practices. The Accreditation Standards and Criteria have not been changed or modified since they were published in February 2008. However, new U.S. Department of Education Regulations were introduced in July 2010, and modifications in accreditors' policies were necessary.

The NLNAC Accreditation Manual is available for download/access at www.nlnac.org.

**NLNAC Annual Report
due November 22, 2010**

Nurse administrators of NLNAC-accredited nursing programs have been sent the access information for submitting the NLNAC Annual Report. If you have any questions about your program's Report or require any technical assistance, please contact Alex Mariquit at amariquit@nlnac.org

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF NLNAC, Dr. Elizabeth Mahaffey -

There is a quote from The Acorn Principle: Know Yourself, Grow Yourself by Jim Cathcart and Denis E. Waitley that has been important to me for many years – "Think of the why, and the how will become apparent." Finding the "why" in defining future outcomes, writing procedures, or making decisions is an integral first step for each process. As a part of the ongoing strategic planning for the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, staff members, members of our Board of Commissioners, and representative members of our accredited programs participated in a two-day session where we carefully looked at the whys of past, current, and future activities. The product of those two days was just the beginning of work that the NLNAC staff continues to refine. Just as each program evaluates the achievement of specific outcomes, NLNAC holds itself to high standards in meeting our organizational outcomes. We will all be challenged over the next few months and years to implement change, whether it is part of the healthcare reform or recommendations from the national studies on nursing. I encourage you to stay well-informed and to look for the purpose, the "why" of change, as you are involved in local, state, and national organization decisions.

THE NLNAC IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE ELECTION RESULTS FOR 2010...



We welcome three new members to the NLNAC Board of Commissioners: [Ann Schlumberger, EdD, MSN, RN](#) and [Mary Stec, MSN, RN, CNE](#) as nursing education representatives; and [Lee Wurster, JD](#) as a public representative. Each will serve a three-year term. In other election results, [Deanna Suggs, MSN, RN, FNP-C](#), was re-elected as a nursing education representative; [Rhonda Johnston, PhD, CFNP, CANP, CNS](#), as a nursing service representative; and [David Ormstedt, JD](#) as a public representative. They will serve a second three-year term on the Board. Lenora Yates, EdD, MSN, MBA, ARNP, was elected to the NLNAC Nominating Committee. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Commissioners or Nominating Committee, watch for the call for nominations on our website at www.nlnac.org in the coming weeks.



THE 2011 NLNAC SELF-STUDY FORUMS ARE QUICKLY FILLING... For the first time in our history, the NLNAC has scheduled three conveniently located Self-Study Forums in the spring of 2011 to better serve our currently accredited programs and those interested in seeking initial accreditation, two in Atlanta and one on the west coast in Anaheim. The special sessions for new programs, faculty, and administrators and the special sessions focusing on Standard 6 Outcomes have been valuable additions to the Forums. If you or your faculty have not been to a Self-Study Forum recently, don't miss this opportunity to have a better understanding of the current NLNAC Accreditation Standards, policies, and processes. Register today at www.nlnac.org.

MEET THE NLNAC STAFF!

Jennifer Lunsford, Executive Assistant - Ms. Lunsford is the newest addition to the NLNAC staff, providing support to Dr. Sharon Tanner, the Board, and professional staff. Jennifer comes to the NLNAC with experience in providing support to nursing programs at the collegiate level. She graduated from Troy University majoring in Psychology and Human Services and is currently pursuing a Master's in Community Counseling. Jennifer brings to the NLNAC a broad background of administrative support in several business and industry environments. She resides in the Atlanta area and enjoys sports, music, and outdoor activities.



Chisa Yarde, Operations Assistant - Ms. Yarde joined the NLNAC staff in August. She is the friendly voice that answers the phone. Her responsibilities also include assisting all professional and administrative staff and helping with day-to-day office operations and communications. Chisa is a native Georgian who graduated from Agnes Scott College with a BA in English Literature and Creative Writing. She has lived in Atlanta for many years and enjoys traveling, tap dancing, reading, and going to the dog park with her new puppy Sully.

