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**CALL FOR
SUBCOMMITTEE
VOLUNTEERS**

**NLNAC 2013
Standards and Criteria**

The NLNAC is seeking volunteers for the Standards and Criteria Review Subcommittees which will develop the 2013 Standards and Criteria; a Subcommittee will be established for each program type (clinical doctorate, master's, baccalaureate, associate, diploma, practical).

Subcommittee members will review materials independently; participate in conference calls with other members; and attend at least one face-to-face meeting on March 22-23, 2012 in Atlanta.

Nurse educators from NLNAC-accredited programs should submit a letter of interest that includes detailed information about their relevant experience and expertise in education and/or current practice and previous participation in NLNAC activities including service as a site visitor or committee member.

Nurse clinicians should submit a letter of interest that describes their familiarity with current nursing practice and healthcare environments and participation in NLNAC activities.

Letters of interest should be submitted to Patricia Barlow by November 15, 2011 at pbarlow@nlnac.org. For more information, visit us online at www.nlnac.org.

**NLNAC Annual Report
2010-2011**

Due November 18, 2011

The NLNAC Annual Report is due by November 18, 2011 and is required for all NLNAC-accredited nursing programs. Access information to the Report has been emailed to all nurse administrators. If you have not received this communication or require any assistance, please contact Alex Mariquit at amariquit@nlnac.org.

Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to receiving your Report.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Elizabeth H. Mahaffey, PhD, RN

It has been just a few days since I returned from attending one of the four NLNAC Self-Study Forums presented this year. Four Self-Study Forums! Our staff has been stretching themselves to meet the needs of our programs. I was able to share a small part in the Forum, but I mostly enjoyed meeting the program faculty and leaders who are seeking initial accreditation or continuing accreditation with NLNAC. Many attendees shared wonderful evaluation comments about the quality of the Forum as well as the networking opportunities. If you missed attending a Forum this year, Spring Self-Study Forums are already posted on the website. Over the next few months, there are several other opportunities that our constituent members should consider. An

e-mail invitation was recently distributed seeking volunteers for the Standards and Criteria Review Subcommittees, which will develop the 2013 Standards and Criteria. If you missed the e-mail invitation, look for additional information in this issue of *Bridges*. Another exciting event is the free workshop for practical nursing programs, *Achieving Accreditation: A Workshop for Practical Nursing Programs*, which will be offered in December. Finally, while we are welcoming new members to the NLNAC Board of Commissioners, we will also be seeking nominations for the 2012 election. Watch the website for more information about these opportunities. On behalf of the current Board of Commissioners, I wish you a wonderful academic year.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS



*(from left to right):
Susan Baltrus,
Dr. Elizabeth Berrey,
Dr. Kimberly Cribb, and
Catherine McJannet)*

The NLNAC is pleased to welcome four new nursing educators to the Board of

Commissioners. [Susan Baltrus](#) has been affiliated with Central Maine Medical Center College of Nursing and Health Professions since 1979. She currently serves as President of the College. She has participated as an NLNAC site visitor since 2005. [Dr. Elizabeth Berrey](#) is Executive Director of the Nursing Programs in the School of Health, Wellness, and Public Safety at Central New Mexico Community College in Albuquerque, NM. [Dr. Kimberly Cribb](#) is a faculty member in the baccalaureate and master's nursing programs at Thomas University in Thomasville, GA. Dr. Cribb has served as a site visitor and member of the NLNAC Evaluation Review Panel. [Catherine McJannet](#) is Director of Nursing and Health Occupations Programs at Southwestern College in San Diego, CA. She has been a site visitor since 2010.

NLNAC RECEIVES CONTINUING CHEA RECOGNITION - For the past eighteen (18) months, the NLNAC has been engaged in review for recognition by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). The process requires submission of petitions for both eligibility and recognition; observation of NLNAC accreditation processes by CHEA representatives; and an appearance before CHEA's Committee on Recognition. At its meeting on September 19-20, 2011, the CHEA Board of Directors reviewed the recommendation of the CHEA Committee on Recognition regarding the recognition application submitted by the NLNAC. The Committee on Recognition recommended that the NLNAC be recognized with no stipulations, and the CHEA Board of Directors accepted the Committee's recommendation and granted recognition to the NLNAC without any recommendations or concerns. In accordance with CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures, the NLNAC will undergo its next full review in ten (10) years, the maximum length of recognition.

SPRING 2012 SELF-STUDY FORUMS ARE QUICKLY FILLING -

There are two Forums scheduled to be held in Atlanta, Georgia, in Spring 2012 ([March 15-16](#) and [March 19-20](#)). As with recent Forums, registrations are quickly reaching maximum numbers, so register early to ensure your participation. Each Forum has a two-hour special session offered preceding the start of the Forum on day one. The first of the Spring Forums will be offering the special session *A Focus on Standard 6 Outcomes*. This special session delves deeper into the issues of compliance with Standard 6 and systematic evaluation of the nursing program. The second Forum is scheduled to offer the special session *The Novice Accreditee*. Developed for programs, faculty, and administrators new to the NLNAC accreditation process, it provides a better understanding of the Candidacy program and challenging concepts and terminology in the accreditation process. To learn more about the Self-Study Forums and to reserve your space, visit us online at www.nlnac.org. **Register today.**

