

## KEEPING YOU INFORMED

**Our thoughts are with our colleagues who are recovering from Hurricane Sandy. We hope you are safe and look forward to hearing from you soon.**

### NLNAC Annual Report 2011-2012

All NLNAC-accredited programs are required to submit a completed Annual Report by November 16, 2012. Access information has been sent to all nurse administrators of NLNAC-accredited programs. If you have not received this communication, or require any assistance, please contact Zaid Toukan at [ztoukan@nlnac.org](mailto:ztoukan@nlnac.org). To submit your Annual Report, go to [www.nlnac.org/annrep](http://www.nlnac.org/annrep). Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to receiving your Report.

### A Workshop for New Nurse Administrators

We are excited to offer a new workshop entitled, **Effectively Leading an NLNAC-Accredited Program: A Workshop for the New Nurse Administrator**. The Workshop will provide information related to accreditation policies and processes. Attendees will be oriented to the responsibilities of the nurse leader in maintaining compliance with the Accreditation Standards and provide helpful direction related to reporting and maintenance of documentation.

The response to the Workshop has been very positive, and the inaugural Workshop, scheduled for January 18, 2013, has already filled to capacity. We are finalizing details for the next Workshop in June 2013, and online registration will open shortly. Visit our website at [www.nlnac.org](http://www.nlnac.org) for the latest information on upcoming meetings, forums, and workshops.

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### MESSAGE FROM THE CEO Sharon J. Tanner, EdD, MSN, RN

Fall Greetings! As the year draws to a close, we have several exciting updates to share. Earlier this month, the Fall 2012 Self-Study Forum was held in Orlando. More than 900 nurse educators and administrators participated in Self-Study Forums in 2012. Twenty-five program evaluators will be participating in an orientation session for new team chairs in early December, and selections are currently being made for new program evaluators to participate in the 2013 PE Forum scheduled for February. Also, for the first time, a workshop designed for new nurse administrators will be presented in January 2013. Watch *Bridges* and the website for updates on NLNAC forums and workshops.

The second period of public review for the draft of the 2013 Standards and Criteria recently ended with hundreds of thoughtful and helpful comments being submitted for consideration. The Board of Commissioners will review the comments and approve the final version of the Standards and Criteria at its next Board meeting, and the 2013 Standards will become effective January 1st. Thanks to all who reviewed and submitted comments.

The NLNAC staff support the work of over 500 program evaluators who take time out of their busy schedules to participate in onsite visits and other accreditation activities. Our dedicated site visitors conducted over 200 onsite reviews in 2012, 50 of which were for initial accreditation. The work of this agency would simply not be possible without this cadre of hard-working volunteers, and I acknowledge and thank all of our evaluators for their service. As the holidays approach, we wish you well. See you in 2013!

### WELCOME OUR NEWLY ELECTED COMMISSIONERS



(from L to R: [Dr. Gary Carman](#), [Janet Harris](#), [Raquel Pasaron](#), [Dr. Howard Smith](#), and [Dr. Peggy Tudor](#)) Join us in welcoming five newly elected Members to the NLNAC Board of Commissioners: one educator, two nursing service representatives, and two public representatives. Also elected for a second consecutive term is [Dr. Mary Lou Rusin](#) (not pictured here). They will be joining the rest of the Commissioners for their first Board Meeting in mid-November 2012. For more information about the [NLNAC Board of Commissioners](#), visit us online at [www.nlnac.org](http://www.nlnac.org)

### DR. SHARON TANNER RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

On September 21, 2012, NLNAC CEO Dr. Sharon Tanner received the Dr. Sylvia E. Hart Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Tennessee for more than 30 years of work in ensuring quality nursing education. Dr. Tanner's award celebrated her leadership in promoting excellence and innovation in advancing professional nursing. Please join us in congratulating Dr. Tanner on this prestigious award!



### LEARN ABOUT THE NEW 2013 STANDARDS AND CRITERIA AT THE SPRING FORUMS

The Committee on Accreditation Standards and Criteria is currently evaluating all comments received for Draft 2 of the 2013 Standards and Criteria. The new Standards will be available for use starting January 1, 2013. [The Spring 2013 Self-Study Forums](#) (Atlanta - March 21-22 and Las Vegas - April 9-10) will be the first Forums to present the new Standards. Registrations for both locations are limited, and we recommend registering early to secure your space. [For more information and to register](#), please visit [www.nlnac.org](http://www.nlnac.org).

