

## KEEPING YOU INFORMED

### National Meetings and Conferences

In 2014, Dr. Sharon Tanner and the ACEN professional staff members – Dr. Nell Ard, Dr. Abigail Gerding, and Dr. Georgia Vest – continued their support of state and national organizations in their accreditation-related activities by presenting at conferences, seminars, and national meetings. These efforts included travel throughout the U.S. with the goal of assisting the ACEN's constituents with questions and information concerning the ACEN Accreditation Standards as well as national trends and best practices in nursing education. If you are interested in having a member of the ACEN speak at an upcoming event, please contact the ACEN offices for assistance.

### Join the ACEN as a Program Evaluator

The next ACEN Program Evaluator Forum is scheduled to take place on February 20-21, 2015, in Atlanta. If you are interested in serving as an ACEN program evaluator, please send a letter of interest, a current CV/resume, and at least two (2) letters of recommendation to the ACEN offices.

The applications are currently under review, so you are encouraged to send your materials as soon as possible for the 2015 Forum.

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## WELCOME NEWLY ELECTED ACEN COMMISSIONERS AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBER



Ms. Bridget Dewees

Dr. Jane June

Dr. Georgia McDuffie

Ms. Cathy McJannet

Ms. Kathryn A. Ormsby

Dr. Mary J. Vickers

Please join us in welcoming the six newly elected members of the ACEN Board of Commissioners. The new Commissioners include three nursing education representatives, one nursing service representative, and two public representatives. The new Board will take office on October 1st; members will be oriented to their roles in early October in preparation for their first meeting in November. Elections were also held for the ACEN Nominating Committee, and Ms. Betty Demask-Bembenek (not pictured) was elected to serve in this vital role. For more information about the ACEN Board of Commissioners and Nominating Committee, visit us online at [www.acenursing.org](http://www.acenursing.org).

## REGISTRATIONS OPEN FOR NEW NURSE ADMINISTRATOR WORKSHOP

We are happy to announce that the next Workshop for new nurse administrators – Effectively Leading an ACEN-Accredited Program: A Workshop for the New Nurse Administrator – will be held on June 19, 2015, in Atlanta. The Workshop offered in August 2014 was filled to capacity; overwhelmingly positive feedback was received from the nurse administrators who attended. The Workshop provides attendees with the opportunity to meet with the ACEN professional staff members and receive guidance on accreditation-related issues for their nursing programs. For additional information about the Workshop or to register, please visit our website at [www.acenursing.org](http://www.acenursing.org).

## ORIENTATION FOR NEW ACEN SITE VISIT TEAM CHAIRS

The ACEN recently hosted a group of candidates at the Team Chair Forum in Atlanta. These individuals were selected based upon their experience with conducting accreditation reviews and the positive evaluations related to their site visit activities from the nursing programs as well as comments from their colleagues on site visit teams. The Team Chair role is essential in the accreditation process; Team Chairs lead the site visit team and work closely with the nurse administrator to ensure a thorough and collegial review of each program. We celebrate the individuals who will be serving in this important role.

## REGISTRATIONS OPEN FOR SPRING 2015 SELF-STUDY FORUMS



Registrations for the Spring 2015 ACEN Self-Study Forums, which will be held in Chicago and Atlanta, are now open. Interest in the Forums has been strong, and we encourage all interested nurse administrators and faculty members to register as soon as possible. The Forums are particularly beneficial for representatives from programs with a site visit scheduled or Follow-Up Report due in the upcoming Accreditation Cycles. Please visit us online at [www.acenursing.org](http://www.acenursing.org) to learn more about the Forums and to register.