

**National Council of State Boards of Nursing Annual Meeting and
Delegate Assembly
August 14-16, 2013**

Summary:

The Annual Meeting and Delegate Assembly meeting of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing was held on August 14 – 16, 2013 in Providence, Rhode Island. This report contains outcomes of the meeting.

The Texas Board of Nursing Delegates representing the Board were:

- Deborah Bell, Board Member, Delegate
- Kristin Benton, Staff, Delegate
- Kathy Leader-Horn, Board Member, Alternate Delegate
- Mark Majek, Staff, Alternate Delegate

NCSBN Considered Association Business

There were 57 member boards represented by delegates.

Highlights of some of the significant actions approved by the member boards of nursing include:

- Adoption of the 2014–2016 Strategic Initiatives;
- Adoption of the 2014 NCLEX-PN Test Plan;
- Adoption of the revised membership agreement and setting the membership fee to zero;
- Adoption of the revisions to the NCSBN Bylaws; and
- Approval of the Association of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland & Labrador, College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Manitoba, Saskatchewan Association of Licensed Practical Nurses, and the Nursing & Midwifery Board of Ireland as associate members of NCSBN.

NCSBN will meet Aug. 13-15, 2014, in Chicago for the 2014 Annual Meeting and Delegate Assembly.

NCSBN Elected New Members to its Board of Directors During its 2012 Delegate Assembly

Area Directors

Area I

- Susan Odom, PhD, RN, CCRN, FRE, board chair, Idaho Board of Nursing, previously served as chair of the NCSBN Institute of Regulatory Excellence and Innovations in Education Regulation Committees. She is a Fellow of the NCSBN Institute of Regulatory Excellence.

Area II

- Lanette Anderson, JD, MSN, RN, executive director, West Virginia State Board of Examiners for Licensed Practical Nurses, was re-elected for a second term. She previously served on the NCSBN Transition to Practice Committee from 2009-2010 and the NCSBN Commitment to Ongoing Regulatory Excellence Advisory Panel from 2004-2006.

Area III

- Katherine Thomas, MN, RN, executive officer, Texas Board of Nursing, previously served as a director-at-large on the NCSBN Board of Directors from 2008-2011. She also served as the NCSBN representative to the APRN Joint Dialogue Group and was a member of several NCSBN Advanced Nursing Practice committees, chairing the APRN Advisory Committee from 1995-2007.

Area IV

- Ann L. O'Sullivan, PhD, FAAN, CRNP, board member, Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing, was re-elected for a second term. She has been a member of the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing since 2004; serving as board chair from 2009-2011. She also previously served on the NCSBN Advanced Practice Committee from 2007-2011 and was chair of that committee from 2008-2011.

Directors-at-Large

- Betsy Houchen, JD, MS, RN, executive director, Ohio Board of Nursing, was re-elected for a second term. She served two previous terms as the Area II director on the NCSBN Board of Directors and as the board liaison to the NCSBN Commitment to Ongoing Regulatory Excellence Committee.
- Nathan Goldman, JD, board staff, Kentucky Board of Nursing, previously served as the chair of the NCSBN Bylaws and Model Act and Rules Committees.

NCSBN delegates also elected members of the Leadership Succession Committee (LSC):

- Mark Majek, MA, PHR, board staff, Texas Board of Nursing, was re-elected;
- Tony Graham, CPM, board staff, Mississippi Board of Nursing; and
- Ann Coughlin, MSN, MBA, RN, chair, Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing.

Awards Honored the following Nurse Regulators

NCSBN recognized its dedicated and exceptional membership and guests at its annual awards ceremony during the NCSBN Annual Meeting and Delegate Assembly.

Specific award recipients include:

- Betsy Houchen, JD, MS, RN, executive director, Ohio Board of Nursing, was honored with the prestigious R. Louise McManus Award. Individuals receiving this award have made sustained and lasting significant contributions through their deep commitment and dedication to the purposes and mission of NCSBN.
- Constance Kalanek, PhD, RN, FRE, executive director, North Dakota Board of Nursing, received the Meritorious Service Award, which is presented to a board or staff member of a member board for positive impact and significant contributions to the purposes of NCSBN.
- Susan L. Woods, PhD, RN, FAAN, commission member, Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission, received the Exceptional Contribution Award, which is given for significant contribution by a board of nursing (BON) staff member who does not serve as an executive officer or a board member who is not the current board president.
- Lorinda Inman, MSN, RN, former executive director, Iowa Board of Nursing was awarded the Distinguished Achievement Award, which is given to an individual whose contributions or accomplishment has impacted NCSBN's mission and goals.

- Linda R. Rounds, PhD, FNP, RN, FAANP, former board president, Texas Board of Nursing, received the Elaine Ellibee Award that is granted to a member who has served as a board president and who has made significant contributions to NCSBN.

The North Dakota Board of Nursing was honored with the Regulatory Achievement Award that recognizes the member board that has made an identifiable, significant contribution to the purpose of NCSBN in promoting public policy related to the safe and effective practice of nursing in the interest of public welfare.

Recommended Action:

For information and discussion only.