

Consideration of Appointment of New Advisory Committee on Education Members

Summary of Request:

Consider the staff recommendation regarding nominations for committee members for the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE).

Historical Perspective:

In accordance with Board rule [211.6.\(f\)\(1\)\(B\)](#), ACE advises the Board on education and practice issues that have or may have an impact on the regulation of nursing education in Texas. At the October 2014 Board meeting, the Board issued charges to ACE for possible recommendations regarding rule changes to Board approval for increasing enrollments in nursing programs, specific requirements for classroom and clinical practice hours in vocational nursing education programs, and limitations in teaching responsibilities for vocational nursing education program directors.

The Advisory Committee on Education has not met since March of 2012. In order to prepare for the first ACE meeting to address current charges, Board staff issued a call for member nominations and solicited representation from:

- Diploma Nursing Education
- The Licensed Vocational Nurses Association of Texas (LVNAT)
- The Texas Association of Deans and Directors of Professional Nursing Programs (TADDPNP)
- The Texas Association of Vocational Nurse Educators (TAVNE)
- The Texas League for Nursing (TLN)
- The Texas League for Vocational Nurses (TLVN)
- The Texas Nurses Association (TNA)
- The Texas Organization for Associate Degree Nursing (TOADN)
- The Texas Organization of Baccalaureate and Graduate Education (TOBGNE)
- The Texas Organization of Nurse Executives (TONE)

Board staff have reviewed the credentials of each nominee and concluded that each individual is fully qualified to fulfill the role and responsibilities associated with ACE membership. A summary of each nominee is included in Attachment "A".

Staff Recommendation:

Accept and approve the following nominations for ACE membership:

- Alicia Anger, MSN, RN representing Diploma Nursing Education
- Peggy Roberts, LVN representing LVNAT
- Marla Erbin-Roesemann, PhD, RN representing TADDPNP
- Betty Sims, EdD, MSN, RN, FRE representing TAVNE at large
- April Ernst, MSN, RN, CNE representing TAVNE hospital based programs
- Nancy Maebius, PhD, RN representing TAVNE career school programs
- Sharon Wilkerson, PhD, RN, CNE, ANEF representing TLN until a replacement member is recommended
- Pamela Brashears, LVN representing TLVN
- Stephanie Woods, PhD, RN representing TNA
- Joan Becker, MA, RN representing TOADN
- Sharon Wilkerson, PhD, RN, CNE, ANEF representing TOBGNE
- Cynthia Plonien, RN, DNP, CENP representing TONE

ACE Nominee Biographical Summaries

- Alicia Anger, MSN, RN *representing Diploma Nursing Education*, is the current Dean at Covenant School of Nursing, the one diploma professional nursing education program in Texas. She began as faculty at Covenant in 2002 and became Dean in 2007. Ms. Anger is active in her professional and local communities and has participated in clinical research. She has served on the BON DELCs workgroup and the ACE committee in the past.
- Peggy Roberts, LVN *representing LVNAT*, is the current President of LVNAT and has served in that role since 2011. She currently practices as a LVN providing hospice home nursing visits and also has practice experience in the long term care setting. Ms. Roberts has served on various Board advisory committees in the past representing LVNAT.
- Marla Erbin-Roesemann, PhD, RN *representing TADDPNP*, is an active TADDPNP member and former President. Dr. Erbin-Roesemann is currently Director of the St. David's School of Nursing and the Associate Dean for the College of Health Professions. She has extensive experience in baccalaureate and graduate nursing education, research and practice. She has published in several peer reviewed nursing journals and has been awarded many substantial grants and awards. Dr. Erbin-Roesemann is actively engaged with several professional associations and community organizations.
- Betty Sims, EdD, MSN, RN, FRE *representing TAVNE at large*, is the current President of TAVNE. Dr. Sims has been involved in both professional and vocational nursing education for many years and currently serves as the School Director for Valley Grande Institute. Her background also includes extensive clinical practice and regulatory experience. She has participated on several BON committees, task forces and workgroups. Dr. Sims has served as a consultant to nursing education programs throughout Texas and has been the recipient of several honors and appointments related to nursing.
- April Ernst, MSN, RN, CNE *representing TAVNE hospital based programs*, is the current President-Elect of TAVNE. Ms. Ernst has extensive experience in nursing education, both in faculty and director roles. Currently, she is an independent consultant for nursing education programs and has authored several nursing education program proposals that have been approved by the BON. Ms. Ernst is active in many professional nursing associations and served on the BON DELCs workgroup and the Deferred Disciplinary Action Pilot Program.
- Nancy Maebius, PhD, RN *representing TAVNE career school programs*, currently serves as Community Relations Liaison/Education Consultant for the Galen College of Nursing in San Antonio, TX. Dr. Maebius has extensive experience in medical surgical nursing, maternal child nursing, education and clinical research. She has been a faculty member in both baccalaureate and vocational nursing education programs and has co-authored two nursing textbooks. Dr. Maebius is active in several nursing and community organizations and has participated on ACE and the DELCs workgroup in the past.
- Sharon Wilkerson, PhD, RN, CNE, ANEF, *representing TLN*, is the current President of TLN and is willing to serve as the TLN representative on ACE until a TLN member can be nominated at their next scheduled Board meeting. She is also the current President of TOBGNE. Dr. Wilkerson is the current and founding Dean and Professor at Texas A&M Health Science Center, College of Nursing in College Station, TX. She has extensive experience in nursing education and research and has been the recipient of numerous nursing research grants. Dr. Wilkerson is a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing Education, is active in professional nursing associations and has published numerous

scholarly articles.

- Pamela Brashears, LVN *representing TLVN*, is currently practicing as a LVN in the Veterans Administration System. Ms. Brashears is a current member of the BON Eligibility and Disciplinary Advisory Committee.
- Stephanie Woods, PhD, RN *representing TNA*, currently serves as Chair of the TNA Education Committee. Dr. Woods has been Associate Dean and Associate Professor at the Houston J. and Florence A. Doswell College of Nursing at Texas Women's University in Dallas, TX since 2009. In addition to her teaching experience, Dr. Woods has served as CNO, Manager, Consultant and Staff Nurse in variety of clinical settings. She is widely published in several peer reviewed nursing journals and has been the recipient of multiple grants to fund nursing initiatives. She is active in many professional nursing and community organizations. Dr. Woods was honored as the one of the "Great 100 Nurses" in Dallas, TX in 2015.
- Joan Becker, MA, RN *representing TOADN*, is the current President-Elect of TOADN. Ms. Becker serves as Dean of Nursing at El Centro Community College in Dallas, TX as well as a Peer Advisor and Live Review Faculty for Elsevier. Ms. Becker has extensive experience in associate degree nursing education and clinical practice. She has participated in several grant activities and is actively involved in various professional and local community organizations. Ms. Becker also currently serves to represent TOADN on the BON Eligibility and Disciplinary Advisory Committee.
- Sharon Wilkerson, PhD, RN, CNE, ANEF *representing TOBGNE*, is the President of TOBGNE. Dr. Wilkerson is the current and founding Dean and Professor at Texas A&M Health Science Center, College of Nursing in College Station, TX. She has extensive experience in nursing education and research and has been the recipient of numerous nursing research grants. Dr. Wilkerson is a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing Education, is active in professional nursing associations and has published numerous scholarly articles.
- Cynthia Plonien, RN, DNP, CENP *representing TONE*, currently is President of the North Central Organization of Nurse Executives and a TONE member. Dr. Plonien is also Director of the Graduate Program of Nursing Administration at the University of Texas at Arlington. She is an experienced nursing administrator and most recently served as Chief Nurse Executive at Texas Health Harris Methodist in Cleburne, TX. Dr. Plonien is active in her local community and several nursing professional organizations. She has published scholarly articles in nursing journals and currently serves as the Column Coordinator for the AORN Journal.