

**National Council of State Boards of Nursing Annual Meeting and  
Delegate Assembly  
August 15-17, 2018**

**Summary:**

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) met in Chicago, Aug. 15-17, 2018, to consider pertinent association business with its member boards of nursing (BONs). There were 59 member boards represented by delegates. This 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NCSBN was celebrated at this meeting and throughout the year through unveiling a new logo, a new website, an updated historical timeline, and a regulatory atlas. The agenda for the annual meeting also included a focus on our founding mothers and the many contributions they and future leaders have given to this organization.

Highlights of some of the significant actions approved by the member BONs include:

- Approval of the College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia, the College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba and the College of Nurses of Ontario as exam user members;
- Approval of the National Center for Independent Examination (NCIE) - Kazakhstan as an associate member of NCSBN;
- Election of new members of the NCSBN Board of Directors and Leadership Succession Committee;
- Adoption of the 2019 NCLEX-RN Test Plan; and
- Approval to convene a forum of state board regulators with expertise in APRN issues to investigate the challenges BONs are experiencing in relation to the implementation of the APRN Consensus Model, and to report on these findings to the 2019 Delegate Assembly.

The Texas Board of Nursing Delegates representing the Board were:

- Kathy Shipp, Board President, Delegate
- Mark Majek, Staff, Delegate
- Laura Disque, Board Member, Alternate Delegate
- Kristin Benton, Staff, Alternate Delegate

**NCSBN Elected New Members to its Board of Directors**

Those elected include:

**President-elect**

Jim Cleghorn, MA, executive officer, Georgia Board of Nursing, was elected president-elect. He previously served as Area III director and was a member of the CORE Committee.

## **Directors-at-large**

Cathy Borris-Hale, MHA, RN, board staff, District of Columbia Board of Nursing, was elected a director-at-large. She was a member of the Medical Marijuana Regulatory Guidelines Committee.

Elizabeth Lund, MSN, RN, executive director, Tennessee Board of Nursing, was re-elected a director-at-large. She previously served as treasurer of the Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators, chair of the Executive Officer Succession Resource Committee and as a member of the 40th Anniversary Committee and the Finance Committee.

Mark Majek, MA, PHR, SHRM-CP, board staff, Texas Board of Nursing, was elected a director-at-large. He previously served as Area III Director, as chair of the Bylaws Committee, and on the Finance Committee and Leadership Succession Committee.

Lori Scheidt, MBA-HCM, executive director, Missouri State Board of Nursing, was re-elected a director-at-large. She previously served as chair of the Fraud Detection Committee and Member Board Agreement Review Committee, and on the Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators Executive Committee.

Additionally, Jay Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE, executive director, Virginia Board of Nursing, was appointed Area III director to fill the position vacated by the election of Jim Cleghorn to the president-elect position.

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

Area II Member - Melissa Hanson, MSN, RN, board staff, North Dakota Board of Nursing

Area III Member - Sara Griffith, MSN, RN, board staff, North Carolina Board of Nursing

Area IV Member - Jennifer Laurent, PhD, FNP-BC, board member, Vermont State Board of Nursing

## **Awards**

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:

Gloria Damgaard, MS, RN, FRE, executive director, South Dakota Board of Nursing, was honored with the prestigious R. Louise McManus Award. Individuals receiving this award have made sustained and significant contributions through the highest commitment and dedication to the mission and vision of NCSBN.

Gregory Y. Harris, JD, former board member, Arizona State Board of Nursing, and South Dakota State Senator Deb Soholt, MS, RN, former board member, South Dakota Board of Nursing, both received the Distinguished Achievement Award. The Distinguished Achievement Award is given to individuals whose contributions or accomplishments have impacted NCSBN's mission and vision.

Lois Hoell, MS, MBA, RN, commission member, Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission, and Suellyn Masek, MSN, RN, CNOR, commission member, Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission, both received the Exceptional Contribution Award, which is given for significant contribution by a member who is not a president or executive officer and demonstrated support of NCSBN's mission.

The College of Nurses of Ontario was awarded the Regulatory Achievement Award that recognizes the member board or associate member that has made an identifiable, significant contribution to the mission and vision of NCSBN in promoting public policy related to the safe and effective practice of nursing in the interest of public welfare.

Former Minnesota Board of Nursing Executive Director Joyce M. Schowalter, MEd, RN, was presented with the NCSBN Founders Award during a special Founders Luncheon on Aug.15. Schowalter served as the executive officer of the Minnesota Board of Nursing from 1973 until 1999. Following the establishment of NCSBN, she was elected to the organization's first Board of Directors and later served as vice-president and president.

**Staff Recommendation:**

No action. For discussion only.