

NCSBN Annual Meeting and Delegate Assembly Report 2006

Summary:

The following summarizes key events at the Annual Meeting and Delegate Assembly of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing held August, 1-4, 2006 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Board members attending included Richard Gibbs, Rachel Gomez, and Brenda Jackson. Kathy Thomas and Richard Gibbs served as Delegates.

Highlights of the meeting include:

Election of new Officers, Directors, and Directors-at-Large to the Board of Directors, and Nominations Committee members.

- **President**
Faith A. Fields, MSN, RN, executive director, Arkansas Board of Nursing
Fields was previously director-at-large from 2005-2006 and 1998-1999. She also served as the secretary/treasurer of the Nurse Licensure Compact Administrator's (NLCA) Group from 2001-2005 and as co-chair from 1999-2001. She served as chair of the Executive Officers Group, the Elections Committee and the Nursys® Advisory Panel. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau, the American Nurses Association/Arkansas Nurses Association and the Arkansas Licensed Practical Nurses Association.
- **Vice President**
Laura Skidmore Rhodes, MSN, RN, executive director, West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses. She previously served as chair of the Bylaws Committee from 2000-2006 and on the Governance and Leadership Advisory Council, 2005-2006, the Governance and Leadership Task Force, 2004-2005. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau and the American Red Cross.
- **Treasurer**
Ruth Ann Terry, MPH, RN, executive officer, California Board of Registered Nursing. Terry has served on various committees including Bylaws, Resolutions, Nursing Education Survey and Finance.
- **Area III Director**
Rose Kearney-Nunnery, PhD, RN, CNE, board member, South Carolina Board of Nursing. Kearney-Nunnery previously served as chair of the Continued Competence Task Force and as a member of the Practice, Regulation and Education Committee.
- **Directors-at-Large**
Gino Chisari, MSN, RN, nursing practice coordinator, Massachusetts Board of Nursing. Chisari was a member of the Practice Regulation and Education Committee from 2002-2006 serving as chair for the past two years. He also served as chair of the Nominations Committee in 2001 and 2003.
Kathy Malloch, PhD, MBA, RN, FAAN, board member, Arizona Board of Nursing. Malloch has served as chair of the Practice Breakdown Advisory

Panel and as a member of the Governance and Leadership Task Force. A board member of the Arizona Board of Nursing since 1999, Malloch is in her third term as president and is the current chair of the Education Committee and the past chair of the Scope of Practice Committee.

- In addition, NCSBN members elected two of four ***Nominating Committee*** positions during the Delegate Assembly: from Area III, Janice I. Hooper, PhD, RN, Texas Board of Nursing and from Area IV, Emmaline Woodson, RN, MS, Maryland Board of Nursing.
- Adopted the proposed language to the NCSBN Model Practice Act regarding criminal background. The proposed language amends Model Nursing Practice Act (MNPA), Article IV, Section 5, Powers and Duties of the Board, to add specific language that addresses the criteria necessary for board authorization to access FBI fingerprinting data. The second proposed amendment to MNPA Article IV adds language regarding how to use criminal background check information in licensure decision-making. The third addition is to add definitions to Article III. These additions make the MNPA Model Nursing Practice Act adopted by the 2004 Delegate Assembly congruent with the Model CBC Process for Boards of Nursing adopted by the 2005 Delegate Assembly.
- Adopted the proposed standard for drug screening. There are no national standards for drug screening. Each board and laboratory has established their own testing criteria based on their needs and experience. The proposed standard was developed after a study of the literature to review the parameters used for drug screening, a survey of member boards and consultation with experts in the field. These consistent standards will decrease the variation between jurisdictions and facilitate the collaboration between boards of nursing and alternative programs.
- Adopt the proposed 2007 *NCLEX-RN® Test Plan*. The Examination Committee reviewed and accepted the Report of Findings from the *2005 RN Practice Analysis: Linking the NCLEX-RN® Examination to Practice* (NCSBN, 2006) as the basis for recommending revisions to the 2004 *NCLEX-RN® Test Plan* to the Delegate Assembly. Empirical evidence from the practice analysis, feedback from the Member Boards of Nursing and the professional judgment of the Examination Committee provided support for the approval of the Delegate Assembly to adopt the proposed 2007 *NCLEX-RN® Test Plan*.
- Bylaw revisions were considered but not adopted.