

**National Council of State Boards of Nursing Annual Meeting and  
Delegate Assembly  
August 19-21, 2015**

**Summary:**

The Annual Meeting and Delegate Assembly meeting of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing was held on August 19 – 21, 2015 in Chicago. This report contains outcomes of the meeting.

The Texas Board of Nursing Delegates representing the Board were:

- Kathy Shipp, Board President, Delegate
- Mark Majek, Staff, Delegate
- Deborah Bell, Board Member, Alternate Delegate
- Kristin Benton, Staff, Alternate Delegate

**NCSBN Considered Association Business**

There were 54 member boards represented by delegates.

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

- Approved the Association of Registered Nurses of Prince Edward Island, Ordre des Infirmières et Infirmiers du Quebec and Registered Nurses Association of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut as Associate Members of NCSBN
- Adopted the 2016 NCLEX-RN Test Plan.
- Elected new members of the NCSBN Board of Directors and Leadership Succession Committee
- To explore development of a procedure and criteria for eligibility for full membership by a non-state or U.S. territory nursing regulatory body that uses a licensing examination developed by NCSBN.

NCSBN will meet Aug. 17-19, 2016, in Chicago for the 2016 Annual Meeting and Delegate Assembly.

**NCSBN Elected New Members to its Board of Directors During its 2014 Delegate Assembly**

**Treasurer**

Joe Baker, Jr., executive director, Florida Board of Nursing, was elected treasurer after having served as director-at-large from 2012-2015. He previously served on the NCSBN Nursing Education Committee from 2011-2012. Baker has worked as the executive director for numerous regulatory boards since June 1995, both with the Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation and the Florida Department of Health.

**Area I Director**

Suellyn Masek, MSN, RN, CNOR, board member, Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission was elected area I director. She previously served on the NCSBN Leadership Succession Committee from 2011-2013.

#### Area II Director

Adrian Guerrero, CPM, director of operations, Kansas State Board of Nursing was elected Area II director. He previously served as chair of the Nursys Committee and a member of both the Fraud Detection Committee and the Nursys Advisory Panel.

#### Area III Director

Jim Cleghorn, MA, executive officer, Georgia Board of Nursing, was elected Area III director after having been appointed in 2014 to fill that position. He was previously a member of the Commitment to Ongoing Regulatory Excellence (CORE) Committee from 2012 through 2014.

#### Area IV Director

Ellen Watson, MS, APRN, FNP-BC, board member, Vermont State Board of Nursing was elected area IV director. She previously served on the NCSBN APRN and the NCSBN Leadership Academy Committees.

#### Directors-at-Large:

Nathan Goldman, JD, board staff, Kentucky Board of Nursing, was reelected for a second term as director-at-large. He previously served as the chair of the NCSBN Bylaws and Model Act and Rules Committees.

Karen Scipio-Skinner, MSN, RN, executive officer, District of Columbia Board of Nursing was elected director-at-large. She previously chaired NCSBN's Executive Officers Network and served as member of NCSBN's Commitment to Ongoing Regulatory Excellence Committee and the Awards Committee.

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

Tony Graham, MS, CPM, board staff, North Carolina Board of Nursing re-elected;  
Tracy Rude, commissioner, Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission; and  
Jane Christianson, APRN, board member, North Dakota 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:

- Rula Harb, MS, RN, former executive director, Massachusetts Board of Registration in 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.
- Elizabeth Lund, MSN, RN, executive director, Tennessee State Board of Nursing, received the Meritorious Service Award, which is granted to a member for significant contributions to the mission and vision of NCSBN.
- Deborah Haagenson, RN, president, Minnesota Board of Nursing, received the Elaine Ellibee Award that is granted to a member who has served as a board president within the past two years and who has made significant contributions to NCSBN.
- Patricia "Tish" Smyer, DNSc, RN, CNE, past president, Nevada State Board of Nursing, posthumously received the Distinguished Achievement Award, which is given to an individual whose contributions or accomplishment has impacted NCSBN's mission and vision.
- Janice Hooper, PhD, RN, FRE, CNE, board staff, Texas Board of Nursing, received the Exceptional Contribution Award, which is given for significant contribution by a member who is not a president or executive officer.
- Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission 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.

- Retiring NCSBN CEO, Kathy Apple, MS, RN, FAAN, was honored with the Founders Award bestowed by the NCSBN Board of Directors. This prestigious award is given only upon occasion that an individual with ethics, integrity and sincerity has demonstrated the highest regard for the ideals and beliefs upon which NCSBN was founded.

**Recommended Action:**

For information and discussion only.