

**National Council of State Boards of Nursing Annual Meeting and  
Delegate Assembly  
August 16-18, 2017**

**Summary:**

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) met in Chicago, Aug. 16-18, 2017, to consider pertinent association business with its member boards of nursing (BONs). There were 57 member boards represented by delegates.

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

- Approved proposed amendments to the NCSBN Bylaws
- Elected new members of the NCSBN Board of Directors and Leadership Succession Committee.
- Approved College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Alberta (CRPNA), College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Manitoba (CRPNM) and Registered Psychiatric Nurses Association of Saskatchewan (RPNAS) as associate members of NCSBN.

The Texas Board of Nursing Delegates representing the Board were:

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

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

Those elected include:

**Treasurer**

Gloria Damgaard, MS, RN, FRE, executive director, South Dakota Board of Nursing, was re-elected treasurer. She previously served as a director-at-large on the NCSBN Commitment to Ongoing Regulatory Excellence (CORE) Committee and the NCSBN Resolutions Committee. She also served as chair of the Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators.

**Area I Director**

Cynthia LaBonde, MN, RN, executive director, Wyoming State Board of Nursing, was elected Area I director.

**Area II Director**

Adrian Guerrero, CPM, director of operations, Kansas State Board of Nursing, was re-elected Area II director. He previously served as chair of the Nursys Committee and as 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 re-elected Area III director. He was previously a member of the CORE Committee.

**Area IV Director**

Valerie J. Fuller, PhD, DNP, AGACNP-BC, FNP-BC, FAANP, FNAP, board president, Maine State Board of Nursing, was elected Area IV director. She previously served as chair of the APRN Education Committee and as a member of the Advanced Practice Committee and the APRN Distance Learning Education Committee.

### **Director-at-Large**

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

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

#### Members-at-Large

- Kaci Bohn, PhD, secretary, Arkansas State Board of Nursing
- Patricia Dufrene, PhD, RN, director of Education and Licensure, Louisiana State Board of Nursing
- Tracy Rude, LPN, commissioner, Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission

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:

**Mary Blubaugh**, MSN, RN, former executive administrator, Kansas State 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.

**Linda D. Burhans**, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, CPHQ, FRE, board staff, North Carolina Board of Nursing, received the Meritorious Service Award, which is granted to a member for significant contributions to the mission and vision of NCSBN.

**Valerie J. Fuller**, PhD, DNP, AGACNP-BC, FNP-BC, FAANP, board president, Maine State 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.

**Nathan Goldman**, JD, board staff, Kentucky Board of Nursing; Mindy Schaffner, PhD, MSN, CNS, RN, board staff, Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission; and Catherine C. Woodard, board staff, Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission, each received the Exceptional Contribution Award, which is given for significant contribution and demonstrated support of NCSBN's mission.

The **Minnesota Board of Nursing** 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.

Additionally, retiring NCSBN Legal Counsel **Thomas G. Abram**, MA, JD, Vedder Price, 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.

### **Staff Recommendation:**

No action. For discussion only.