



Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science News

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I would like to take this opportunity to share the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science's (Council) annual report to the American Academy of Nursing's (Academy) Board of Directors. The Council is an open membership organization of the Academy, that is, fellowship in the Academy is not required to be a member of the Council. The mission of the Council is to promote better health through nursing science and our vision is to be recognized as the collective, national voice for nursing science. A summary of the many activities sponsored by the Council in 2018 follows.

The **Leadership Council** held our annual in-person meeting in March at the Academy offices in Washington, DC. The Leadership Council welcomed two new members; Dr. Victoria Vaughan Dickson, the incoming president of ENRS and Dr. Demetrius Porche, the incoming president of SNRS. The Council leadership voted to operationalize three goals for 2018 in the following ways:

- An alliance for nursing science has been established to include organizations with research as part of their mission and may include interprofessional groups. Leadership will be focused on expanding the alliance this year.
- Council science priorities are communicated to the profession, key stakeholders, and the larger scientific community. The Science Committee will be striving to communicate our science priorities through publications and a panel discussion at our annual conferences.
- Career development programs are in place for each level of members (at least one for early career, mid-career, senior, and retired). We will be concentrating on mid-career scientists.

The **2018 State of the Science Congress** on Nursing Research was held in Washington, DC in September. The conference on *Precision Health* was a success despite Hurricane Florence and associated travel concerns. Highlights of the conference were:

- Keynote speakers Drs. Patti Brennan, Ann Cashion, and Wylie Burke were all very well received and attendees reviewed the conference favorably.

- Over 200 individual abstracts, 3 synthesis papers, and 14 symposia symposiums? were presented at the meeting.
- Dr. Shirley Moore, Case Western Reserve University and Dr. Sheila Gephardt, University of Arizona, received the Outstanding Nurse Scientist and the Brilliant New Investigator Awards, respectively.
- The 2018 State of the Science marked the official introduction of the Early Career Nurse Scientist Special Interest Group (EC-SIG) after many months of planning and development. Breanna D. Hetland, PhD, RN is the chairperson, and Windy Alonso, PhD, RN and Allison A. Lewinski, PhD, MPH, RN serve as the incoming chairpersons. Also making their debut was the Clinical Nurse Scientist SIG, chaired by Drs. Bradi Granger and Mary Fran Tracy.

The **Finance/Operating Committee**, led by Dr. Nancy Fahrenwald, created a budget for 2019 and updated the Council Operating Principles. This dual responsibility committee had budgetary challenges in 2018 and worked diligently to balance the budget. Here is a snapshot of the activities of the committee in 2018:

- An increase in dues for \$10/year was recommended by the Leadership Council and approved by the membership at the State of the Science Congress business meeting. This increase is to cover the increased costs the Council incurs year over year (depending on the expense, 3%–10% increase/year). Many expenses are beyond the control of the Council such as increasing hotel costs. The increase (\$20 for 2-year membership) is still much lower than what the regionals are charging for membership (MNRS \$220/year, ENRS \$145/year, ENRS \$150/year, and WIN \$179/year).
- The committee meets monthly to monitor budget documents and create/submit an annual budget to the Leadership Council for first review in June, second review in July, and final approval in August. The budget can then be shared with the Academy in a timely manner.

The **Nominations Committee**, comprised of members Drs. Patricia Stone, Linda Weglicki, Judith Vessey, Susan Loeb, and Marti Rice (Chair) put out a call for nominations

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for the open positions of Chair-Elect, Councilor-at-Large, and two positions on the Nominations Committee. I would like to stress how much the Leadership relies on our members to volunteer for committees and the Leadership Council. Early career and student members are included on committees and encouraged to apply.

The **Membership/Communications Committee** has been reorganized, under the able leadership of Dr. Susan Dunn. The committee has met and completed, or are in the process of meeting, the following goals:

- Established a meeting schedule and member terms for the new committee
- In the early stages of drafting a new membership brochure
- Brainstorming marketing and recruitment strategies for individual members.

The **Science Committee**, chaired by Dr. Nancy Redeker continues to be an exceedingly productive committee and sets a high standard for leadership in nursing and science. This past year the committee was extremely busy. Major accomplishments include:

- Along with Dr. Marti Rice and the Early Career SIG, facilitated the first annual Duck-Hee Kang Memorial Mentored Workshop held prior to the 2018 State of the Science Congress. The workshop provided an opportunity for competitively selected, PhD prepared, early career nurse scientists to receive feedback on a grant proposal from senior research scientists and gained experience completing a grant review. The workshop was made possible by a generous donation from friends of Duck-Hee Kang.
- Reviewed and selected abstracts for symposium presentations for the Council's State of the Science Congress.
- Presented a panel presentation at the State of the Science Congress on *Ways of Knowing in Nursing Research Regarding Precision Health*. The committee is currently drafting a paper on the seminar content for submission to *Nursing Outlook*.
- Continues to work on advancing emphasis on nursing science priorities in a new paper, led by

Dr. Patricia Eckhardt—*Addressing the Opioid Epidemic through Nursing Science*.

The **Early Career SIG** is now a fully functioning committee and is providing outstanding opportunities for early career scholars. This past year, the committee hosted three professional development webinars:

- The first featured Dr. David Banks, Program Officer at the NINR. Dr. Banks presented, “NINR Funding Opportunities for Training and Career Development Webinar,” which reviewed the various funding mechanisms available to early career nurse researchers.
- The second webinar featured Dr. Amy Hoffman. Dr. Hoffman presented, “Research Road Trip to ‘Big Funding’: Obtaining Smaller Grants to Support Larger Applications,” in which she discussed how she developed her research trajectory and applied for grant funding.
- The third webinar was presented by Dr. Shirley Moore. Dr. Moore discussed “5 Steps to Take Now to Begin Your Path to Becoming a Successful Nurse Scientist.” A total of 70 attendees were on the call.

The Clinical Nurse Scientist SIG was initiated in 2018. All Council members who are employed to support nursing research in the clinical, health system setting or who have jointly appointed academic partnership positions with hospitals, are eligible to join the Clinical Nurse Scientist SIG. The Clinical Nurse Scientist SIG held a national conference call/webinar to kick-off the SIG agenda for new members in August and then met in-person in September at the 2018 State of the Science Congress on Nursing Research. Drs. Bradi Granger and Mary Fran Tracy are the SIG chairpersons. The Council Leadership is pleased to support all members who conduct, support, disseminate, or implement nursing research regardless of their professional roles. We offer a warm welcome to the Clinical Nurse Scientist SIG.