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The Society of Otorhinolaryngology

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President's Message



Dear SOHN
Colleagues,

In the last edition of the *Update*, I encouraged all of you to take a more active role in upholding quality patient care during a time when the business side of health care is challenged by a

struggling economy. In this issue, I would like to discuss the importance of how we represent ourselves as professional nurses to the business sector of health care.

The line between the business side of health care and the profession of nursing is not entirely clear, because as nurses we engage in the business of health care and also make a living by doing so. However, one crucial difference distinguishes these two entities: The professional nurse has a special relationship of trust, confidence and responsibility to patients. This means that a professional nurse has a particularly stringent duty to assure that our decisions and actions serve the welfare of patients, even at some cost to ourselves.

To me personally, true professionalism means the pursuit of excellence – not just competence. As true professional nurses we

must passionately believe in the work that we do, continually seek greater knowledge within our specialty and never knowingly compromise our standards and values.

The greatest impact on the future of our country's health care system will be the manner in which health care professionals stand up to the pressures of cutting costs and services, while still maintaining high quality patient care. As a country, we are in the midst of fighting what feels like a never-ending battle between the economics of health care and the professionals who are responsible for delivering quality care to the public. Many of us are feeling intense stress and "battle fatigue" as we continue to struggle with these issues on a daily basis. Business administrators do not have a clear understanding of the importance of the work we do as nurses and the crucial role we serve in quality patient care and patient safety. Administrators make decisions – without consulting with the nurses who provide care – and because of that, many of these decisions have a direct or indirect negative impact on quality patient care.

As professional nurses we must place the values we share into action. We must also realize that strong communication with the business side of health care is an essential part of improving the health care system overall. Nurses must be willing to listen to concerns that drive administrative decision-making, as well as be willing to share possible solutions that will not compromise quality patient care. Unfortunately, nurses are rarely given the opportunity to listen to business concerns and offer solutions. Because of this, our voices are rarely heard. But this does not mean we shouldn't try.

Representing ourselves as professional nurses with high standards is an essential part of building meaningful working relationships with the business sector of health care. If we

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act like true professionals and aim for patient care excellence we will have an impact, and success in quality patient care will follow.

A great way to represent your professional nursing status is by maintaining your membership in SOHN, attending the Annual Congress and educational events, becoming more involved within the organization by joining a committee or running for elected office and by financially supporting the Ear, Nose and Throat Nursing Foundation (ENT-NF). If we unite as a profession and represent ourselves as professional nurses, we can have a very positive impact on maintaining quality patient care and patient safety.

Attention Professional Nurses: Our Congress in San Diego is rapidly approaching. We have a wonderful program filled with interesting educational sessions, networking opportunities and social events. The theme of this year's Congress is "Renew, Refresh, Revitalize" and our program reflects our theme beginning with the keynote speaker, Anne Ryder. Ms. Ryder is a journalist and nursing advocate and will share with us how nursing has touched her life both personally and professionally. The general session on Monday will feature Mimi Secor – a women's health expert – who will share with us a "Women's Health Update – What's

Hot, What's New". Our closing program on Tuesday will feature David C. Leopold, MD – a board certified Family Medicine physician - who specializes in integrative pain management, along with wellness and lifestyle management. Dr. Leopold will present "Integrative Medical Approaches to Cancer" and share with us an evidence-based perspective of managing a healthy lifestyle.

Congress is such an important event for so many of us as we need this time to recharge our personal and professional batteries. This year's Congress is all about how we can better care for ourselves, while serving patients and families. Thanks to the efforts of our Congress Planning Committee – Lorie Sparacino, Sharon Jamison, Cheryl Brandt, Wendy Mackey and Sandra Schwartz - we have an amazing Congress to offer this year, which will "Renew, Refresh and Revitalize" your nursing spirit.

See you in San Diego!

Sincerely,

Kari E. McConnell

Kari E McConnell, RN CORLN
President, SOHN

Not-To-Be-Missed Events SOHN 33rd Annual Congress

October 2-6, 2009 – San Diego, California

Keynote Address

The Compassion Connection in Stressful

Times: Lessons from Mother Teresa

Anne Ryder – Journalist, Writer & Speaker

Saturday, October 3 • 1:15 p.m.

Featured Speaker

**Women's Health Update: What's Hot,
What's New?**

R. Mimi Secor, MS, MEd, APRN, BC,
FNP, FAANP

Monday, October 5 • 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.

Guest Speaker

Integrative Medical Approaches to Cancer

David C. Leopold, MD

Tuesday, October 6 • 2:10 – 3:10 p.m.

Opening Ceremony

Saturday, October 3 • 1:15 – 3:30 p.m.

Plan to attend the Opening Ceremony and show your support to friends and colleagues and celebrate the accomplishments of the Society, the activities of our countless volunteers and the achievements of our members. SOHN President, Kari McConnell will preside over this exciting event!

SOHN's President's Gala

Saturday, October 3 • 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

(Tickets \$11 – ENT-NF Fundraiser)

Join SOHN/ENT-NF President, Kari McConnell for a California Dreamin' evening. California Dreamin' will feature the Chapter Showcase and the presentation of the SOHN and ENT-NF Awards. Sample the best of West Coast Cuisine, while Dancing With the SOHN Stars. Headlining the evening will be

SOHN's Swinging, Sizzling DJ, Michelle Forcier, who returns by popular demand!
Sponsored by Med-Systems, Inc.

Getting to Know You in San Diego (An Insider's Secrets to Congress 2009)

Saturday, October 3 • 8:00 – 8:50 a.m.

Each year a number of attendees come to SOHN's Congress for the first time. If you are a first-timer, choose to attend the First-Timer Attendee Orientation. First-Timers will be greeted by SOHN's National Congress Planning Committee and many volunteers who have "been there and done that". In addition to meeting other first-time attendees, you will hear insider's secrets to help you get the most out of Congress 2009. Seating is limited – Register by September 10. Only pre-registered participants may attend this event.

Government Relations Luncheon

Monday, October 5 • 12:00 – 1:15 p.m.
(Tickets \$45)

Be a part of the action as members from around the country provide you with timely legislative news and information you seek, but also help you unlock your potential to be an influential part of the political process. And, hear success stories of nurses in action. Join us for this exciting forum and lunch with colleagues and friends.

Notice of SOHN Business Meeting

Tuesday, October 6 • 7:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Join the SOHN Officers and Board Members for the Annual Business Meeting. Elect new officers and learn what is happening in your association. All registrants are welcome to attend. A continental breakfast will be available.

CORLN Sunset Reception

Sunday, October 4 • 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
(Tickets \$20)

Take this opportunity to relax and meet informally with CORLNs from around the country while enjoying sangria and Mexican hors d'oeuvres. All Certified ORL Nurses (CORLNs) are invited. Please bring two test questions to add to the test question item bank.

Take Me Out to the Ball Game... Southern California Style

Friday evening, October 2
(Tickets \$25)

Back by popular demand...SOHN Night at the Ballgame. Join SOHN's quintessential baseball cheerleader, Anne Bigelow for a night of fun and enjoyment at Petco Park (across the street from the Convention Center). The San Diego Padres will host the San Francisco Giants in a game that will be sure to delight. This special evening will feature fireworks and SOHN's name on the scoreboard. Pre-registration is highly encouraged as seats are very limited.

Twilight Trolley Tour

Monday, October 5 • 6:30 – 8:45 pm
(Tickets \$30)

Climb aboard the "SOHN" Trolley with friends and colleagues and enjoy an evening of merriment. This famous city tour travels throughout both San Diego and Coronado. Turn back the pages of history and see how San Diego became the birthplace of California. Sights to see along the way are Old Town State Park, Seaport Village, the USS Midway, San Diego's Historic Gaslamp Quarter, the island of Coronado, The World Famous San Diego Zoo and The Prado located in Balboa Park. This expertly narrated tour is certain to offer surprises along the way! The Trolley will depart from the Manchester Grand Hyatt. Pre-registration is highly encouraged as seats are very limited.

Rise and Shine Yoga

Monday, October 5 • 6:30 – 7:30 a.m.

New this year. Rise and Shine Yoga on Monday morning. Stress. Tension. Anxiety. These are the elements that combine to exhaust our vitality and drain our energy. Start the day with a yoga session and Awaken Your Spirit!

Fun Time Flower Making with Mary Huntoon

Sunday, October 4 • 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Master Judge, Award winning Floral Designer and SOHN Member - Mary Huntoon will be demonstrating the art and ease of creating your own beautiful flower arrangements. Mary will transform what she cuts into arrangements and offer ideas that attendees may take home with them.

Ear, Nose and Throat Nursing Foundation Events

ENT-NF Annual Benefit

October 3-5

Drawings will be held on Monday, October 5 at 2:15 pm

The ENT-NF Annual Benefit kicks off with the California Dreamin' event on Saturday night October 3rd. During the evening purchase chances to win outstanding and outrageous prizes, while making a valuable to ORL nursing scholarships and education. Tickets will be sold from Saturday to Monday. Drawings will be held on Monday, October 5 at 2:15 p.m.

Stepping Forward For The Foundation

Sunday, October 4 • 7:00 – 8:00 a.m.

(Tickets \$25 – ENT-NF Fundraiser)

Rise and shine and put your best foot forward for The Foundation on Sunday morning from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. Start your day with an energetic, fun-filled walk led by SOHN leaders along beautiful San Diego Bay and raise money for ORL nursing education and scholarships. Each registrant will receive an ENT-NF t-shirt. The \$25 fee is tax deductible. Pre-registration is encouraged; however congress attendees will also be able to register at the SOHN registration booth until the close of registration on Saturday. Breathtaking views of San Diego's waterfront are promised along the way. Make a Difference...One Step at a Time!

ENT-NF Lectureships

The Ear, Nose and Throat Nursing Foundation is pleased to present and underwrite the following sessions this year:

Lois Moore-Rogers Pediatric Otolaryngology Lectureship

Saturday, October 3 • 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Assessment Tool: An Approach to Increase Patient/ Family Satisfaction

Susan L. Blanchette BSN RN

Kalynn Quinn Hensley Head-Neck/Laryngology Lectureship

Sunday, October 4 • 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Recurrent Respiratory Papillomatosis: Past, Present, and Future

Craig S. Derkay MD

Cynthia Mabry Otolaryngic Allergy Lectureship

Sunday, October 4 • 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Diagnosis and Treatment of Pediatric Rhinosinusitis

Jennifer L. Tiller MSN RN CPNP-PC

A Warm Welcome to New SOHN Members

Jose Acebal <i>Hialeah, FL</i>	Lori J. Joines <i>Cookeville, TN</i>
Marion Belcastro <i>Orlando, FL</i>	Dolly Joseph <i>Winter Park, FL</i>
A. Rebecca Bell <i>Salt Lake City, UT</i>	Kenneth G. Kihlander <i>Winter Park, FL</i>
Tamara A. Bevelacqua <i>N Ridgeville, OH</i>	Suseela Koshy <i>Altamonte Springs, FL</i>
Kandice S. Bowman <i>Portland, OR</i>	Ellen A. Lewis <i>Shreveport, LA</i>
Joan M. Cannata <i>Wakefield, MA</i>	Elizabeth Lucey-Hearld <i>Altamonte Springs, FL</i>
Lisa I. Chappell <i>Orlando, FL</i>	Janet Lou Mercer <i>Winter Park, FL</i>
Getlyne Chereilus <i>Winter Springs, FL</i>	Sharon E. Morgan <i>Winter Park, FL</i>
Judith A. Churchill <i>Birmingham, AL</i>	Krystal M. Neighbors <i>Cache, OK</i>
Kate S. Coates <i>London, Ontario, Canada</i>	Antoinette J. Nelson <i>Orlando, FL</i>
Jason M. Conroe <i>Altamonte Springs, FL</i>	Martha L. Ordonez <i>Orlando, FL</i>
Jean E. Coutras <i>Roanoke, VA</i>	Cindy G. Parkes <i>Albuquerque, NM</i>
Deborah Davis <i>Tavares, FL</i>	Zubaida Rasul <i>Clermont, FL</i>
Mary A. Federoff <i>Eagle River, AK</i>	Wendi Jo Rice <i>Casselberry, FL</i>
Anita Fumasoli <i>Binningen, Switzerland</i>	Jaclyn R. Rothberg <i>Gainesville, FL</i>
Ira Dianne A. Garcia <i>Jersey City, NJ</i>	Frances A. Sanchez <i>Orlando, FL</i>
Edward P. Graham <i>Casselberry, FL</i>	Stephen T. Sangatanan <i>Queens Village, NY</i>
Barbara H. Gray <i>Hanover, MA</i>	Donna K. Simonton <i>Silver Spring, MD</i>
Mary M. Hasenstaub <i>Berea, OH</i>	Stanley J. Skedzielewski <i>Sicklerville, NJ</i>
Amy S. Hicks <i>Kannapolis, NC</i>	Patricia K. Smith <i>St Petersburg, FL</i>
Nannette B. Jefferson <i>Deltona, FL</i>	Jill S. Tuschhoff <i>Prairie Village, KS</i>
Karen M. Johnson <i>Reading, MA</i>	Sharon E. Yattaw <i>Largo, FL</i>

Congratulations to our Newest CORLNs!

Judith A. Brandt
Beth S. Hopkins
Shelley Jolie
Susan B. Keeley
Eve E. Lofink
Carol S. Maragos
Julie A. Margrey
Sally Meredith
Linda M. Payne
ToniAnn M. Savage
Kimberly A. Scott

And those that have Recertified!

Marilyn E. Hudak
Susan F. Rudy
Janice K. Shreve

Renew, Refresh and Revitalize with the Flavors of San Diego

In a few short weeks SOHN Annual Congress attendees will journey to San Diego, the idyllic city by the Pacific, renowned for its perfect climate, 70 miles of pristine beaches, a dazzling array of world-class attractions and legendary dining. With hundreds of restaurants and every type of cuisine imaginable, San Diego offers something for individual tastes and all price ranges. From modest takeout establishments to four-star dining rooms, you'll find great food at every turn. We've chosen the following restaurants as noteworthy standouts, places that offer everything from fabulous views and renowned chefs to authentic ethnic cuisine from around the world. There's no better way to savor all the flavors of San Diego.

Downtown, near the Convention Center

After a day of educational and meeting activities, it's an easy stroll to the following restaurants. Or, hail one of the area's abundant pedicabs or taxis for a quick ride to your destination.

Athens Market Taverna

109 F Street
619-234-1955

This delightful taverna ranks as one of San Diego's best Greek restaurants. Adjacent to Horton Plaza. Closed on Sundays.

Chive

558 Fourth Avenue
619-232-4483

Very modern, eclectic, asian fusion: upscale
www.chiverestaurant.com

Greek Islands Café

Located in Seaport Village, this ultra-casual Greek restaurant offers good cooking and a choice of indoor or outdoor seating with terrific harbor views. The menu features gyros sandwiches, roast chicken, spanokopita, stuffed grape leaves and other Greek fare.

www.greekislandscafe.com

Lou & Mickey's

224 Fifth Avenue Gaslamp
619-237-4900

Prime beef and fresh seafood: nice atmosphere, good service. Friendly, upscale
www.louandmickeys.com

Monsoon Fine Cuisine of India

729-733 Fourth Avenue
619-234-5555

Excellent Indian cuisine (including numerous vegetarian dishes) at this lushly decorated dining room and bar near Horton Plaza. Sidewalk seating available.
www.monsoonrestaurant.com

Sally's

Talk about location: this Seaport Village restaurant right on the boardwalk has some of the best views in town. Outdoor tables and seats in the bar offer the best vantage points; the restaurant also offers an unusual "chef's table" in the kitchen which can be reserved for up to 12 diners. Specialties include fresh oysters, divine crab cakes, and several types of fresh fish daily.
www.hyatt.com

Blue Point Coastal Cuisine

565 Fifth Avenue
619-233-6623

Located in the Gaslamp District. Blue Point redefines superlative dining, superb martinis and consistently good fresh seafood (just-shucked oysters, seared ahi and lobster pot pie). Short walk from the Convention Center.

Oceanaire Seafood Room

400 J Street
619-858-2277

Fresh seafood flown in daily from around the world is the catch of the day at this Gaslamp hot spot. With at least a dozen fresh selections offered nightly, it's paradise for fish fans. Walking distance from the Convention Center.

Top O' the Market / The Fish Market

750 N. Harbor Drive
619-234-4867

The downstairs Fish Market offers a wide selection of fresh seafood - broiled, fried, raw, seared, steamed, grilled or baked to casually-dressed diners. On the second floor, Top O' the Market offers an upscale approach. Both levels offer remarkable views of the harbor and the Coronado Bridge.

Salvatores

750 Front Street
619-544-1865

Some southern, some northern Italian entrees. Very good.

Candelas

416 Third Avenue

Wonderful food and ambiance, highly recommended.

Features regional Mexican cuisine.

Buster's Beach House (Family friendly)

Seaport Village
619-233-4300

General American menu for kids and adults, on the bay.

Pack your bags now for SOHN's 33rd Annual Congress and Nursing Symposium, October 2 – 6, 2009 at the Manchester Grand Hyatt and experience ORL Nursing: Renew, Refresh, Revitalize.

Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses 2009 Annual Reports

President

Kari E. McConnell RN CORLN

Major Activities:

1. Presided over the 32nd Annual Congress and Nursing Symposium in Chicago, Illinois - September 20-23, 2008 – Presented the “State of the Society Address” during opening ceremonies and chaired the Annual Business Meeting
2. Master of Ceremonies for the ENT-NF's 10th Anniversary “Sweet Success Celebration” held during Congress on September 21st to raise awareness of the Ear, Nose and Throat Nursing Foundation and its direct connection to SOHN, as well as to recognize and honor recipients of ENT-NF sponsored scholarships and awards
3. Attended Congress Planning Committee Meeting in Atlanta, GA – November 7-9, 2008
4. Attended Nursing Alliance Fall Summit in Albuquerque, NM – November 20-23, 2008
5. Accepted resignations from the SOHN Treasurer and a Board Member, and recruited qualified replacement candidates. These candidates were accepted and confirmed by the SOHN Board of Directors during the Midwinter meeting – January 2009
6. Chaired the Annual Board of Directors meeting of the Ear, Nose and Throat Nursing Foundation (ENT-NF) in Orlando, Florida – January 29, 2009
7. Chaired SOHN Midwinter Board Meeting in Orlando, Florida – January 30-31, 2009
8. Completed performance appraisals for SOHN employees
9. Completed Annual Membership Card Message

10. Wrote the Presidential message for each issue of the UPDATE
11. Regularly communicated with Executive Director regarding the ongoing work of the Society
12. Presenter and attendee at the Wisconsin Chapter's Annual Education Day in Waukesha, Wisconsin - March 7, 2009
13. Presenter and attendee at the SOHN Regional Educational Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania – March 20-21, 2009
14. Prepared message for a note card sent to members in celebration of ORL Nurse Day
15. Participated in conference calls regarding SOHN and ENT-NF business
16. Presenter and attendee at the Annual Pediatric Spring Symposium in Seattle, Washington - May 2-4, 2008
17. Created a new brochure for the Ear, Nose and Throat Nursing Foundation's Annual Fundraising Drive
18. Secured Sponsorship for the President's Reception/ENT-NF celebration – to be held during Congress on October 3, 2009, in San Diego, California
19. Met with officers of the newly revitalized Cleveland Chapter on June 10, 2009 to discuss strategies regarding member recruitment and participation within the chapter
20. Represented SOHN and was a presenter at the Comprehensive ORL and Head-Neck Nursing Course, held in Cleveland, Ohio – June 11, 2009
21. Chaired the Scholarship and Awards Committee and reviewed applications
22. On behalf of the ENT-NF, contacted potential corporate contributors
23. Communicated with Committee Chairs throughout the year

CORLN Tip Sheet

Certification Tips and Re-certification Options

Greetings. Congratulations to all newly certified CORLNS and to those obtaining re-certification. The NCBOHN Board appreciates your comments and suggestions and would like to remind all certified ORL nurses to submit questions for the exam to SOHN headquarters.

The CORLN examination is given twice a year in May and October. It is computerized. Unfortunately we cannot offer it at Congress at this time. The exam can be taken at a location near you. It is offered over a two week period. You can obtain a certification booklet by logging on to www.ptcny.com or the SOHN website www.sohnnurse.com.

Study tips:

- Focus on the outline in the certification handbook
- Form study groups
- Identify your weak areas and then teach it to others
- Get plenty of rest the night before the test
- Take ear plugs if you need quiet to take the exam
- Dress comfortably and in layers

Re-certification Options:

Your certification is good for 5 years. You have two options to re-certify:

- 1) Retake the exam
- 2) Re-certification by continuing education – 100 points are needed to recertify.
 - Be sure to look for ENT specific topics.
 - They must be ANCC accredited courses/topics– check with SOHN first to be sure they are.
 - SOHN National and Regional programs are all accepted and you get 1 point per contact hour.
 - 15 points can be CME credits.
 - Authoring an *ORL-Head and Neck Nursing* feature article - 10 points. Only one article will receive credit during the 5 year period.
 - Presenting at a National SOHN meeting for one hour - 5 points. A total of 10 points will be permitted in a 5 year period.

Special Interest Groups (SIGS)

Are you new to the field of ENT or to a new specialty in ENT?

Would you like a way to network with other nurses in your specialty?

Make it your goal to attend a SIG meeting at Congress this year.

There are ten SIGs that will meet at Congress 2009, they include:

- Advanced Practice
- Allergy / Sinus
- Facial Plastics
- Federal / Military
- Geriatric
- Head Neck
- Office Based
- Otolaryngology
- Pediatric
- Perioperative

These meetings are open to anyone that attends Congress. Please take advantage of the SIG meetings. You can come and listen, share a new idea or ask your colleagues for their input on a situation you need help with. The SIGs are a great way to connect with nurses in your specialty and can be a resource for you at the meeting and in the future.

Council Announces 2009 Guest Board Attendee Program

The SOHN Council of Past Presidents (COPP) is currently accepting applications for the Guest Board Attendee Program. This successful leadership mentoring project was initiated in 2005. To date 8 members have attended the Midwinter Board Meeting held each January. The latest attendees were Joanna Maltese and Jennifer Spellman. Partial funding of this innovative project is provided by the COPP in order to promote the development of new leaders in SOHN. Funding of the Guest Board Attendee Program now replaces the COPP Congress Grant. The Council was formed in 1985 and has continually supported SOHN special projects. Applications can be obtained from SOHN National Headquarters or from COPP members and board members during the annual congress.

24. Will attend the 5th Annual Nursing Alliance Leadership Academy, August 22-23, 2009 in Louisville, Kentucky -will include formal orientation of incoming SOHN president
25. Will Chair Annual SOHN Board of Directors meeting in Chicago, IL – August 28-30, 2009

Vice President

Mary Huntoon MSN RN

Major Activities:

1. Currently serving as Vice President of SOHN and ENT-NF.
2. Attended the Annual Congress in Chicago, IL September 19-23, 2008. Served as parliamentarian for the Business meeting, led the Members Focus Group, and served in numerous volunteer capacities throughout the Congress.
3. Attended ENT-NF Mid-Winter Board meeting in Orlando, FL January 29-30, 2009.
4. Also attended the SOHN Mid-Winter Board meeting in Orlando, FL January 30-31, 2009.
5. Plan to attend SOHN Pre-Congress Board meeting in Chicago, IL August 28-29, 2009.
6. Plan to attend SOHN Annual Congress in San Diego, CA October 2-6, 2009.
7. Board liaison to the Policy and Bylaws Committee.
8. Member of the Editorial Board.
9. Member of a Task Force for a Marketing Plan for the Comprehensive ORL Course.

President-Elect

Cindy J. Dawson MSN RN CORLN

Major Activities:

1. Attended 2008 SOHN Congress and Nursing Symposium in Chicago
 - a. Developed and moderated the Pre-Congress Program: Advancing Evidence-based Practice in ORL Nursing: Strategies to Move Forward.
2. Attended the Midwinter Board Meeting in January, 2009
3. Participated in the AAO-HNS Guideline Development Taskforce
 - a. Conference call in January
 - i. Presented a proposal to adopt the Smoking Cessation guideline
 - b. Meeting in Washington DC
 - i. Prepared and presented proposal for the development of a Tracheostomy Care Practice guideline
4. Attended the Nurse in Washington Internship (NIWI) in March, 2009

5. Will attend Nursing Alliance Leadership Academy (NALA) in August, 2009
6. Will attend BOD meeting in Chicago in August, 2009
7. Education Committee member, GRC member
8. Presented "Women & Sleep" at the 14th Annual Otorhinolaryngology Conference at The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in April, 2009 and The Magnolia Conference in South Carolina, June, 2009
9. Authored articles for ORL-Journal:
 - a. Practice and Research: What is the Connection?
 - b. Media Review: "Pretreatment Swallowing Exercises Improve Swallow Function after Chemoradiation"
 - c. 2009 Nurse in Washington Internship (NIWI) Program
10. Editing a book to be published by ONS on Telephone Triage for ORL and Head and Neck Cancer Nursing

Secretary

Maggie Chesnutt MSN FNP BC APRN CORLN

Major Activities:

1. Attended Midwinter Board and ENT-NF meetings in January, 2009 in Orlando, Florida preparing minutes. Recorded meeting minutes, corrected minutes and provided the final draft to headquarters in a timely manner.
2. Attended SOHN Annual Congress & Nursing Symposium in September, 2008 in Chicago, Illinois.
3. Member of the Membership Enhancement Committee.
4. Communicated with new SOHN members.
5. Served as Nurse Planner for Atlanta Regional Chapter.
6. Will attend the 33rd Annual Congress & Nursing Symposium in October 2009 in San Diego, California.

Treasurer

Lucille Kingston MS RN PNP-BC CORLN

Major Activities:

1. Attended Congress 2008 in Chicago – September 2008
2. Presenter for ORL Comprehensive Nursing Course, Chicago 2008
3. Poster Board Award Reviewer, Congress 2008
4. Reviewed candidates for guest attendees for MWBM January 2009
5. Reviewed and evaluation application for Lois Moore-Rogers Lectureship Award November 2008

6. Attended MWBM January 2009
7. Attended ENT-NF Meeting January 2009
8. Reviewed Policy Manual
9. Reviewed Society's financial reports.
10. Telephone calls to ENT Contributors February 2009
11. Will attend Summer BOD meeting, August 2009
12. Reviewed policy and procedures for SIG Groups, Task Leader
13. Liaison of SIG Group
14. Prepared budgets for SOHN and ENT-NF.
15. Education Committee Member
16. Nurse Planner

Board Member

Jo Ferrero RN CORLN

Major Activities:

1. Attended SOHN Annual Congress in Chicago, 2008
2. Attended Midwinter Board Meeting January 2008, Chicago
3. Participated in evaluation of certification exam as a board member for Certification Board, March 2009
4. Attended and assisted with registration for Spring SOHN Pediatric Symposium, May 2009
5. Organized and presided over Spring meeting for Western Washington SOHN Chapter meeting, April 2009
6. Board Liaison to Government Relations Committee
7. Participated in SOHN job descriptions and reviews
8. Welcomed new members by email and/or phone
9. Attended Evidence Based Practice Workshop, Chicago, 2008
10. Volunteered in various capacities at the Annual Congress, 2008
11. Contributed to Update, Certification Corner, late fall 2008
12. Plan to attend Annual Congress 2009, San Diego
13. Candidate for Board of Directors, 2010-2012

Board Member

Michelle Forcier BSN RN CNOR

Major Activities:

1. Worked with Chair of Membership Committee to encourage the following activities:
 - b. Participation in the ENT-NF Chapter Showcase
 - c. Welcoming new members to the organization and chapters
 - d. Creating Chapter Brochures

2. Developed recommendations for trial of an electronic chapter hosted through the website
3. Attended MWBM, 2009
4. Served as Chapter Coordinator
5. Contributed to creation of ORL Review Course brochure

Board Member

Sharon Jamison RN CORLN

Major Activities:

1. The Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses, Inc., 2009 Annual Congress and Nursing Symposium Planning Chair
2. Board of Directors, National Certifying Board for Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses, January 1, 2008-December 31, 2010
3. The Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses, Inc. Board of Directors 2008-2009 (appointed to complete term)
4. Member- Education Committee (national)
5. Member- Membership Enhancement Committee (national)
6. Member- Government Relations Committee
7. Member- Gerontology SIG
8. President- Greater Houston Chapter (local)
9. Community Activities
 - a. Member, Tobacco Free Fort Bend Coalition
 - b. Tobacco cessation facilitator with the Fort Bend Council on Substance Abuse, Inc.

Board Member

Erin Ross MS APRN BC NP CORLN

Major Activities:

1. New brochure for ORL Course emailed out for review. Awaiting feedback.
2. Currently still recruiting faculty for ORL course. 2 new people interested.
3. Currently updating each section of the course for the next presentation in Oct. 2009

Board Member

Jaclyn Wirkus MSN APNP CORLN

Major Activities:

1. Attended Annual Meeting in Chicago in September, 2008
2. Lead APN SIG at Annual Meeting
3. Participated in Members' Focus Group at Annual Meeting
4. Developed updated list of APN SIG members and disseminated information with survey of APN practice to members



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ANA Responds to Recent Negative Portrayals of TV Nurses Who Violate Nursing Code of Ethics

Real-Life Nurses Speak Out Against TV Nurses' Unethical Behavior

SILVER SPRING – At a time when the entertainment industry is perpetuating inaccurate portrayals of nursing in the new television shows “Nurse Jackie” and “HawthoRNe,” ANA’s ethics books are especially relevant to all registered nurses (RNs). The fictional nurses are shown violating the nursing Code of Ethics by participating in activities ranging from on-the-job drug use to inappropriate nurse/patient contact in these shows. The very heart of nursing is mischaracterized as nurses are portrayed engaging in irresponsible and often criminal acts for entertainment purposes. ANA sets the ethical standards for nurses in the U.S. and internationally with its highly respected Code of Ethics for Nurses with Interpretive Statements, and is deeply concerned about the lasting impact these negative portrayals may have on the nursing profession.

“Ethics are integral to the foundation of nursing, and nurses are proud and passionate advocates for the delivery of dignified, humane health care. We have received many e-mails and letters from nurses expressing their outrage at these flawed TV depictions of nursing, the most trusted and ethical of professions,” said ANA President Rebecca M. Patton, MSN, RN, CNOR. “Nurses take ANA’s Code of Ethics seriously. These harmful portrayals violate the basic, sacred trust that nurses have with their patients and may dissuade young people from choosing to become nurses, at a time when a national nursing shortage is looming and resources are stretched thin.”

As a result of the high standards set forth in ANA’s Code of Ethics, the nursing profession consistently ranks as the most trusted in the country today. The first nursing code of ethics was the “Florence Nightingale Pledge,” which has served as the basis for numerous Hollywood portrayals of nurses, and continues to be administered at nursing school graduations to this day.

ANA has done extensive work in the area of health care ethics, recently publishing three books that will provide a framework for ethical decision making in all areas of nursing practice (Guide to the Code of Ethics: Interpretation and Application; Nursing and Health Care Ethics: A Legacy and A Vision; and Genetics and Ethics in Healthcare: New Questions in the Age of Genomic Health).

5. Assisted with selection process for Guest Mid-Winter Board Meeting attendee
6. Attended Mid-Winter Board Meeting in Orlando in January, 2009
7. Will attend Annual Board Meeting in Chicago in August, 2009
8. Will attend Annual Meeting in San Diego in October, 2009, including leading APN SIG and presentation of APN Survey

Headquarters' Annual Report

Sandra L. Schwartz MS RN CORLN

Executive Director

Major Activities:

1. Financial Affairs
SOHN finished the previous year (2008) showing a strong profit. Currently we are on track for 2009. The Society’s accounts are reconciled on a weekly basis and each expense and revenue item is justified. A 10% savings in all cost centers has been instituted. Budgets were prepared for SOHN and ENT-NF in collaboration with the treasurer, Lucy Kingston. Certificates of Deposit continue to be monitored and are arranged in a ladder configuration. Registrations for the annual congress continue to arrive daily. We have worked closely with the Society’s accountant in the preparation of IRS filings for SOHN and ENT-NF. Financial reports for SOHN, ENT-NF and NCBOHN board meetings were prepared. The Society continues to exhibit financial integrity while simultaneously accommodating the needs of the SOHN membership.
2. Membership/Marketing/Public Relations
All membership applications were processed. Renewal mailings, reminders, membership cards with updates and new member packets were sent out. Refined, printed and mailed membership campaign materials. Membership applications were sent to over 8,000 members of the AAO-HNSF in the preconvention Update. Registered nurses and ORL units in the Western United States were targeted with membership and convention information.
Letters and emails from the president to the membership were distributed as received. An ORL Nurse Day greeting card, bookmark and a special email was sent to all members.
Other public relations endeavors have centered on membership recruitment. We continue to be listed in the AJN Specialty Nursing List, accreditation list, certification list and in the Nursing 2009 specialty nursing and certification list. Additional activities include email requests sent to Nursing Spectrum, Advance in Nursing,

SPONHC, AAO-HNSF, AOA, AAOA, the Alliance, the Hartford Foundation and many others to list our national convention in San Diego, California.

We continue to partner with the Get Smart Campaign (CDC), Nurses for a Healthier Tomorrow (Sigma Theta Tau), The Nursing Organizations’ Alliance (NOA), O’HANCAW, ANCC, SPOHNC, AAO-HNSF, The Wise Owl Campaign, Americans for Nursing Shortage Relief (ANSR), The Nurse Competence in Aging Initiative, Tobacco Free Kids and Tobacco Free Nurses.

3. Publications/Website
Assisted the editor of the journal as needed. SOHN’s mailing list is emailed to Woodward Publishing for every edition. Subscriptions processed at headquarters. Served as editor and writer of the Update. Three editions have been published in 2009 and 2 additional editions to be published. Ann McKennis continues to serve as our contributing reporter. The Update was designed and formatted for the SOHN website. The first website edition of the Update was instituted in March 2009. In 2010 the Update will be published solely for the web site. Headquarters wrote, designed and prepared the convention proceedings book for publication.

The executive director served as project manager for the CD ROM version of the Core Curriculum for Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nursing. This version of the Core will be available at the 2009 Congress.

Headquarters facilitated the following web site updates as directed by Jan Adams. We prepared the membership information for the Membership Directory and sent the Webmaster a new list of officers, chapter presidents, SIG leaders, etc. Headquarters developed the convention information for the website and submitted news items. We have linked the SOHN website to corporate supporters, for a fee. At present we are still seeking improved methods for SIGS to communicate. We have spent many hours answering questions sent to the Special Interest Group area of the web site. Thank you to those members who have so graciously given their time and expertise in answering clinical questions. We continue to work with Woodward – Biz Media in recruiting advertisers by contributing leads.

4. Meetings
Facilitated arrangements for all meetings including the SOHN Midwinter Board Meeting, NIWI, Regional Spring Seminar, Pediatric Spring Meeting, ENT-NF Board Meetings, SOHN Annual Board

Meeting, NCBOHN Meetings, Alliance Meeting, Nursing Alliance Leadership Academy Meeting, Congress Planning Meeting and the Annual Congress. The arrangements include housing, transportation and program. Budgets were set for each event and corporate support was enlisted (a listing of meeting responsibilities can be found in the Executive Director's Manual). Headquarters sent over 110 letters of invitation to speakers for the spring and annual meetings. A speaker database was maintained. Additionally, all registrations for meetings were processed, entered into the database and receipts sent.

The executive director recruited and corresponded with:

- . Keynote Speaker
- . Special invited Speaker
- . Closing speaker
- . Invited Guests
- . Special Speakers

An exhibitor and corporate support packet was developed. Exhibitor information and applications were sent to over 110 different companies. Each company was called or emailed as a follow-up. New exhibitors have been recruited. Grant proposals were written for corporate support for the annual meeting.

5. Committee/Chapter Support

Headquarters supported the committees as requested by sending out letters, emails or faxes. The initiatives of the Membership Workgroup were placed in action by headquarters. We have worked with forming chapters, providing guidance and formation materials. Chapter reimbursements and new lists were sent to chapter presidents every six months. Additionally, the executive director sent a personal letter to each president with an update of SOHN activities. Lorie Sparacino and Sandra Schwartz wrote and filed an annual report with the ANCC. ANCC is now requiring a yearly detailed report and review of our programs. Now, more than ever it is important for our local and national programs to be in compliance with ANCC criteria.

6. Fund Raising

Whereas most fund raising activities fall under the Foundation, there is an overlap of activities. The current projections for 2009 look stable. Detailed fundraising information will be presented at the annual board meeting.

7. Communications/Board Support

Board Briefings were sent to officers, board members, chairs and workgroup leaders on a regular basis to "brief" everyone on our activities and progress. We served as a resource to board members. The executive director frequently communicated

via the telephone, email or by letter with other organizations concerning issues of common concern (AAO-HNSF, AAOA, SPOHNC, NIDCD, OHANCAW, the Alliance, ANA, ANCC, and other specialty nursing groups) and participated in specialty nursing executive directors' list serve email groups. Met with Nancy Leupold, President of SPOHNC, while she was in Daytona Beach. We constantly serve as a resource to all SOHN members and to our consumers.

8. Go Green Efforts

SOHN's efforts to "go green" expanded in 2008. Members have seen the increased use of technology to eliminate overuse of paper. An online syllabus replaced the volumes of paper. The SOHN national headquarters building continues to be recognized as a "green building".

9. Customer Service

We have continued to seek new ways to improve our service to our members. Our computer capabilities and back up reserves have been improved. Files are automatically backed-up daily and sent to an offsite storage area. Email has opened new doors and we are now able to refer requests directly to our experts and special interest group leaders. Registrations by email have increased dramatically with fax and mail applications falling sharply. Approximately 80% of our membership provides an email address on their membership application form. But, our organization continues to provide a personal touch. We still take meeting registrations over the phone, resend contact hour certificates when the originals are lost and take the time to talk an anxious congress first-timer through the perplexing schedule. We always try to reflect a positive attitude, a positive spirit and a positive organization.

10. Archives/Records

Efforts at archiving the SOHN records and photographs continue. Board Meeting Minutes from the past 33 years are categorized and safely stored. We have an outstanding collection of journals and Updates. The Executive Director Manual has been updated, as well as, our disaster plan.

11. NCBOHN Activities

The executive director also serves as the coordinator for NCBOHN activities. A Test Item Writing Meeting and an Examination/Review/Annual Board Meeting were arranged and held this year. Considerable time was invested in assisting our CORLNs with the renewal of their credential through continuing education. It has been a privilege to work with this dedicated group of ORL certified nurses.

2006 Tobacco Ruling Upheld

A three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals has upheld requirements that manufacturers change the way they market cigarettes. This is a follow up to the landmark 2006 ruling that found tobacco companies guilty of fraud for deceiving the public about the dangers of smoking. The requirements, which have been on hold pending appeal, would ban labels such as "low tar", "light" or "mild". Philip Morris USA and its parent company Altria Group, Inc. said they will appeal to the Supreme Court.

Houston Chronicle, 5/30/09, page A-10

Ann McKennis RN CNOR(E) CORLN(E)

NCBOHN News

Calling all CORLNs!!

Please help us keep the certification exam timely and comprehensive by sending exam questions in the following areas:

Conditions:

- Oral and Nasopharyngeal-normal anatomy and physiology
- Laryngeal and Hypopharyngeal-normal anatomy and physiology

Assessment:

- Health history
- Physical examination-all areas
- Ear diagnostic tests that are specialized
- Communication skills

Professional Issues:

- Professional development
- Research issues

Questions can be submitted to SOHN Headquarters. Thanks for your help.

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SOHN Web Site

www.sohnnurse.com

Recent changes to the web site include:

Now Available:

- SOHN Scope and Standards
- The Update is "Online in 2009"

Items Coming Soon!

- How about a Virtual Chapter? This option is being considered to facilitate networking in those areas where this is not a local chapter. If interested please let Headquarters know.
- Are you ready to go shopping! SOHN Online Store is coming!

Chapter Presidents – Do you have information about your chapter that needs to get to the SOHN membership? Please email information in its final form to me for inclusion on the site.

Contact the SOHN Web Editor for additional information regarding the web site. Email Adams7264@verizon.net or call (813)777-4572.

12. Thank You

Thank you for "Renewing, Refreshing and Revitalizing" us each and every day.

National Education Committee

Lorie Sparacino MS PNP-BC CORLN

Major Activities:

1. Minutes of the 9-22-08 Annual Committee Meeting completed and emailed to members 1-13-08
2. Post-Congress 2008 Article submitted for the Update
3. Reviewed Congress 2008 educational sessions computer analysis, ratings chiefly 4.5 or higher
4. Completed Congress 2008 Flowchart
5. Completed the 2008 Evaluation of Provider Unit, 88% return
6. Coordinated the 2009 Congress Planning Meeting in Chicago, Illinois November 2008; completed Congress Grid; delegated committee member assignments; confirmed speakers, SIGs, Committees; communicated monthly with committee members; reviewed returned Speaker Forms
7. Attended the 2009 MWBM in Orlando, Florida; completed MWBM Report
8. Updated 2009 Committee Roster; communicated with new members
9. Updated 2009 committee interests and Nurse Planner responsibilities
10. Assisted with development of new regional educational program for 3/20-21 in Philadelphia, PA; completed Program Evaluation Summary; excellent ratings
11. Completed 2009 ANCC Annual Report and submitted February 2009
12. Developed SOHN 2009 Pediatric ORL Nurses Spring Meeting 5-22-09 in Seattle, Washington; worked closely with Program Coordinator; attended the Program; completed Program Flowchart and Program Evaluation Summary and Analysis of each session; excellent ratings
13. Quarterly committee member communication by email: 11-13-08, 3-8-09, 6-28-09
14. Comprehensive ORL & HN Nursing Course scheduled: 3-20-09 in Philadelphia, June 11 in Cleveland and 10-2-09 in San Diego; Erin Ross, Coordinator
15. Total of 3 National Programs and 10 Chapter educational programs scheduled to date for 2009; Chapter Programs: Chicago(3); Cleveland(1); Houston(1); WI(1); MDC(1); Atlanta(1); Pittsburgh(1); South Carolina(1)

Government Relations Committee

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Major Activities:

1. Attended Midwinter Board of Directors meeting.
2. Emailed old and new committee members of board discussions regarding Government Relations Committee (GRC).
3. Emailed committee members throughout the year about legislative updates, concerns and needs.
4. Corresponded with Headquarters and President McConnell about the Annual GRC lunch.
5. Coordinated speakers for GRC luncheon in San Diego, California.

Membership Committee

Karen Ulmer BSN RN CORLN

Maggie Chesnutt MSN FNP BC CORLN

Major Activities:

1. Sent personal "welcome" letters to all new SOHN members on a quarterly basis
2. Recognized chapters who made donations to the ENT-NF during the Chapter Showcase
3. Encouraged chapters to make donations to ENT-NF raffle at congress
4. Sent a recommendation to Headquarters for further investigation into the feasibility of developing a "virtual chapter" of SOHN for members who are not in close proximity to an existing chapter

National Practice/Research Committee

Virginia Bowman CNS AOCNS CORLN

Malou Yarosh MSN RN CNS

Major Activities:

1. Attended the 2008 Congress in Chicago, Illinois. Goals and objectives for the upcoming year were discussed and presented by Cindy Dawson and Malou Yarosh at the 2009 Midwinter Board meeting.
 - a. Co-chairs, Cindy Dawson and Helene Krouse announced the new co-chairs, Virginia Bowman and Malou Yarosh.
 - b. Mentoring has occurred this year
2. The Pre-Congress Program, Advancing Evidence-based Practice in ORL Nursing: Strategies to Move Forward, was attended by 25 participants. Dr. Titler offered (2) registrations to the Advanced Practice Institute at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in January and February 2009.

- a. Two nurses were selected based on established criteria
 - i. Cristie Roush and Carolyn Waddington were selected and attended
 - ii. Both will present at 2009 Congress Research Forum
3. Cindy Dawson represented SOHN at the AAO-HNS Guidelines Development Taskforce
 - a. Conference call in January, 2009
 - i. Hoarseness guideline under development-Helene Krouse participated
 - ii. SOHN presented Smoking Cessation-this guideline was endorsed by taskforce and will be submitted to the Board
 - b. Meeting in Washington DC in March, 2009
 - i. Cindy Dawson presented Tracheostomy Care Practices as a topic for consideration for guideline development-group decided to approve as a Clinical Consensus Statement project will be delayed due to AAO-HNS support constraints
4. Scope and Standards of Otorhinolaryngology and Head and Neck Nursing Practice was made available on the SOHN website this year

Nominating Committee

Jennifer Spellman MSN CRNP CORLN

Major Activities:

1. Recruited 6 candidates for the 2009 SOHN election.
 - a. Candidate for the Position of Treasurer is Lucille Kingston, MSN, RN, PNP, APRN, BC, CORLN.
 - b. Candidates for the Position of Board of Director are Terri Giordano, MSN, CRNP, CORLN; Joanna Maltese, BSN, RN, CORLN and Jo Ferrero, RNC, CORLN.
 - c. Candidates for the Position of Nominating Committee are Kim Giordano, MSN, CRNP, CORLN and Ramute Kemeza, BSN, RN.
2. Attended Midwinter Board Meeting as a Guest Attendee January 2009.
3. Coordinated Candidate Bulletin Board for Congress.
4. Corresponded with Nominating Committee members throughout the year.

Website Editor

Jan Adams BSN RN MPN NE-BC CORLN

Major Activities:

The following additions and/or changes were made to the web site this year:

1. Added the links to Evidence Based Practice Institute and SENTAC meeting information to the website
2. Added a bullet on the website for "Evidence-based Education"
3. Added a bullet called "Guidelines" for the AAO-HNSF BPPV Guideline link.
4. Added information regarding the "Comprehensive ORL Nursing Course"
5. Added "Scope and Standards" information
6. Added The Update online
7. Added a "Coming Soon" section to the website to announce coming information. Such as virtual chapter, regional chapter, and shop online with SOHN
8. Added the APN survey to the website at the request of leadership
9. Added SOHN achievements and updates as requested by Headquarters, BOD and/or Chapter Leadership
10. Removed the Nurse Competence in Aging Award from the Awards, Grants & Scholarships
11. Maintained the leadership/BOD information up to date
12. Maintain the website as a major means of communication to the membership by updating, revising and reviewing the site for changes at least quarterly
13. Educated the membership regarding SOHN going "green" in 2009 by offering "Online in 2009" and providing online handout information for the annual Congress 2008
14. Quarterly monitor of the website hits, reporting this information to the BOD at the MWBM. See below monthly report for daily average and monthly totals
15. Made recommendations for color enhancements to the site
16. Email to Chapter leadership in 2008 and 2009 seeking information for the website relating to local chapters
17. Attended MWBM in January 2009
18. Monitor SOHN web site for geriatric content as the Geriatric Web Editor, updating information on a quarterly basis

SOHN Publishes Standards for Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nursing

The Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nursing is pleased to announce the online publication of the Scope and Standards of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nursing Practice, a comprehensive reference guide that identifies and defines the expectations for the role and practice of the otorhinolaryngology and head-neck nurse. Otorhinolaryngology and head-neck nursing focuses not only on providing patient care, but its practitioners also collect evidence, counsel patients and communicate with multidisciplinary professionals in ORL practice.

Developed by the SOHN National Nursing Practice Committee, led by Cindy Dawson, MS, RN, CORLN, the guide outlines standards for otorhinolaryngology and head-neck nursing practice and professional performance. In addition, the guide articulates the essentials of this specialty, its accountabilities and activities - the who, what, when, where and how of its practice- both for specialists and generalists and those who work with them. Otorhinolaryngology (ORL) nurses are among the most diverse groups of clinicians in the nursing profession with respect to patient populations served, practice settings, and healthcare services provided.

In addition to recommended standards of professional performance, the book's discussion of the scope of Otorhinolaryngology and head-neck nursing practice -- including characteristics, trends, education, practice environments, and its ethical and conceptual bases -- lends an informative and broad context for the reader's understanding and use of these standards.

The Scope and Standards of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nursing Practice can be found on the of the SOHN web site. www.sohnnurse.com

Call for Abstracts!

Submit your abstract by October 15th for the:

SOHN Spring Seminar Series

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SOHN 34th Annual Congress & Nursing Symposium

September 24-28, 2010 ~ Boston, Massachusetts

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NCBOHN President's Report

Linda Miller Calandra MSN CRNP
CORLN

Major Activities:

1. Hosted NCBOHN tea in Chicago September 2008
2. Hosted item review session in Atlanta October 2008
3. Hosted Annual Board meeting with test review in Philadelphia March 2009
4. Assigned and reviewed certification booklet outline
5. Revised reference list for certification booklet
6. Veterans' Administration recognized CORLN certification
7. Recognized chapter with most certified members
8. Assigned and wrote articles for the Update regarding certification process
9. Investigated testing during Annual Congress Meeting

2009 SOHN CALENDAR

Events/Deadlines

September

- 1 CORLN Examination Application Deadline

October

- 2-6 33rd Annual SOHN Congress – San Diego, California
- 10-24 CORLN Examination Testing Period
- 15 Call for Abstracts 2010 Congress & Spring Seminar Series

November

- 1 Midwinter Board Meeting Guest Attendee Application Deadline
- Nurse in Washington Internship Application Deadline
- 15 Lois Moore-Rogers Lectureship Deadline
- 30 Research Forum Abstracts Deadline

December

- 15 Nominations for Outstanding Service Award Deadline
- Nominations for Friend of SOHN Award Deadline

Future Congress Dates

September 24-28, 2010 ~
Boston, Massachusetts

September 9-13, 2011 ~
San Francisco, California

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6:00 ~ 9:00 pm

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- Cash Bar
- SOHN & ENT-NF Awards
- Chapter Showcase
- Music/Dancing

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