



## Convention Update

If you didn't attend the annual convention, you missed out. Here is a recap of the happenings:

### Keynote Address Panel

"2015 Nursing Code of Ethics – Ethics in Practice & Legal Consideration" was the theme of the 111<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting held at the Courtyard Marriott in Ankeny, IA. The keynote was co-presented this year by **Leslie Kuhnel, MPA, MSCHE** from CHI Health Ethics Services and **J.R. "Lynn" Böes, RN, BSN, JD** of Davis Brown Law Firm.

### Continuing Education

In addition to the Keynote Panel presentation, additional continuing education presentations were offered during the conference for a total of 4.2 hours of possible CEU credits or 3.5 ANCC contact hours. The topics included: "**Iowa Nursing Law: Legal Update 2015**" by Lynn Boes, RN, BSN, JD.

### Business Meeting

The sessions of the Annual Business Meeting were chaired by Judy Collins, INA President. The Business Meeting sessions were held on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

### Reports

The Convention Handbook provided a written report to the membership at the business meeting. The following were available to answer questions on each of these areas: **Board of Directors** – Judy Collins; **Committees of the Association** - Bylaws Report – Jann Ricklefs; Nominations Report – Julie Schilling; Resolutions Committee Report – Lisa Caffery; **Committees of the Board** - Finance Committee report – Elaine Boes; Membership/Public Relations Committee – Daniel Lose; Public Policy Committee – Sue Whitty; **Reports of the Regions** - Northwest Region – Mary Kovarna; Northeast Region- Margie O'Neill; Southwest Region- Nancy James; Central Region – Pam Deichmann; Southeast Region- Darcy Koehn; **Iowa Nurses Foundation** – Linda Schluter; **Iowa Board of Nursing** – Kathy Weinberg.

### Resolutions

Members debated several proposed resolutions at the business meeting. As a result, resolutions were adopted: **2015 Resolutions**

- 1) American Nurses' Association (ANA) 2015 Code of Ethics
- 2) Integration of Palliative Care into Healthcare Delivery Systems: Removing Barriers-Improving Access
- 3) Reaffirmation of 2009 resolution—Support for Professional Midwives
- 4) Reaffirmation of 2009 resolution System of Classification for Direct Care Workers

### Elections

Election results for INA Board were: President, Judy Collins; Vice-President, Jann Ricklefs; Director – Staff Nurse at Large; Rachel Miller; Director- Newly Licensed RN – Andrea Wilhite; Nominations – Julie Schilling, Chair, JoAnn Wedig, Ashley Alvarado; Iowa Nurses Foundation – Lorinda Inman, chair, Bernadette Vacha, Chris Kessel; ANA Delegate & Alternates in order of number of votes – Judy Collins, Sue Whitty, Lisa Caffery & Brian Cooley. Thanks were offered to retiring officers/board members; officers/board members continuing to serve; INA staff and the statewide Convention Planning Committee for the work done during the year and for the successful convention.

**The 2016 Annual Meeting is TBD at this point and time.**

**Iowa Nurses Foundation Silent Auction and Raffle Fundraisers**

Iowa Nurses Foundation held fundraiser of the raffle tickets with the prizes being FitBits this year. The winners of the Raffle were, - Jane Krogmeier, Lisa Caffery, Mary Kovarna, Pam Deichmann, and Nancy Strub. The Foundation collected \$1,425 from the raffle, \$2,250.00 from the Honor Tables, and \$5,130 from registrations for a total of \$8,805. The funds will be used for scholarships and to support educational activities of the membership, as well as fund administrative support for INF activities.

**Iowa Nurses Foundation Recognition Luncheon**

INF hosted the recognition dinner held on Thursday afternoon, October 15th at the Courtyard Marriott. The following, honorees were recognized:

**2014 Iowa Nurses Association Award Recipients**

**Teresa Christy Award**

The Teresa E. Christy Award is presented to the registered nurse who has demonstrated professional commitment to the improvement of health care and the interrelationship of nursing education, nursing practice, and nursing research.

**Denise McNitt - MS, RN NEA-BC, Council Bluffs, IA**

**Edith E. Ruppert Award**

The Edith E. Ruppert Award is presented to the Iowa nurse who, as a member of the Iowa Nurses Association, is judged to have contributed significantly to the improvement of nursing and the professional organization.

**Jane Brokel – PhD, RN, FNI, Riverside IA**

**Iowa Nurses Foundation Scholarship Awardee**

This scholarship is awarded to further the education of practicing registered nurses who are members of the Iowa Nurses Association in their final year of a nursing program and based on the individual's professional goals, career plans, academic standing, professional and personal references.

**Christina Peterson of Dows  
Erica Davisson of Coralville**

**100 Great Nurses Scholarships –activity of Iowa Nurses Foundation**

The fundraising for the 100 Great Nurses Recognition included funds for scholarships. Criteria development and selection was coordinated with Iowa Nurses Foundation Board.

**Julie Wiebold of Cedar Rapids, Manuel Hernandez of Council Bluffs,  
Erica Davisson of Coralville, and Lori Vitko of Albia**

**Mike Anderson Scholarship**

The Iowa Nurses' Foundation is a vehicle for money donated by Mr. Gerald Hugh "Mike" Anderson for scholarships for students interested in nursing education. The scholarships are only available to students at Grand View, Des Moines Area Community College and the University of Iowa College of Nursing

**Emily Mushumi of Ames  
Jacquelyn Brungardt of Fort Dodge**

**2015 Region Nurses of the Year Award Recipients**

Region 1-NW.....Christina Peterson, Dows  
Region 2-NE ..... Deb Crawford, Waterloo  
Region 3-SW ..... Brian Cooley, Council Bluffs  
Region 4-Central..... None Awarded  
Region 5-SE..... Colleen Brems, Iowa City

**Honor Tables at Convention**

Northwest Region Honors ..... NW Region Nurse of the Year – Christina Peterson  
Northeast Region Honors ..... NE Region Nurse of the Year – Deb Crawford  
Northeast Region Honors ..... NE Region Members  
Southwest Region Honors ..... Theresa Christy Awardee – Denise McNitt  
Central Region Honors.....INF Scholarship Recipients  
Central Region Honors.....Central Region Members  
Southeast Region Honors ..... SE Region Nurse of the Year – Colleen Brems  
Southeast Region Honors ..... Edith Ruppert Awardee – Jane Brokel  
Iowa College of Nursing Schools Honors.....INA Members

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