

2017



Healthy Nurses,
Healthy Iowa

Courtyard Marriott,
Ankeny, IA

Convention Update

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

Keynote Address Panel

"**Healthy Nurse, Healthy Iowa**" was the theme of the 113th Annual Meeting held at the Courtyard Marriott in Ankeny, IA. The feature presentation was the panel discussion "**Healthy Nurse, Healthy Nation™**" with Holly Carpenter, BSN, RN, Senior Policy Advisor for the American Nurses Association Nursing Practice and Innovation department

Continuing Education

In addition to the Keynote presentation, additional continuing education presentations were offered during the conference for a total of 4.8 hours of possible CEU credits. The topics included: "**Iowa Nursing Law: Legal Update 2017**" by Lynn Boes, RN, BSN, JD; "**Iowa Nurse Assistance Program (INAP)**" by Rhonda Ruby, MS, RN.

Business Meeting

The sessions of the Annual Business Meeting were chaired by Jann Ricklefs, INA President. The Business Meeting sessions were held on Friday, October 20th, 2017.

Reports

The Convention Program 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 – Jann Ricklefs;

Committees of the Association - Bylaws Report – Susan Whitty; Nominations Report – Julie Schilling; Resolutions Committee Report – Ginny Wangerin;

Committees of the Board - Finance Committee report – Anne Cook; Membership/Public Relations Committee – Andrea Wilhite; Public Policy Committee – Carol Chesterman;

Reports of the Regions - Northwest Region – Mary Kovarna; Northeast Region- Margie O'Neill; Southwest Region- Brian Cooley; Central Region – Pam Deichmann; Southeast Region- Mary Tarbox;

Iowa Nurses Foundation – Lorinda Inman.

Bylaws

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

- ❖ Proposed Amendment #1: Insert Articles of Incorporation per ANA Request.
- ❖ Proposed Amendment #2: ANA Representatives Election Process
- ❖ Proposed Amendment #3: Update Language – House of Delegates to Membership Assembly, Delegate to Representative, Leadership Assembly to Add Successor
- ❖ Proposed Amendment #4: Change Vice President to President-Elect to coincide with ANA
- ❖ Proposed Amendment #5: Update Language – House of Delegates to Membership Assembly, Delegate to Representative, Leadership Council to Add Successor and Change Vice President to President-Elect to coincide with ANA

Elections

This year electronic voting online was conducted for the first time. Election results for INA Board were:

Board of Directors:

President – Jann Ricklefs

President-Elect – Lisa Caffery

Staff Nurse at Large – Christina Peterson

Newly Licensed RN – Kate Pace

Nominations Committee

Susan Whitty

Julie Schilling

Elaine Boes

Iowa Nurses Foundation

Brian Cooley

Pam Deichmann

Dawn Bowker

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 2018 Annual Meeting is TBD at this point and time.

Iowa Nurses Foundation Fundraiser

This year the Foundations fundraiser was **RAISE THE THERMOMETER ON NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS**. Their goal was to raise \$6000 for scholarships to be awarded in 2018. The Iowa Nurses Foundation supports our mission by offering continuing education classes and, most importantly, nursing scholarships.

The Foundation collected \$4,461 from donations and \$6510 from registrations for a total of \$ 10,971. The funds will be used for scholarships and to support educational activities of the membership, as well as fund administrative support for INF activities.

Region Dine Arouds

This year Northwest Region (IA01), Northeast Region (IA02), Southwest Region (IA03), Central (IA04), and Southeast Region (IA05) held their dine arounds at the hotel and the supper was held with Holly Carpenter being the guest of Honor for a night of networking and fun!

Iowa Nurses Foundation Awards Program

On Friday morning the Awards Program was held and the following Awards and Scholarships were presented:

2017 Iowa Nurses Association Award Recipients

Hall of Fame Award *est.* 2016

For Visionary Leadership, Dedication to the Mission of INA, and Passion for the Profession of Nursing

Elizabeth Lord-Dinan, RN of Elkader

2017 Region Nurses of the Year Award Recipients

Region 1-NW.....Deb Bomgaars, Orange City

Dr. Bomgaars is deserving of the NW Iowa Regional Nursing of the Year. In 2007 joined the new BSN program at Northwestern College as a full time faculty where she was highly respected as a nursing educator. She continued her professional advancement, earning a PhD in Nursing. In 2015, she was appointment as the Director of the Nursing Department at Dordt College. Under Deb’s leadership as the Director, Dordt College is undergoing curriculum changes converting the RN to BSN program to a generic BSN program and will be admitting students to the new program in the fall of 2018.

Region 2-NE Carol Chesterman, Peosta

Carol Chesterman has represented the NE Region by volunteering to help INA implement the important and labor-intensive job of advocating for health policy in Iowa by chairing the Public Policy Committee. This committee requires a weekly commitment examining and responding bills that affect the health care of Iowans. Thank you, Carol, for being a role model and teaching your students how to influence change and help our patients access the best possible healthcare.

Region 3-SW Marcia Weis, Council Bluffs

Marcia Weis is new to the Iowa Nurses Association within the past year. During this time, she has without hesitation after attending a Board meeting accepted the position of Secretary. Marcia has a lot to offer the INA and look forward to working with her in the future. Congratulations Marcia for being the SW Region Nurse of the Year.

Region 4-Central.....Lorinda Inman, Adel

Lorinda Inman has been nominated for Nurse of the Year in Central Iowa for her work over the years with ANA and Iowa Board of Nursing. Lorinda has freely volunteer countless hours over the years sharing her expertise in administrative rule writing; nurse licensing strategies; and her contribution during the development of the national Nurse Compact’s agreements.

Region 5-SE.....Becky Lewis, Cedar Rapids

Becky Lewis RN, MSN is the Nurse of the Year for the SE Region based on her active participation in INA and her consistent support of nurses and nursing students. Becky is currently employed by Genesis Health System in Davenport as a Clinical Education Specialist where she leads the nurse residency program. This position continues her long history of teaching at Mount Mercy University in Cedar Rapids where she taught on many levels and supported students in their efforts to become the professional nurses of the future. Becky is an inter-professional team player, willing to lead and reach out to others. She has worked with students, faculty, practicing nurses, peers, administrators, and legislators. We are pleased to honor Becky for her dedication to the profession of nursing and the professional organization, INA.

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.

Candace Chihak, Mt. Vernon

Andrea Jimmerson, Indianola

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

- Rachel Baker, Des Moines
- Jaci Brungardt, Fort Dodge

American Nurses Foundation Scholarship

From among the applicants, for INF scholarships, monies are sent from the American Nurses Foundation to be awarded to individuals who show leadership in nursing or diversify the nursing workforce.

- Andrea Wilhite, West Des Moines
- Candace Chihak, Mt. Vernon

Mary Paulson Scholarship (est. 2017)

This nursing scholarship was established in memory of Mary Weihs Paulson who was an RN at Mercy Medical Center and Surgery Center Des Moines-West for 30 years. Mary loved being a nurse and was very passionate for her profession. She cared for her patients with the upmost grace and compassion. The scholarship is a way for her family to help carry on her legacy and is to help current nurses further their education and advance their nursing careers.

- Candace Chihak, Mt. Vernon
- Andrea Wilhite, West Des Moines
- Jaci Brungardt, Fort Dodge
- Gina Kubik, Waterloo
- Rose Hedges, Mt Vernon
- Jamie Briar, Norwalk

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