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President's Message

Donna Hoffman, President

Hope you have all been enjoying a wonderful summer so far, there certainly have been a variety of weather patterns across the US and beyond. The **2010 Respiratory Nursing Society Conference** Committee has been very busy putting together our 20th Annual Education conference in Richmond Va. Anne Boyle, the 2010 Conference Chair, has assembled an extraordinary group of speakers that will cover a wide range of topics for healthcare professionals that care for respiratory patients across the continuum. Just like the weather patterns we all experience, the care of individuals with respiratory illnesses encompasses a wide variety of topics and treatment modalities. We need to remain aware of and educated about them to continue to provide our patients and families with the most up to date information available. I encourage you to attend the conference, meet with the Board and think about becoming more involved with the Respiratory Nursing Society; it's how we on the Board all began our journey to give back to the profession.

The RNS Board has continued to move forward with our work on the website; we have encountered some problems with our goals to provide Pay Pal services to allow members to join the organization, register for conferences and pay membership fees. The issue seems to be related to the multi-tiered payment options we offer. At this time, we feel the most appropriate avenue to take is to ask you to continue to use the mailing option for these services until we are able to work out a better plan.

In regard to our **2010 Scholarship and Grant Program, we have extended the application deadline to September 1, 2010.** Tracy Estes, our RNS Treasurer, has worked very hard to develop this new option. We look forward to awarding our first recipients at the 2010 Conference. Don't let this wonderful opportunity slip by!

President's Message continued

I would also like to remind you to consider nominating a member of RNS for one of our annual **RNS Awards**. Award guidelines and nomination forms are available on the RNS website. You can choose from Leadership, Clinical Practice, Founders and Research Awards to recognize RNS members whose contribution to the organization has fulfilled the purpose and goals of RNS.

I have been very pleased to hear from former members who read our Spring 2010 RNS newsletter and rejoined the Organization. RNS can only continue to exist if we have a stable membership base. If we are able to attract additional numbers, we may be able to look again at partnering with another nursing organization which would facilitate our ability to continue to update and improve the educational services and membership benefits we offer.

The front page of the November 2009 COPD Digest proclaimed **2010 The Year of the Lung**. The COPD Foundation is "working together with leading international respiratory societies and patient advocacy organizations to generate awareness" of the needs of the patient with COPD. The Respiratory Nursing Society has also worked hard to generate awareness and advocacy of the needs of all patients with respiratory illnesses and to promote and carryout evidence based research to improve both the quality of life and provision of care for our patients.

Donna

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Request for *Member News*

***Have you made a career change?
Written an article or a book? Are you
conducting research? Have you
received a degree or credentials?
Enrolled in a new program? Are you
trialing a new product?
Any new accomplishments you would
like to share with us for Perspectives?
We want to hear from you!!
Email your information to:
DCBond@Carilionclinic.org***



Donna Hoffman, President

Conference Update

The 20th Annual Respiratory Nursing Society Educational Conference will be held **October 7 & 8, 2010** at the Richmond Marriott in downtown Richmond Virginia. This inspiring and motivating conference will feature nationally known speakers on respiratory topics. Please see the brochure or RNS website for details.

Member News

Donna Hoffman, RN, BSN, CRRN,

RNS President, Donna Hoffman, staff nurse in the Respiratory Acute Care Unit at Massachusetts General Hospital Boston MA, became the first recipient of the Mary Forshay Scholarship to Support ALS Care. The award allows a nurse to attend the ALS Association's National Conference in Washington DC.

Cathie Tiernam RN, BHA

Cathie Tiernam RNS member completed her bachelor's degree in Healthcare Administration in April 2010. At the UC San Diego Medical Center Nursing Excellence Awards in May she was recognized as 2010 Nurse Leader of the Year. Cathie is employed as the Manager of the Interventional Pulmonary Unit at UC San Diego Medical Center and plans to pursue her MSN at Loyola University this fall.

Call for Articles

RNS Members: We are looking for articles of interest to our members for upcoming issues of Perspectives in Respiratory Nursing. Articles may be of clinical practice, research, or evidence based practice. If you have an article or an idea for an article, please submit to DCBond@Carilionclinic.org Articles should be 300-450 words and cited using APA format. Longer articles will be considered. If you have questions please contact us.

Call for Nominations

The following positions are open for election this year. If interested please contact Mary Findeisen at mafnds@aol.com with nominations by October 5, 2010

PRESIDENT ELECT

The President Elect shall:

- Fulfill duties in the absence of the President
- Fulfill duties delegated by the President and the Board of Directors
- Coordinate/assist with the annual educational conference with the help of the Board of Directors or an appointed conference committee
- The term of the President Elect shall be a period of one year.

TREASURER

The Treasurer shall:

- Monitor the finances of the Society
- Assist in the development of budgets
- Make recommendations to the Board on financial matters.
- Be responsible for and in custody of any funds and securities of the society.
- Receive receipts for monies due and payable to the society from any source and deposit all such monies due and payable to the society.
- Prepare monthly accounts payable reports for the board and annual business meeting.
- Perform other duties as delegated by the President or Directors
- The term of the Treasurer shall be a period of two years.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (2 positions)

- The governing body of the Society is the President, President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and four (4) elected (Directors) members. The Board is responsible for the overall policy and direction of the Society and manages and conducts the business of the Society.
- The term of Director shall be a period of two years. . No member of the Board of Directors may serve for more than two (2) successive two-year terms.

General Information for elected members

- The term of office for the officers and directors of the Society shall begin immediately following the conclusion of the Society's annual meeting.
- No elected officer shall serve more than one consecutive term.
- An individual may not hold more than one office at any given time.
- Elections will be held at the **Annual Conference in October.**

2009-2010 RNS Board

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**RNS 2010
Grant and Scholarship Offerings**

The Respiratory Nursing Society Grant and Scholarship is a new membership benefit offering.

There is one grant and one scholarship offered each yearly funding cycle. The grant funding is for \$500 and can be used for research study, evidence based practice or a quality improvement initiative. The scholarship funding amount is \$500 and can be used for study at an institution of higher education.

Please see the website for details and an application.

CONCERT Consensus Conference

Ann Boyle President-Elect

The Respiratory Nursing Society was an invited participant in the CONCERT (COPD Outcomes-based Network for Clinical Effectiveness and Research Translation) Consensus Conference May 20-21, 2010, in New Orleans, LA. The Conference focused on acute COPD care/transitions in care. The objective of the consensus conference was to create an effectiveness / implementation research agenda in collaboration with COPD stakeholders. CONCERT is a multi-institutional, interdisciplinary group of investigators funded by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and the National, Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute to develop a research infrastructure for effectiveness / implementation research for patients with COPD. As an invited stakeholder, RNS provided guidance to the investigators about issues important to respiratory nurses and their patients and families. Once the final agenda is released you will see it here in Perspectives.

**Welcome New and Returning
Members**

Members that have joined or renewed their membership between January 2010 and June 2010 are as follows:

Mary Horn
Nicole Kramer-Strieter
Janet Dunn
Janet Madigan
Theresa Hass
Ann Marie Ramsey
Casey Norris
June Alberto
Jacqueline Garabito
Matyt Adler
Linda Silva
Lisa Flynn
Maria Connolly
Karen Landis
Maria Winne
V. Christine Champagne
Jill Edwards
Carla Haynes Siglam
Sonia Nocon
Loretta Cahalen
Kellie Brewer
Dianne Locke
Hilary Flanders
Julie Silver
Ruth Dempsey
Heidi Putman-Casdorph
Deb Rasmussen

RNS Awards Guidelines
Respiratory Nursing Society awards may be presented annually.
The following awards to be considered on an annual basis:
Leadership, Founders, Clinical Practice and Research

Purpose of the Awards: The purpose of these awards is to recognize an outstanding RNS member whose contribution to the organization has fulfilled the purpose and goals of RNS.

Award recipients are selected according to the following criteria:

Leadership Award Criteria

1. Is an active member of the Respiratory Nursing Society
2. Receives peer recognition, endorsement and support
3. Has demonstrated leadership within the RNS organization
4. Has enhanced the image of nursing and RNS
5. Has participated in the development of leaders within RNS

Founders Award Criteria

1. Is an active member of the Respiratory Nursing Society
2. Receives peer recognition, endorsement and support
3. Has demonstrated a commitment to RNS in development of the organization as a whole or through the development of Chapters within RNS
4. Has enhanced the image of nursing and RNS
5. Has been instrumental in maintaining the organization's viability and visibility in nursing
6. Was a founding member of the organization in its original development or has been instrumental in changing RNS to keep it functioning in an ever-changing environment.

Clinical Practice Award Criteria

1. Is an active member of the Respiratory Nursing Society
2. Receives peer recognition, endorsement and support
3. Has demonstrated outstanding leadership in the clinical practice arena with respiratory patients
4. Has enhanced the image of nursing and RNS
5. Has participated in the development of clinical practice leader in the work environment

Research Award Criteria

1. Is an active member of the Respiratory Nursing Society
2. Receives peer recognition, endorsement and support
3. Has performed research in the arena of respiratory/pulmonary nursing.
4. Has enhanced the image of nursing and RNS
5. Has participated in the development of nursing research within their institution or practice environment
6. Has disseminated research to enhance the care of respiratory patients.

Awards are considered utilizing the following process:

Nominations

1. Nominations are invited from any member of RNS
2. Invitations will be publicized in the RNS newsletter *Perspectives in Respiratory Nursing* and on the RNS website
3. A standard nomination form is available and includes sections to list supporting data
4. Nominating member should indicate how the nominee has meet the Award Criteria

Selection

1. A selection committee will consist of at least 3 members of RNS
2. The selection committee will review nominations, rate candidates and forward names for awards to the RNS Board
3. The RNS Board will make the final decision

Notification

1. The recipient will be notified by letter from the RNS President prior to public release of information
2. The name of the recipient for an award will be published in *Perspectives in Respiratory Nursing* and on the RNS website

Presentation

Presentation of the Award will be made at the annual Business Meeting held during the RNS Educational Conference

RNS AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

(Please type or print)

Date: _____

Name of person submitting nomination: _____

Home Phone: _____

Home Address; _____

Business Phone: _____

Name of Nominee _____

Nominee's Home Address _____

Nominee's Place of Employment _____

Nominee's Job Title: _____

Type of RNS award you are nominating the person for (check one)

Leadership Clinical Practice Research Founders Award

Number of years nominee has been a RNS member: _____

Offices held in RNS: _____

Other forms of service to RNS: _____

How many years and in what capacity have you known the nominee? _____

Explain how the nominee deserves the award you have nominated them for: _____

Explain how the nominee demonstrates professional respiratory nursing: _____

Your Signature/Date: _____

Please return this form with your nominee's resume no later than September 5, 2010 to Donna Bond, RNS Secretary, 309 E Lee Ave, Vinton VA 24179 or email form to DCBond@Carilionclinic.org or fax to 540-981-8643.

POSTER PRESENTATION
RNS 20th ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE
Thursday & Friday
October 7 & 8, 2010

Deadline Extended to September 1, 2010

Respiratory Nursing Society
Box 980567
Richmond, Virginia 23298
804.828.3388

POSTER PRESENTATION APPLICATION FORM

(Please print or type all information)

TITLE: _____

PRIMARY AUTHOR _____
First name MI Last Name Degree

Institution Affiliation _____

Mailing Address _____
Street

City State Zip/Postal Code Country

Best Contact: Telephone AND/OR Email Address _____

Institution where work was done if different from above: _____

ADDITIONAL AUTHOR(S)

Name(s) City & State, Institution Affiliation (if different from Primary Author)

INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS

1. Deadline for receipt of Poster Session Application and Abstract is **September 1, 2010**
2. Send the following items:
 - a. Poster Application Form
 - b. Poster Abstract
 - c. Objectives of Presentation
 - d. Primary Author/Presenter's CV or Biographical Sketch
3. Poster Session Presenters will be notified of the RNS Conference Planning Committee decision by no later than **September 10, 2010 or earlier if abstract submitted earlier than September 1.**
4. Accepted poster session presenters must confirm participation no later than **September 18, 2010.**

RULES FOR PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

- Expenses (e.g., registration, airfare, and lodging) associated with the submission and presentation of an abstract are the responsibility of the presenter(s).
- Submission of an abstract constitutes a commitment by the author(s) to present it if accepted.
- The primary presenter must be a current member of RNS and register for the conference. Other presenters do not have to be RNS members, but must register for the conference if attending.

ABSTRACT TITLE

- An abstract must have a short, specific title (containing no abbreviations) that indicates the nature of the presentation.

AUTHOR NAME(S)

- The submitting author is designated as the primary/presenting author.

ABSTRACT TEXT

- The presentation must relate to an area significant to respiratory nursing research, practice or education. Include purpose, background or a review of the literature, (research presentations should include study design and methods), outcomes/findings and implications for practice.
- Standard abbreviations may be used without definition. Non-standard abbreviations (kept to a minimum) must be placed in parentheses after the first use of the word or phrase abbreviated.
- Abstracts are limited to 300 words.
- As a separate document, provide objectives for the presentation.

PRESENTATION

- Guidelines for poster presentation will be provided to authors of accepted abstracts.

SUBMIT All Materials TO:

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