



Southern Nursing Research Society Annual Board/Committee Report Form

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No later than **January 14, 2011**

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Annual Accomplishments:

1. Offered letter of appointment to Dr. Elaine Marshall who has agreed to serve as Interim Editor of the Southern Journal of Nursing Research through December, 2010. Thanks to Anne Stiles and Cindy Munro for serving on the Search committee. Dr. Marshall has agreed to serve through the February issue of SOJNR but has declined to continue beyond that issue. We will need to recruit a new interim or permanent Editor depending on the disposition of the motion regarding SOJNR to be addressed at the annual meeting.
2. Formulized the Student Network as part of the organization. The Chair (or Co-Chairs) will be an Ex-Officio member of the Board. The Student Network has established goals and mission for the group and will be electing officers at the annual meeting. Student Members serve on all standing committees but Awards and Grants. Student Liaisons for each state have been appointed based on students who have volunteered for the various positions. The Student Network will inform the Board of student needs, ideas for pre-conference for doctoral students, and other areas as requested or determined by the Student Network.
3. Appointed Elaine Amella as Chair of the 25th Anniversary Gala Celebration Task Force. Both Anne Turner Henson and Nan Blair-Smith will be working with this Task Force to coordinate activities. Plans are to contact and include Founding Members, Past Presidents, Past Vice-Presidents, Editors, etc. as part of the gala celebration. It has been difficult to determine who were (are) part of the Founding Members group. It has also been difficult to procure pictures and memorabilia from the first 25 years. I plan to appoint a Task Force on History and the Archives at the annual meeting.
4. Appointed Dr. Kathy Jo Ellison as Chair of the Task Force on the SOJNR to consider the future of the journal. Requested that the group have completed report to the Board by August 15th.
5. Met with the Finance Committee and the Treasurer to consider the budget and to address a plan for paying back the reserve account for the monies used to balance the budget in 2009. Decision on moving funds to the reserve account will be made at the end of the calendar year and will depend on the balance in the checking account.
6. Sent congratulatory letters to all new FAAN members from the Southern Region.
7. Presented proposal from University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, to host the 2013 Annual Meeting. The Board voted to accept the proposal. Letter sent to Dean Barone confirming the selection.



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8. Wrote a concept paper for Institute for the Development of Administrative Research Leaders. This is a goal of the Strategic Plan for the organization. The concept paper was discussed and approved by the Board. Began preliminary discussion with potential members for the Advisory Board. Plans are to further discuss the Institute with the membership at the annual meeting and to continue development during the 2011 calendar year.
9. Appointed Elaine Amella, Past President, to the Friends of the National Institute for Nursing Research Board of Directors as requested by Friends of the NINR and as directed by the Board.
10. Trisha Crane, as President Elect, has begun work on an initiative to involve nursing research representatives from industry in SNRS. This is part of the Strategic Plan and the effort that will be continued in 2011.
11. Attended the CANS in-person steering committee meeting in October and those held by telephone. CANS leadership considered having a State of the Science meeting every year, rather than every other year with a Special Topics meeting on the off year. The regional organizations as a group were opposed to this idea and felt that it would significantly decrease our attendance at our annual meetings. Further, with the economic shortfalls, many of the Senior Scientists from our regional organizations might forgo attending the regional annual meeting. This would have implications not only for our strategic plan, attendance, etc. but would also affect the students who meet with Senior Scientists for mentoring at the annual meeting. Further, students attend because their mentors encourage them to attend. The CANS meeting tends not to draw large numbers of students although some do present with their mentors.
12. Reviewed and revised the Strategic Plan at our November Board meeting. This effort will continue at the Pre-Conference Board meeting. Trisha Crane, as President-Elect, is Chairing the review and revision process.
13. Initiated the process of revising the SNRS logo based on requests from the membership during the last annual meeting. RC engaged the services of a designer and Board members were surveyed about logo and redesign. Logo designs were presented to the Board and plans are to have a vote by the membership at the annual meeting.
14. Began discussions with Senior Scientists in SNRS about ways to engage senior researchers in the organization. This is one of the goals of the Strategic Plan.
15. Sent letters to all Deans/Directors in the Southern region inviting them to the 25th anniversary meeting and gala. Included information about purchasing tables so members from their schools could sit together.
16. Will hold Reference Hearing as part of the Annual Meeting. Topics to be discussed will be: SOJNR report from the Task Force (Dr. Ellison will speak to the report), the budget and proposed dues increase, Development plans and initiatives, and Institute for the Development of Administrative Research Leaders.



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17. Communicated results to those who stood for election. Clarified with the Board membership issues related to the grace period of 45 days and voting. Members who run for office need to be current with their dues. Members who have not paid their annual dues have a 45 day grace period before they are dropped from the membership list and are eligible to vote during this period.
18. Worked with Treasurer, Members of the Board, and Executive Director to draft the proposed budget. Balanced budget for 2011 passed at December Board meeting.
19. Attended the National Nursing Research Roundtable in Bethesda. Topic of the Roundtable was development of policy based on research findings.

Committee Goals for Coming Year:

1. Appoint a Task Force on History and Archives. Information about Founding members, pictures of previous conferences, Members of the Boards from previous years, and memorabilia from 25 years since inception have been difficult to access. Much of the memorabilia is not in the archives and information about history is not compiled in any accessible way.
2. Appoint a Task Force to Facilitate Involvement of Senior Researchers in the Organization.
3. Continue the Initiative to Involve Nursing Research Leaders in Industry in the Organization.
4. Depending on the motion to increase dues, review the budget and address priorities that were tabled for consideration until after vote of membership.
5. Incorporate new logo in materials, website, and other areas of the organization.
6. Approve the Policies and Procedures Manual when completed.