



Annual Report 2011

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Officer or Board position: President

Activities and accomplishments:

1. Appointed the following individuals to chair Task Forces:
 - a. Richard Cowling as Chair of the Task Force on Exploring Alternative Avenues for Publishing SOJNR including open access journals. Requested report by July 15th. Dr. Cowling subsequently requested information from the Board about an RFA to be sent to potential publishers. This RFA was developed and reviewed by Dr. Porche and Dr. Munro who serve as Editors of journals. Dr. Cowling was unable to continue as Chair of the Task Force and Dr. Susan Letvak assumed this position. The RFA has been sent to several potential publishers who have approached the organization. Efforts continue with this Task Force.
 - b. Nancy McCain and Sandra Dunbar to Co-Chair the Task Force on Engaging Senior Researchers in SNRS. Requested report by July 15th. Drs. McCain and Dunbar have presented their report and suggested the following: To enhance engagement of senior researchers, we recommend the Board's consideration of the following:
 - i. Invite previous recipients of the Distinguished Researcher and Leadership awards to join the Circle of Scholars and be recognized at the 2012 annual meeting.
 - ii. Invite senior researchers to serve as session moderators;
 - iii. Create a tab on the Web Site where Senior Researchers willing to serve as external reviewers for grant would have their names and expertise listed.
 - c. Anne Stiles to Chair the Task Force on Logo and Website Redesign. The logo has been developed and is now in use.
 - d. Debra Wallace to Chair the Task Force on History and Archives.
2. Appointed Patty Gray and Elaine Amella to Co-Chair the Nominations and Succession Planning Committee. Patty and Elaine will contact the Chairs of the Standing Committees of SNRS, the Officers, and the RIGS chairs for names of possible nominees.

3. Insured that contributions from Silent Auctions, Sale of Mentor Pins, 25th Anniversary Pins, and Raffle for Jewelry at the 25th Anniversary Gala were distributed to the reserved funds as previously specified.
4. Sent letters of appreciation to outgoing members of committees (under signature of Chair, President, or both).
5. Sent SNRS report to the Steering Committee of the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science and attended meeting in October. Informed the other regional societies that we would not be requiring membership in SNRS to present at annual meeting.
6. Requested Patricia Crane to attend the National Nursing Research Roundtable as representative from SNRS.
7. Set agendas and chaired the mid-year meeting in New Orleans.
8. Began process of revising Strategic Plan under the chairmanship of Tricia Crane.
9. Revised the Bylaws as suggested by Secretary Liz Reifsnider. The revisions are primarily editorial and remove policies and procedures. Revisions will be posted on the Website for Member Review and vote at the annual meeting.
10. Board continued with development and revision of policies and procedures manual for final vote at the Board meetings in February.
11. Returned \$20,000 to Reserve Fund for monies "borrowed" to balance operating budget in 2009. Plans are to return the other \$20,000 at the end of the year. This would be the last installment of the loan repayment.
12. Began discussion about reaching out to Latin American, Caribbean and Central American society regions. As a result SNRS will be exhibiting at the Pan American Research Colloquium in September, 2012 in a booth exchange with the Colloquium which will exhibit at the annual meeting.
13. Worked on setting up the Advisory Board for the Institute for the Development of Administrative Research Leaders.

Current or upcoming issues and challenges:

1. International members and dues structure
2. Institute for the Development of Administrative Research Leaders
3. Continued monitoring of the budget and finances
4. Strategic Plan
5. Continued efforts to grow the research funds through development and contributions