



Southern Nursing Research Society 2012 Annual Board/Committee Report

Name of Board Member or Committee: Patricia B. Crane, President

Activities and Accomplishments:

1. Appointed the following individuals to chair Task Forces:
 - a. Susan Letvak served as Chair of the Task Force on Exploring Alternative Avenues for Publishing SOJNR including open access journals. Other members included Richard Cowling and Mona Shattel. The task force reviewed all proposals and made recommendations to the board. The board reviewed the 2 proposals and compared each. Negotiations with each publisher ensued. The board was presented with both proposals (after negotiations) and a comparison chart. The board voted to pursue *Research in Nursing and Health*. Final contracts were completed, edited, and signed. Members will receive the journal starting 2013.
 - b. Debra Wallace has Chaired the Task Force on History and Archives. After much research, recommendations were made to Leanne Lefler for changes to our policy and procedure. Those changes were addressed at the board meeting in February.
2. Marti Rice is the chair of the Nominations and Succession Planning committee. Marti contacted the Chairs of the Standing Committee of SNRS, the Officers, and the RIG chairs for names of possible nominees. Additionally, she developed an e-blast to encourage members to become involved by running of office.
3. Sent letters of appreciation to outgoing committee members.
4. Developed policy letter that was adopted by CANS related to concern for funding of the AHRQ.
5. Fostered the discussion of the book "Race for Relevance."
6. Marti Rice and Jeanne-Marie Stacciarini attended the Pan American Research Colloquium in September to facilitate connections with our international partners.
7. SNRS report to the Steering Committee of the council for the Advancement of Nursing Science (CANS) and the Nursing Roundtable. Attended the CANS meeting in October and will attend Nursing Roundtable March 2013.
8. Ensured new banners and all publication materials were updated to reflect new logo.
9. Appointed Cindy Munro to continue to fine tune the strategic plan for completion. Strategic plan posted on website.
10. Invited all past award winners and former board members to attend Circle of Scholars reception at the Annual Conference. Additionally, asked each board member to 'recruit' one person to attend the Circle of Scholars reception.



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11. Charged Awards Committee to explore expanding awards to include mid-career and early scientists.
12. Charged Finance Committee to examine the present policy regarding percentage in reserve fund to reflect best practices of non-profit organizations.
13. Set agendas and chaired the midyear meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas.
14. Continued to review policy and procedure to reflect current issues.
15. Returned \$20,000 to Reserve Fund for monies 'borrowed' to balance operating budget in 2009. This was the last installment payment.
16. Worked with STTI and CANS to increase their 'match' of monies for grants.
17. Actively worked with Nan Smith-Blair to begin a kick-off campaign at 2013 Annual Conference: SNR\$: Support Nursing Research Fund
18. Challenged each board member to support the financial campaign.
19. Contributed to Southern Connections as President's Pen.

Current or Upcoming Issues and/or Challenges:

1. Continue to examine all programs in light of our mission and evaluate the return on investment (ROI) for membership.
2. Ongoing: Marti Rice continuing to work on developing the Institute for the Development of Administrative Research Leaders
3. Continue monitoring of the budget and finances.
4. Investigate other revenue and ROI events such as quarterly webinars and continuing education.
5. Strengthen efforts to grow the research funds through development and contributions with 2-year campaign starting Annual Conference 2013.
6. Restructure the website to maximize use by members and others.
7. Develop clear policies and by-laws related to incorporating the Student Network into the governance of the organization.
8. Define and support other ways to engage current members and industry in advancing nursing research in the South.
9. Begin a Past President's Council or past leadership council.
10. Foster development of an award for Researcher practicing in a Clinical Setting.