



Southern Nursing Research Society 2014 Annual Board/Committee Report

Name of Board Member or Committee: Research Interest Groups - RIGS

Director of RIGs: Sheila P. Davis, PhD, RN, FAAN, NP-C



Dr. Davis (L) & Dr. Davis (2nd L) with 2014 SNRS Board of Directors

Annual Accomplishment:

- At SNRS Convention 2014 – RIG Chairs and CoChairs met for a dessert social sponsored by SNRS Board
 - o RIG Chairs and CoChairs attended our RIG designated table to meet and greet RIG members and share highlights of their RIGs
 - o Attendance at the RIG table also facilitated the reconciliation of the RIG rosters
 - o At least 7 Door prizes were awarded by RIGs at the convention
- SNRS Board of Directors approved the RIG Manual. This document has been in the works for 3 – 4 years prior to its final completion in 2014. Special thanks are extended to all RIG chairs and Cochairs who provided input into the manual.
- Dr. Davis conducted quarterly conference calls with the RIG leadership. Guests featured on these calls included:
 - o Dr. Cindy Munro – President of SNRS – Welcomed new and returning RIG Chairs and Cochairs and invited their active participation in the organization. During this meeting, the mission of the organization was reiterated and their role as RIG leadership was affirmed and appreciated.
 - o Dr. Mary Grace Hernandez – Vice President of SNRS – Met with the RIG leadership to share the review process for abstracts and to solicit their participation in the this process.
 - o Ms. Ann Mehan Cross – Executive Director of SNRS- Met with RIG leadership to update them on the convention events and to orient them to the *One Hub* process designed to enhance communication between and among the leadership.
- A One Hub account was established for RIG leadership communication.
- RIG leadership worked to update their RIG information on the new SNRS website.
- An up-to-date RIG Leadership Roster was compiled which facilitates communication between the Director and Leaders. In the past, it has been extremely difficult to keep tract with the RIG Leadership. I think that the enhanced communication with RIG leadership has aided in keeping the roster current.



Southern Nursing Research Society 2014 Annual Board/Committee Report

-
- Dr. Davis participated in writing an article for the *Research in Nursing & Health Journal* along with Dr. Munro and Dr. Bartlett, which highlighted the RIGs.
 - o Munro, C., Bartlett, R., & Davis, S. (2014). Continuous engagement: Message from the President. *Research in Nursing & Health*, 37, 356 – 357.
 Membership was kept abreast of the conference plans and proceedings in order to keep their RIGs adequately informed.
- Dr. Davis will work with select SNRS board members to write the white paper on the meaning of Nursing Research.

RIGS featured in the *SNRS Newsletter* during 2014 were:

- Winter 2014 **Aging RIG** - Melissa Batchelor-Aselage, PhD, RN-BC, FNP-BC
- Summer 2014 **Community Public Health/Health Promotion** – Schenita Davis-Randolph, PhD, MPH, RN, CNE & Susan Dyess, PhD, RN, AHN- BC
- Spring 2014 – **Education RIG** – Pamela B. Dunagan, PhD

Current RIG Leadership

Aging/Gerontology	**Rita Jablonski **Melissa Batchelor-Aselage
Biobehavioral	*Debra Lyon **Nancy Jallo *** Elizabeth Corwin
Community/Public Health Promotion	*Schenita Randolph **Susan Dyess
Education	*Pam Dunagan **Judy Duvall
Health Systems/Health Policy	*Amy Sparks
Minority Health Research	*Jeannie Marie Stacciarini **Tracie Kirkland
Parent Child	*Erin Booth
Psych Mental Health	*Donna Huisan Brown
Qualitative	*Kristen Barbee **Susan Letvak
Research in Clinical Settings	*Healthier Carter-Ten **Karen Rice

* Chair

** CoChair



Southern Nursing Research Society 2014 Annual Board/Committee Report

Committee Goals for Coming Year: -

- Enhancing the communication between RIG leadership and members
- Actively involving RIG chairs in participation of the research/presentation processes of the organization (i.e. service on committees, other elected offices, submitting manuscripts for publication, being featured in the organization newsletters, etc.)
- Ensure that **all** RIGs understand their role and value in contributing to the science of nursing research. The Director's participation in crafting the *White Paper on Nursing Research* will accomplish this goal.
- Contemplate succession planning for RIG leadership positions.

Action needed, motion or policy to be approved by the Board: None at the time!

