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### From the President

#### *State of the Organization*

Although this would seem to be a slower period for SNRS Board members and committee members, it is actually a busy time. Dr. Anne Turner-Henson, Vice President, and the Program Committee are hard at work on the plans for the 2011 annual meeting to be held in Jacksonville, Florida. These plans include working on the meeting matrix, engaging speakers, distributing abstracts for review, and coordinating efforts with the Local Planning Committee and the 25th Anniversary Committee.

The 25th Anniversary Committee, under the direction of Elaine Amella, is planning special activities and functions to make the 2011 meeting a memorable celebration of 25 years of our organization and nursing research within the southern region. (If you have materials from the early years that you would like to share with the committee, please let me know. If you were one of the founding members and were present at the first meeting of the organization, we would love to hear from you).

The Grants Committee has been busy reviewing a record number of proposals for the Dissertation Award. The Awards Committee is gearing up to receive nominations for the various awards given by SNRS. (Consider nominating a deserving SNRS member for one of these awards. Consider resubmitting materials if you nominated someone in the past and they were not selected). The Bylaws/Policies and Procedures Committee is continuing work on the Policies and Procedures Manual and review of the Bylaws. The Treasurer and the Finance Committee continue to monitor the budget and process requests for funds for the various activities of the Board and needs of the organization. (The latest financial statements are available on our website). The Development Committee is considering various strategies for fundraising, to augment our income from dues and the annual meeting. The

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RIGs Director and the RIGs leadership are developing the policies and procedures related to the RIGs and a Leadership Orientation Packet.

The Communications Committee, in addition to maintaining the website, is responsible for the newsletter and, along with the Interim Editor, Dr. Elaine Marshall, issues of the Southern Online Journal of Nursing Research (SOJNR). The Membership Committee, made up of the State Liaisons and the Membership Director, is enrolling new members and renewing current members, critical to the continued viability of the organization. So, while it may seem that summer is a slower period, much is being done to maintain and to move our organization to the next level.

**Marti Rice, PhD, RN**  
**President**

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### Call for Nominations for Officers and Board Members at Large

*DEADLINE EXTENDED TO SEPTEMBER 14, 2010*

The strategic leadership of SNRS begins with our elected officers and members-at-large. The Nominations and Succession Planning Committee of SNRS is seeking those who have been members in the Society for at least two years and who have passion, energetic enthusiasm and commitment to contribute to the vitality and growth of SNRS.

Positions open for the 2010 ballot (to begin office in February 2011) include:

- [Vice President](#)
- [Treasurer](#)
- [Member at Large/Director of Awards](#)
- [Member at Large/Director of Membership](#)
- [Member at Large/Director of RIGS](#)
- [Nominations and Succession Planning Committee](#) (2 positions)

[Click here](#) for more information and to begin the nominations process. Nominations deadline extended to **September 14, 2010**.

**PLEASE NOTE:** You also need to provide a copy of your CV to [amehan@resourcenter.com](mailto:amehan@resourcenter.com).

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### Treasurer's Report

### *Show Me the Money*

The Southern Nursing Research Society (SNRS) financial picture is looking a little better this year to date. The following information is provided based on the closing of our May 2010 financial statements. SNRS total assets are \$259,484. The total assets are up from last year's total of \$251,092. This difference is primarily due to income from the 2010 Annual Conference. Our 2010 Annual Meeting generated a surplus of \$45,984 which was above our projected surplus of \$29,249. This surplus was very much needed to ensure our financial stability.

Our net income year-to-date (YTD) is \$62,844 compared to \$18,866 last year at this time. Our income for May was \$5,225 for dues. This brings the YTD total to \$70,553, well ahead of this period in 2009. This is 82 percent of the budgeted amount of \$86,450. The Finance Committee has been meeting to discuss budget allocations for the 2011 conference and anniversary celebration.

**Demetrius Porche, DNS, PhD, APRN, FAANP, FAAN**  
**Treasurer**

### *SOJNR Report*



Elaine S. Marshall accepted the appointment of Interim Managing Editor through the end of calendar year 2010 on April 6, 2010. At that time, Volume 10 #1 was published and online. More information to come as Elaine gets settled in her 'new' position. Thanks, Elaine!

### *SOJNR Call for Reviewers - Maren Coffman, Chair of Minority Health RIG*

We are currently updating and expanding the pool of manuscript reviewers for SOJNR, with an emphasis on the upcoming issue on minority health nursing, Volume 11, #1. Please consider volunteering to be a reviewer.

If you are interested, please complete the [manuscript review form](#) and submit it, along with an electronic copy of your CV, to the interim editor, [Elaine Marshall](#), or the guest editor, [Maren Coffman](#).

SOJNR is published four times per year; manuscripts will come by email, and you will have 3 weeks to complete your review.

## Annual Conference Report - Anne Turner-Henson

See you in Sunny Jacksonville for SNRS 2011,  
Come Celebrate Our 25th Anniversary!



The SNRS program committee has been very busy developing plans for our upcoming 2011 meeting. We received approximately 330 abstracts in the June 2010 submission, and reviews are underway. The Late Breakers, Evidence-Based Research, and Student abstract system will be open October 1st, 2010. Late breaker abstracts allow presentations of cutting-edge research which was not available at the time of the regular abstract deadline. Again, this year, we are inviting our nurse scientists in practice (Magnet hospitals, VA nurse scientist training programs, etc.) to submit abstracts of research and evidence based practice. Guidelines for the late breaker, evidence based practice, and student abstracts submissions will be available on the SNRS home page by September 1, 2010.

Joining in our 25th anniversary celebration, The National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) will be celebrating their 25th anniversary. NINR will be presenting two pre-conference workshops, "Introduction to Research Grantsmanship for Early Career Nurse Scientists." Registration for the workshop will be limited to 40 participants per session (two sessions). Applications for the NINR pre-conference workshop will be available in September 2010 on the SNRS homepage.

### Grantsmanship Workshop Announcement

The National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) is presenting a workshop titled "Introduction to Research Grantsmanship for Early Career Nurse Scientists" at the 2011 SNRS 25th Annual Conference on February 16, 2011. This workshop aims to clarify the National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant application process and provide key strategies for improving NIH grant funding success. Presenters will include NIH funded researchers, Extramural Program Directors, Scientific Review Officers, and Grants Management Specialists. Upon completion of this workshop, participants will be able to:

- Review the NIH grant application and review process.
- Determine the best mechanism, Institute designation, and study section for an NIH grant application.
- Avoid common NIH grant application pitfalls.
- Interpret summary statements generated by the scientific review process.
- Formulate a plan to revise an NIH grant application.
- Design a research trajectory based on NIH funding opportunities.

Start making plans to join us in Jacksonville, Florida for SNRS 2011 for our 25th celebration. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Anne Turner-Henson**  
Vice President, SNRS

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New RIG on Health Policy - Patricia Patrician, Chair-elect

The Southern Nursing Research Society announces a new Research Interest Group (RIG): The Health Systems/Health Policy RIG.

The goal of the Health Systems/Health Policy RIG is to promote, encourage and supplement development of health services research that focuses on nursing practice, workforce, improvements in care quality and delivery in and across systems, as well as health policy.

If you are interested in joining us please make sure you indicate that when you join or renew your membership. Remember you can join up to 2 RIGs at no extra cost. At the upcoming SNRS conference in Jacksonville, Florida February 16-19, 2011 we will be co-hosting a symposium with the Clinical Research RIG, entitled, *Perspectives on quality: patients, families, providers, and systems*. The symposium will be presented Saturday 2/19 8:30am-10 am.

Chair: [Dr. Marianne Baernholdt](#), University of Virginia

Chair elect: [Dr. Pat Patrician](#), University of Alabama at Birmingham

**Marianne Baernholdt, PhD, MPH, RN** is an Assistant Professor at the School of Nursing and Department of Public Health Sciences, School of Medicine at the University of Virginia. She has a broad clinical background working as a nurse in two countries and three states primarily in her clinical specialty of critical care. Dr. Baernholdt has two areas of scholarly interest: quality of care and international health. Throughout her education and career she has actively pursued both. During her doctoral studies she worked as a research assistant at the International Council of Nurses and later completed her dissertation study examining barriers to utilization of staffing research to improve quality of care at the health policy level. In this study she surveyed governmental chief nursing officers in more than 60 countries. The study revealed that staffing studies have all taken place in large urban hospitals which is one reason why Dr. Baernholdt's current focus is on quality of care in rural health care.

Dr. Baernholdt received degrees from Bispebjerg School of Nursing (Danish diploma of Nursing), Pace University (BSN), Columbia University (MSN, [CNS in critical care] and MPH, [International health]). She received her PhD from the University of Pennsylvania from the Center for Health Outcomes and Policy Research in the School of Nursing, followed by a post doctoral fellowship in health care quality and patient outcomes at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Dr. Baernholdt serves on state, national, and international committees and boards because of her expertise in quality of care in rural communities. She developed and is currently teaching classes in organizational theories, quality and safety, and leadership at the graduate level. She has served as consultant and mentor both nationally and internationally for researchers and students conducting studies pertaining to health care systems, organizational factors, and quality of care.

**Patricia A. Patrician, RN, PhD, FAAN**, Colonel, US Army Nurse Corps (Retired), is an Associate Professor and Donna Brown Banton Endowed Professor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing. She is also the Senior Nurse Scholar, Veterans Administration National Quality Scholar Fellowship Program (VAQS), and Scientist at the Center for Outcomes and Effectiveness Research and Education at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. In addition to her academic appointment at UAB, she is Adjunct Associate Professor at the Uniformed Services University of the Health

Sciences; Affiliate Graduate Faculty at Virginia Commonwealth University; and Adjunct Faculty, School of Nursing, University of Maryland.

Dr. Patrician served 26 years in the US Army Nurse Corps, where she held various staff, administrative, educational, and research positions, culminating her military career as Chief, Department of Nursing Science, Academy of Health Sciences, Ft. Sam Houston (San Antonio), TX and the Nursing Education and Enlisted Training and Development Consultant to The Army Surgeon General.

Dr. Patrician was Principal Investigator on the Military Nursing Outcomes Database project and several other TriService Nursing Research Program funded studies. Her research interests are: the professional practice environments of staff nurses; nurse staffing and patient outcomes; nurse-sensitive indicators of quality; data driven quality improvement; and patient safety.

Dr. Patrician received her BSN from Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre, PA; MSN from University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio; and PhD from the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

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### Student Network - Cheri Shireman

The SNRS Student Network now has a blog up and running at the SNRS website. Students that do not feel comfortable using Facebook are welcome to interact through this site. We have written a mission and strategic goal document as well and that is located at the SNRS Student Network link on the SNRS website. In addition, we have results from the poll of our student members that we conducted a few weeks ago. We were looking for student ideas for preconference topics as well as ideas for a discussion forum for students to use in between conferences. We received 92 responses from our poll. The results are as follows:

For pre-conference topics, here are the results (in order of most important to least important):

1. Changing a school paper to a publication
2. Pursuing a Post-doc (planning, funding, & arranging)
3. Mentoring (developing relationships, managing expectations)
4. Interviewing
5. Developing a CV

For blog discussions, here are the results (also in order of most important to least important):

1. Finding funding
2. Staying engaged after coursework
3. Options for PhDs outside academia
4. Creating a great abstract
5. Comprehensive exams
6. Mentoring
7. Creating a great poster

## 8. Choosing a dissertation committee

Our intent for the discussion suggestions is to invite individuals with expertise in that area to post a discussion/blog available to all students as a resource. Britt Pados (co-chair of SNRS student network) has posted a blog at the website concerning some tips and information about receiving an NRSA. Our hope is to create a more workable solution for these discussions in the near future and we are currently working with the staff of SNRS to deliver another option that is easier than a blog to navigate.

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### Common Interest: Funding Tips for New Researchers - Joy Bailey

#### Funding Your Research

Many of us are undertaking studies that could use funding. Acquiring funding for these research projects can be daunting. Many opportunities may present, but we need to be alert, aware, and prepared to take advantage of them. Here are some reminders of how to look for those small or substantive grants.

- Organizations have their own research agenda, and usually fund projects within. Go to their website and find out what is on their list. It is perhaps quite fruitless to submit an application that does not fit in with priority, so find one that coincides with your research interest.
- Most websites offer guidelines and tips on how to write a proposal so that your submission has a good chance for success. Read carefully and follow the guidelines. If you are submitting proposals to a number of agencies, make sure that you write specifically for each organization. One proposal does not fit all.
- Writing a good grant proposal is time consuming. Search websites for potential sources of funding and respond to calls for proposals. Find out what the deadlines are for submission and start work on your proposal well in advance. Develop a timeline and stick to it.
- Grant writing is a skill. Find a mentor who has had success in submitting and obtaining funding. Let them help and guide you through the process.
- Professional associations are one of the prime areas to look for grant awards. Check with your professional organization to see what is available. Sigma Theta Tau honor society offers grants to its members and also collaborates with many organizations to do so. Your local chapter can lead you in the right direction or you may check with the Sigma Theta Tau International website. There are many leads there!
- Most funding money comes from the federal government. Agencies have funding foci that change frequently so you need to check the websites to see where you may fit in.

#### Doctoral Student Newsflash!

We have a new blog for SNRS doctoral students. Find it here:

