



# Annual Report 2009

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**Officer or Board position: RIG Chair**

**Goals:**

1. RE: Function A, Goal 2: support individual RIGs-related activities; obtain updates and develop plan of action re: encouragement and support of RIGs leadership
2. RE: Function B, Goal 2: work with Communications and SOJNR Editorial Staff to assist work of the RIGs: increased RIGs activity/visibility on SNRS website
3. RE: Function A, Goal 2: develop policies & procedures to support and further the function of the RIGs

**Activities and accomplishments:**

1. Community/ Public Health RIG submitted a symposium for the 2010 mtg.
2. Publication of the Aging RIG-sponsored SOJNR issue (Volume 9 Number 3) in July.
3. Guest editors selected for upcoming RIG-sponsored SOJNR issues; 2 new RIGs have signed up to sponsor SOJNR issues: Biobehavioral & Research in Clinical Settings
4. Growing use of RIG websites

**For Officers and Board members with committees:**

**Committee members:**

**Chairs**

Cathy Campbell  
Ellen Buckner  
Jan Collins-McNeil  
Sheila Davis  
Maren Coffman  
Janice Moser  
Christine Williams  
Ruth Tappen  
Noreen Esposito  
Jennell Charles  
Leanne Lefler  
Barbara Carlson

**Chair-elects**

Deborah Jones  
Julie Meaux  
Kathleen Patusky  
Judith K Payne  
Sandy Maxwell-Smith  
Laurie Stark  
Eugenia Millender  
Karen Karlowicz  
Angela Jukkala  
Diane Chlebowy  
Saunjoo Yoon/Karen M. Rose

**Committee goals:**

Same as above.

**Committee activities and accomplishments:**

Same as above

**Current or upcoming issues and challenges:**

- Communication with RIG leadership (Discussion Boards? FAQs?) without additional resource utilization remains a high priority. Question dissolution of inactive RIG listservs to save money?
- Our new leaders would like to have additional group contact; create planning in this area is important as fewer faculty can attend meetings annually due to University or organization finances.
- Would like to have suggestions for the commitment of RIG leaders to attend meetings (at least every other year?) or conference calls in order to maintain their position as we have had habitual non-attendance by some leaders in the past. [perhaps this should be placed in the RIG P& P?]
- Currently reviewing MNRS RIG Policies & Procedures
- Need to address policies for election/maintenance of RIG leadership as a high priority as turnover remains fairly high.
- Will need to address current status of RIG-sponsored SOJNR/symposia due to changes in Board policy & resignation of J. Lewis and Managing Editor.