



Southern Nursing Research Society 2017 Annual President's Report

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The President's annual report is a summary of activities during 2017 and could not be completed without the valuable contributions of the members of the Board of Directors, committee chairs and members, RIG chairs and members, members of our student network and of course our executive director and Kellen Company, our management firm. I have tried to summarize the accomplishments of the SNRS governing board during the past year as related to our strategic plan.

Annual Accomplishments Related to the Strategic Plan

Goal 1: Position the organization to lead in defining and advancing the agenda of nursing research.

- 2018 National Nursing Research Roundtable (NNRR). SNRS co-hosted NNRR (March 1st and 2nd in Washington, DC with NINR with the planning committee meeting during 2017.
- Represented SNRS on the Leadership Council of CANS and attended the methodology conference Served on the CANS communication committee.
- Coordinated with the past president of CANS (Marti Rice) to present the senior researcher session to discuss development of a mechanism to recognize significant research emerging in the Southern Region at the State of the Science conference.

Goal 2: Increase the relevance of the organization to nursing researchers in the society.

- Approved five grant awards totaling \$27,500 (Grants Committee).
- The Community Health RIG and Minority Health RIG's community outreach project held in conjunction with last year's annual conference was so successful that it will be continued this year.

Goal 3: Define and provide services to stakeholders throughout the year.

- Two webinars, *Telehealth: Building an Evidence-based Model of Care* and *An Interview with Dr. Marilyn A. Ray* were presented in 2017.
- The ability to earn additional CEUs at the conference is being trialed this year. SNRS will be recording all educational sessions and allowing attendees to upgrade their registration with a nominal fee to include these sessions and with a fee to members unable to attend the conference.
- Continued communication with membership through SNRS President' column in each issue of our society's official journal, *Research in Nursing and Health (RINAH)*, President's column in the SNRS newsletter *Southern Connections*, website posting and through emails with individual members to address issues and concerns.

Goal 4: Foster financial sustainability to maintain growth of the organization.

- SNRS financial status in 2017 continues to be stable. (Board of Directors-Treasurer)
- Movement to base annual conferences in HUB cities to decrease travel costs for members with first hub city (Atlanta) for this year's meeting.