

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING BOARD VACANCIES CALL FOR NOMINATIONS EXTENDED

The terms of the following members of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) have expired:

- **Frankie Rosenthal, MSN, RN, CNS, CAN**, who serves in a position dedicated to nursing administrator, as set forth in La. R.S. 37:914 (C) (1)(a). Ms. Rosenthal has completed her second term and is not eligible for reappointment.
- **Deborah Olds, RN**, who serves in a position dedicated to other areas of nursing practice as set forth in La. R.S. 7:914(C)(1)a). Ms. Olds is eligible for reappointment to a second term.

Louisiana Revised Statute 37:914 (C) (1) (b) requires the Louisiana State Nurses Association to submit names of qualified applicants for each State Board of Nursing vacancy. The Governor then selects one person for appointment.

Louisiana Revised Statutes 37:916 A (1-4) state the qualifications for each member of the LSBN:

- 1) Be a citizen of the United States and a resident of Louisiana for one year immediately prior to appointment.
- 2) Hold a current, unencumbered, unrestricted Louisiana license to practice as a Registered Nurse.
- 3) Have had three years experience in the respective field of practice
[nursing service administration for Nursing Administrator position,
nursing education for Nursing Educator position, advanced practice for Advanced Practice position, or other areas of nursing practice for Other Areas of Nursing Practice position].
- 4) Be actively engaged in the practice of nursing as a Registered Nurse at the time of appointment.

For a nominee to be considered, all required documents must be received in the LSNA office by **March 31, 2007**. All applicants will be interviewed by the Louisiana State Nurses Association Board of Directors at a time to be determined. Applications are available on the LSNA website www.lsna.org or from the LSNA office

LSNA UPCOMING HOUSE OF DELEGATES and ELECTIONS

The LSNA House of Delegates and Link to the Legislature will be held April 23 and 24, 2007 at Lod Cook Conference Center in Baton Rouge. According to the LSNA bylaws, "Each district in good standing shall be entitled to one delegate for every ten members and to one delegate-at-large." "The number shall be based on the number of members six months preceding a convention" which would be in November, 2006.

Letters informing each district of their number of delegates have been sent to district presidents. Names of Delegates selected by each district should be sent to the LSNA office by April 1, 2007.

We would also like to have a report from each district sharing your activities since the last House of Delegates.

Election of officers and other positions on the LSNA Board of Directors will be held at the House of Delegates. Peggy Bourgeois, LSNA Nominating Committee Chair has prepared a slate of candidates. The slate of candidates "ballot" will be paced on the LSNA website www.lsna.org.

No Evidence of Homicide in Hospital Deaths in New Orleans

The Orleans Parish Coroner, Frank Minyard said he cannot classify the deaths of four patients as homicides who died at a New Orleans hospital in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The physical evidence does not support a finding of homicide in the case against Dr. Anna Maria Pou and two registered nurses accused of killing four elderly patients at Memorial Medical Center in the days after Hurricane Katrina. **More information can be found here...** www.nursingworld.org/news/annews.htm#NOOrleans_Deaths

New OJIN Topic Now Available

The 4 new articles in the January 31, 2007 OJIN: The Online Journal of Issues In Nursing topic, *Power to Influence Patient Care: Who Holds the Keys?* provide the opportunity for nurses to reflect on the meaning and importance of power in their professional lives. **More...** www.nursingworld.org/OJIN/topic32/tpc32ntr.htm

New CE for Nurse Leaders

The Board Role in Recruiting and Retaining Members is a continuing education module taken from a conference call for ANA elected leaders. In this one-hour audio CE presentation, Linda Shinn, principal in an association-management consulting firm, highlights methods to prioritize resources and strategically focus the work of the association, including obstacles to be aware of and ways to overcome those barriers. This CE module is **available only** in Nursing World's **Members Only** area. ANA members must create a **free** online account. Member's Only Login www.nursingworld.org/member/

Buszuwki Named Chief Operating Officer for ANA

Mary L. Buszuwki has been named Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the American Nurses Association. As COO, Buszuwki will be responsible for all of ANA's business operations including finance and accounting, administration and information technology. In addition, she will play a key role on the executive leadership team whose priorities include increasing membership and expanding non dues revenue. **Read Press Release...** www.nursingworld.org/pressrel/2007/prCOO_021207.htm

Public Comment Welcome on Home Health Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice

The American Nurses Association (ANA) invites your comments on the draft "Home Health Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice" **available at:** www.nursingworld.org/practice/. Please submit your responses electronically by the closing date of **March 26, 2007**

ANA Quadrennial Policy Conference- Nursing Care, Life, Death, and Disaster Call for Poster Abstracts Deadline Extended

The American Nurses Association (ANA) is hosting its inaugural quadrennial policy conference, Nursing Care in Life, Death and Disaster, scheduled for June 20-22, 2007, in Atlanta, Georgia. This major policy conference is dedicated to considering the significant health and disaster preparedness questions related to an altered standard of care that can result from a major natural or manmade disaster. ANA is now accepting Poster Abstracts that will be considered for inclusion in the important conference. The deadline for submissions has been **extended to February 21, 2007**. To **submit an abstract, go to...** <http://ana.confex.com/ana/qpc07/cfp.cgi>

ANA Publishes New Monograph on National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators Program

The American Nurses Association has published a new monograph on the [National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators](#) (NDNQI®). For the first time, participating NDNQI facilities who have sustained an improvement in a designated nursing sensitive indicator share their NDNQI experiences. Each of the monograph's 14 profiles summarizes the effects of NDNQI on quality measurements and improved patient outcomes. **Read press release...** www.nursingworld.org/pressrel/2007/pr_NDNQI_020907.htm
Go to online bookstore... www.nursesbooks.org

A Call for Simulation Experts in Nursing Education

The NLN is pleased to announce that they will again be receiving funding from Laerdal Medical to support a three-year project focusing on faculty development in designing and implementing simulation as a teaching and evaluation strategy. The project will build a web-based **Simulation Research and Innovation Center** with a wide variety of resources, including web-based modules. NLN is seeking simulation experts to help implement this project. If you are interested in applying, please go to this website www.nln.org/facultydevelopment/callforsimulationexperts.htm to read more about the project and the expectations of simulation experts.

ANA Opposes President's Proposal to Cut Funding for Nursing Education

President Bush's budget proposal for fiscal year (FY) 2008, which was released on February 6, 2007, proposes to cut funding for the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA's) Nursing Workforce Development Programs by 30%. ANA is opposed to this proposed \$44 million decrease in federal support for programs designed to combat the growing nursing shortage. **More...** www.nursingworld.org/news/ananeews.htm#budget08

Conference on Internationally Recruited Nurses: Creating Positive Practice Environments

Creating a positive work environment for all registered nurses – foreign or U.S. educated – will result in better patient outcomes, improved retention of nursing staff, and optimal performance by the health care facility. This conference focuses on strategies that create a positive work environment and facilitate the successful integration of internationally recruited nurses into the health care team and provides a better understanding of the immigration processes related to internationally recruited nurses. The meeting will be held in four locations around the country. **More...** www.nursingworld.org/meetings/

ICN Global Health Care Survey

The American Nurses Association (ANA) invites all U.S. nurses to participate in the International Council of Nurses (ICN) Global Health Care Survey at this website: www.nursingworld.org/inc/globalsurvey.htm. Nurses from around the world are being asked about their views on nursing and current and future health care issues. The online survey is being conducted by the market research firm - Consensus Research Group.

Go to Survey... www.nursingworld.org/inc/globalsurvey.htm

Beverly Malone Takes Reins of the NLN

Former American Nurses Association president, Dr. Beverly Malone, began her tenure as chief executive officer of the National League for Nursing (NLN) February 1, 2007. **More...** www.nln.org/newsreleases/bev_arrival_012407.htm

ANA Ensures Active Language Regarding Chief Nurse Executives' Role Remains in the Joint Commission

The American Nurses Association (ANA) successfully strengthened a proposed revision by the Joint Commission to its "Nursing" (NR) chapter for all hospitals and ensured active leadership roles for chief nurse executives in governing bodies. The newly revised element of performance reads that effective immediately, "An identified nurse leader, at the executive level, assumes an active leadership role with the organization's governing body, management, organized medical staff, and clinical leaders in the organization's decision-making structures and processes. **Read Press Release...** www.nursingworld.org/pressrel/2007/prJointComm021307.htm

The ANF Nursing Research Grant Program Application Now Available Online Only

The American Nurses Foundation (ANF) Nursing Research Grants Program application is now **available online only**. This program provides funds to beginner and experienced nurse researchers to conduct studies that contribute toward the advancement of nursing science and the enhancement of patient care. Awards are given in all areas of nursing, including healthy patient outcomes, health care policy development, critical care, gerontology, women's health, community and family intervention. The 2007 deadline is **May 15**. Additional information and application forms can be accessed at ANF's Nursing Research Grants Program page at: www.nursingworld.org/anf/nrggrant.htm

CE Opportunities in LA

March 28-30, 2007, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, "The Carville Approach to Management of Neuropathic Foot Problems and Optional Casting Lab-Level I and III (LEAP), National Hansen's Disease Programs, Josie Major, 225-756-3761, jmajor@hrsa.gov, # of contact hours- 25.2 contact hours (3 days), 16.1 contact hours (2 days), 8.1 contact hours (1 day)

April 24-25, 2007, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, "Hansen's Disease in the United States-Diagnosis & Treatment, National Hansen's Disease Programs, Josie Major, 225-756-3761, jmajor@hrsa.gov, # of contact hours 13.4

October 23-24, 2007, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, "Hansen's Disease in the United States-Diagnosis & Treatment, National Hansen's Disease Programs, Josie Major, 225-756-3761, jmajor@hrsa.gov, # of contact hours 13.4