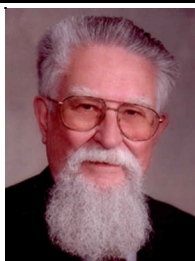


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Message from the President Gene Tranbarger, Ed D, RN

Cleveland rocks!!!

The New Year seems to be moving quickly towards spring. After an unusually severe winter here in the Carolinas that is welcome news indeed. AAMN also seems to have hit the road running this year. Chad O'Lynn has made great progress in securing a hotel for our annual conference. He has already visited Tucson and met with the Faculty and Staff at the University of Arizona who are hosting us this year. Dr Larry Purnell has agreed to be the keynote speaker for the conference. He is an expert in transcultural nursing care and promises to present a challenging and thought provoking presentation on issues of diversity and men in nursing. Reserve those dates on your calendar and join us for a wonderful time and for good December weather in Tucson.

AAMN is one of nursing's best-kept secrets. We are a very small organization but a giant in the field of men in nursing! Anytime an issue stimulates reporters to think of men in nursing our website takes an increase in hits and my phone starts ringing. Last year the issue of the nursing shortage and the potential for the recruitment of men to nursing was an often written about topic. Recently a man in the mid-west was charged with murdering a number of patients under his control. Again, we started getting calls. Nurses, like all other professions, have individuals within that develop peculiar ideas. Fortunately only a few act the idea out. Nurse executives worry about nurses who develop drug addictions, nurses who divert drugs for self-use or for sale and about nurses who decide independently that one or more patients wants or needs to be put out of their misery.

Anyone who has ever worked as a nurse has encountered people with horrible pain and suffering. I have prayed at times for one of my patients to die so their suffering might end. However when we act on the thought that the patient wants their suffering to end and we decide as a nurse to assist them in that outcome we cross a very dangerous line. Professional nurse are rated as the trustworthiest profession year after year. We came in second in 2002 to policemen and firemen and then went back to number one in 2003. We must protect that trust

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so we must never tolerate those who wish to act on their own volition in ending suffering. I support using prescribed medications, even in unusually high dosages, to control severe pain. I have never worried about morphine intoxication in a terminally ill patient with severe pain. However that is different from intentionally ending life to end suffering or perceived pain. Nurses who kill must be prosecuted. I would hope that such individuals would receive appropriate mental health care but we cannot allow them to freely end life of others in their care. It is a thin line we walk as nurses but we must walk it carefully and we must assist our colleagues to walk it as well. We must stop them before they fail their duty to protect life. We, too, have a responsibility to their patients as well as our own. Compassionate vigilance is owed our colleagues as well as our clients. How to do that is the challenge. What are your thoughts on this issue?

One final thought; because a nurse who is a man does something wrong does not mean men are a risk to nursing. Nurses suffer the human condition like all others. Occasionally one does something very wrong. It may be from mental illness, it may be from poor impulse control, it may be from a character defect. The individual is guilty of poor choices but the other men in nursing have done nothing wrong. We must be certain that the individual is corrected but the entire group of men in nursing must not be accused of the same tendency. Most nurses, men and women provide exemplary care to clients in their entire career!

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REPORT FROM THE

Treasurer's report as of February 2004

Cash in Bank	\$28,817.67
Total Income	\$901.67
Total Expenses	\$425.26
Net Income	<u>\$476.41</u>

AAMN Foundation	\$12,599.28
Money Market	\$2,520.30



Find AAMN on the Internet

You may join or discover information about AAMN on the Internet.

<http://aamn.org>

Delphi's Forum

Hey! Want to try something different? A little challenge in communication with your peers? How about expressing your opinion? O.K., your viewpoint? Want to let it all out so someone can hear you?

Well we have just the site for you! That's right! Log on to aamn.org and scroll down to AAMN's Health Issues Forum and before you know it you will be in Delphi's Forum, specifically "Men in Nursing" discussion group. If you are interested in visiting this site, hit the "guest" button and you're in. If you wish to comment hit the "log in password" and follow the instructions. Either way, you will enjoy hearing comments from nursing students as well as those in professional practice. You may even decide to add your own opinions, comments or become part of a discussion group in progress. If you are brave enough, you can pick your own topic and start your own discussion on any subject that you feel may add interest to men as nurses. The important thing to remember about this forum is to keep an open mind and not feel intimidated should you be challenged.

Chapter Reorganizes

The North Carolina at Greenville Chapter of AAMN recently met to reorganize and revitalize the Chapter. The meeting was held on February 24, 2004 at the School of Nursing at East Carolina University.

Bill Graw, member of the AAMN Board of Directors and the original co-founder of the chapter, was the guest speaker. He led the large group of students in a broad ranging discussion of AAMN and why students in nursing should be interested in the organization.

Professors Bob Green and Phil Julian are taking the lead role in revitalizing the Chapter. Students volunteered for a number of different committees and set dates to begin their work. More than 30 students were in attendance and women outnumbered men by about three to one! The students seemed very enthused about the problems of diversity in nursing and the opportunity for the Chapter to provide men, people of color, foreign students and women a forum for dealing with difference in a safe and comfortable environment.

Congratulations to Bob, Phil and Bill and the students for their commitment to this issue!

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What Are BY-LAWS?

By-laws are your internal operating procedures.

They include provisions for such operational items as the forming of the board of directors, how many, their qualifications, length of term, when they will meet, officers etc. By-laws also include provisions for member or nonmember structure for the organization and tax provisions. Again, the full scope of by-laws is beyond the nature of these FAQs and good resources are available in published texts.

The by-laws committee is now reviewing AAMN by-laws for updates and changes.

These are the members of the by-laws committee

Chairman Keith Douglass
 Eddie Hebert
 Bill Grau

The objectives of AAMN are few and brief. We wholeheartedly encourage men to become nurses, and join together with other nurses in strengthening and humanizing healthcare. We support those men already in nursing and the education of society as to the benefits of men nurses. In addition, we advocate for men's health issues. It is our goal to enhance nursing by increasing the visibility of men in the profession.

InterAction



The official publication of The American Assembly for Men in Nursing is published quarterly. It is abstracted in CINAHL. Peer-reviewed articles are published within the InterAction. Individuals interested in submitting original works of poetry, essays, or research-based articles should contact the Editor for additional information.

NURSES HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HELP DEVELOP THE NCLEX® EXAMINATION

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) is responsible for developing the NCLEX-RN® and NCLEX-PN® licensing examinations by utilizing contributions from nurse clinicians and educators. NCSBN encourages all nurses to become involved in the development of the exams by participating in the item (question) development program. Qualifications for participation are listed below.

Serving on an NCLEX® item writing or review panel is an excellent opportunity to network with nurses from across the country, contribute to continuing excellence in nursing practice, and build new skills that are useful for professional growth.

Item development sessions are held throughout the year and include the item writing and item review panels. Item writing panelists are responsible for creating new test items that may later appear on one of the exams. Item review panelists examine both newly created and older items to help decide if the items are current and relevant to entry-level nursing practice.

All item development panels are held in Chicago, Illinois, and generally last 3-4 consecutive days. Panelists stay downtown in a deluxe hotel surrounded by the shopping and theater districts. Most travel and food expenses are covered and new panelists receive CEUs for their participation.

For more information about the NCLEX item development program or to receive an application for the item development panels please call the NCSBN item development hotline at 312-525-3775 or visit our Web site at www.ncsbn.org.

ITEM WRITERS

Item writers create the multiple-choice questions, or items, used for the NCLEX® examination. To qualify, you must be:

1. Currently licensed in the jurisdiction where you practice.
2. A registered nurse (RN) with a master's or higher degree (for NCLEX-RN® exam) or a licensed practical/vocational nurse (LPN/VN) or RN (for NCLEX-PN® exam.)
3. Responsible for teaching basic/undergraduate students in the clinical area **OR** currently employed in clinical nursing practice **AND** working directly with nurses who have entered practice within the last 12 months.

LPN/VNs who plan to take the NCLEX-RN examination within two years of service with NCSBN do not qualify for participation.

ITEM REVIEWERS

Item reviewers review the items that are created by item writers. To qualify, you must be:

1. Currently licensed in the jurisdiction where you practice.
2. An RN (for NCLEX-RN® exam) or an LPN/VN or RN (for NCLEX-PN® exam.)
3. Currently employed in clinical nursing practice **AND** working directly with nurses who have entered nursing practice during the past 12 months.

LPN/VNs who plan to take the NCLEX-RN examination within two years of service with NCSBN do not qualify for participation.

AAMN Board Meets Monthly on Conference Calls

The AAMN Board of Directors has conference calls scheduled on the last Wednesday of each month. If you have an issue you wish to bring before the board, you can contact any board member with the information print in every Interaction.

The AAMN Board is here for you. Your suggestions, concerns, interest and opinions are needed in order to further develop and strengthen our organization. Let us hear from you!

“Ask the Editor”

This column is for you the reader. Ask your questions and the editor will respond. Now is your time to ask all those questions that you wanted to know but were not sure who to ask. Our editor has given you this opportunity, so go ahead, give it a try!

Question:

Do you see a change in the way nursing students are being taught today as opposed to five or ten years ago? Is gender an issue in the classroom?

Eddie Hebert, RN, Assistant Editor

WE NEED YOU!

Membership in AAMN continues to increase with a projected goal of 250 members by conference time. You can help reach this goal by inviting an RN, LPN or student nurse to join and attend our conference at the University of Arizona (see information on next page). If you would like information about AAMN sent to a you, or a prospective member, please contact the management office of AAMN. Contact information is on the front cover. Remember, as a dues paying member, you have an invested interest in AAMN and increasing numbers will secure the future for men in nursing.

SAVE THE DATE

30th Annual AAMN CONFERENCE

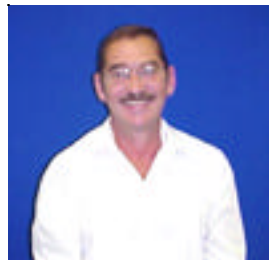
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The 2004 Conference will be held in Tucson, Arizona
December 2-4, 2004

Hosted by:

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Keynote Speaker:



Dr Larry Purnell, Ph D, RN, FAAN; Professor of Nursing, University of Delaware College of Health and Nursing Sciences

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The room rate will be: \$124 per night double/ single
additional persons are \$15 per night

Reservations by November 1, 2004

The hotel is one block from the main entrance to the University of Arizona campus, and within a couple of blocks of 22 restaurants, numerous shops, and a short trolley ride away from the funky 4th Ave. shopping district.

People can access details about the hotel at
<https://marriott.com/property/propertyPage/TUSUP>



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