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Message from the President

by Jim Raper, DSN, CRNP, JD, Esq.

The first order of business in 2006 is to thank everyone who continues to support AAMN and its mission. Without your support, we could not continue in our efforts. On 4 November 2005 the Executive Committee and Board of Directors held its annual meeting in Chicago. We had a most successful meeting despite the somberness of knowing there would be no annual conference. A special thanks goes out to Chad O'Lynn for his assistance in coordinating the meeting. I want to personally thank each Board Member who took the time and gave of his/her own resources to travel to the meeting.



Congratulations are in order for our newly elected Board officers and Nomination Committee members Dr. Demetrius Porche, President-elect; Keith Douglass, Vice-President; Board Members, Dr. Jo Anne Latimer Grunow, Bill Grau and Kevin Hook; and Nomination Committee members Dean Terry Misener and Eddie Hebert. A complete list of the new Board of Directors and committee members, along with the newly implemented committee structure, are listed in this edition of InterAction. Pictures of your Board are available at <http://aamn.org/aamn-board.htm>. I think it's worth mentioning that while this year's election process was very different than the one we've used previously, I appreciate the manner in which it was conducted and I'm happy with the results. Thanks to all who participated in the process by running for office and/or voting.

I've been a nurse for more than 25 years and I am continually encouraged and excited about our profession. As a member of the Alabama Board of Nursing and a member of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing's Advance Practice Council, I get a really "big picture" view of nursing and what lies ahead for us. Our training and education as nurses in the arts, sciences and technology coupled with our well-deserved reputation as caring, ethical, and holistic patient advocates allow us to consistently appear at the very top of public opinion surveys as being the most trusted, most professional and most highly regarded group in America. We should be proud of our

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2006 Conference Comes to the City of Roses

Preparations are well underway for the Assembly's 31st annual conference, scheduled for October 20-21, 2006 in Portland, Oregon. The conference will be hosted by the University of Portland School of Nursing, and will be held on their beautiful campus. Terry Misener, Dean of the School of Nursing, stated that he is honored that AAMN has selected Portland as its conference site and extends a warm invitation to all.

The Assembly was deeply saddened by the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina and was forced to cancel its 2005 conference which was slated to be held in New Orleans. In a decision last fall, the Board of Directors voted to keep the same theme and keynote speaker originally



Downtown Portland, Oregon

planned for 2005 for its 2006 conference. As such, the theme of this year's conference is "Men in Nursing: Leading Men to Healthier Lives." Presentations will focus on men in nursing and how men nurses can assist all men to improved

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University of Texas at Austin Wins AAMN Award

At its November 2005 meeting, the American Assembly for Men in Nursing (AAMN) Board of Directors awarded the School of Nursing at the University of Texas at Austin AAMN's Best Nursing School or College for Men Award for 2005. This is the second time this award has been given; the first award going to East Carolina University in 2004. The purpose of this award is to recognize a school or college of nursing that has provided significant efforts in recruiting and retaining men in nursing, in providing men a supportive educational environment, and in educating faculty, students, and the community about the contributions men have and continue to make in the nursing profession.

In order to be selected for this award, schools must submit a portfolio of evidence that demonstrates how the school has fulfilled the award criteria. The University of Texas at Austin submitted an impressive portfolio to the Board last summer. The school's accomplishments are numerous and include the following:

- Hosted the 27th Annual Meeting of AAMN in December 2001
- Nearly doubled the male nursing undergraduate student enrollment between 2000 and 2005
- Increased the male nursing graduate student enrollment by 50% between 2000 and 2005
- Recognizes and supports the Longhorn Association of Men in Nursing/ Student Association of Men in Nursing
- Jonathan Hecht, Michael Aldridge and Dagoberto Salinas, recent UT students, received Outstanding Student Awards
- Included positive images of men in its marketing

materials

- Included content on men's health in multiple courses
- Has matched male nursing students with male faculty role models / advisors
- Has 8 of 82 (9.8%) current faculty members who are male
- William T. Bester, School of Nursing faculty, selected to lead nursing volunteers on the USNS Mercy Hospital ship for tsunami-relief in 2005
- Graham McDougall, School of Nursing faculty, has been prominently featured in UT promotional materials, news releases, and research highlights
- Michael Aldridge, School of Nursing faculty, selected as one of the Texas Nurse's Association's 2005 Fabulous Five
- Posted an NCLEX-RN pass rate of 93.75% for 2005, exceeding the state average for all nursing programs

In submitting the school's portfolio, Dolores Sands, PhD, RN, FAAN, Dean of the School of Nursing commented, "The School of Nursing recognizes the need for a diverse nursing workforce and is committed to developing nurse clinicians and leaders who will be able to meet the challenges and changing needs of healthcare in our diverse society. Our men in nursing who make up an increasingly large part of our student enrollment are prepared to meet this challenge." The Board of Directors heartily congratulates Dean Sands and the School of Nursing at the University of Texas at Austin on their accomplishments in promoting men in nursing. For further information on this award or how to nominate a nursing education program for 2006, visit the AAMN website at www.aamn.org.

Chad O'Lynn Named Editor

Last Fall, the Board of Directors named Chad O'Lynn, RN, PhD as the new editor of the *InterAction*. Dr. O'Lynn follows the distinguished service of Russell E. Tranbarger, EdD, RN, FAAN, who served as editor since 1999. The Assembly deeply thanks Dr. Tranbarger and wishes him well on future pursuits.

Dr. O'Lynn is currently on faculty at the University of Portland School of Nursing in Portland, OR, and has been a member of AAMN since 2000. In addition, he is beginning his third year as Secretary of the Board. Dr. O'Lynn announces a new look to the *InterAction* beginning with the January 2006 issue. In addition, Dr. O'Lynn states that he will introduce new features over the next year. Readers are encouraged to submit manuscripts for publication. Manuscripts should be brief, no more than five typed pages, and will be subject to a peer-review process. Dr. O'Lynn welcomes readers to submit "Letters to the Editor". Manuscripts and letters can be sent directly to Dr. O'Lynn at olynn@up.edu, or mailed to him via the Assembly's office address.

InterAction Newsletter Policy

The *InterAction* is the official communication source of the American Assembly for Men in Nursing. Published quarterly, the *InterAction* is designed to inform Assembly members and subscribers about professional issues of concerns and activities of the Assembly. Views expressed in the *InterAction* reflect those of the individual authors and do not necessarily reflect those of Board of Directors or of the Assembly. Comments, responses and feedback should be addressed to The Editor, *InterAction*.

Message from the President

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accomplishments as we strive to push the boundaries of our profession.

However, there can be a dark side to our increasing knowledge, visibility and responsibilities. Nursing can be a very stressful career and burnout and emotional overload are often found in the workplace. It commonly becomes hard to meet all the challenges set before us. We must also be wary of apathy. It cannot only make dealing with life more difficult, but it can impact our ability to solve the very problems we face. The valuable qualities of intelligence and independence that make nurses so successful also make it difficult to address personal and professional strife in the workplace or at home. Some of our colleagues turn to drug use as a way to cope. The ability to discuss problems and seek assistance can be key to working through difficult times and stressful situations. Networking with peers, taking advantage of employee assistance programs can often be important avenues to solving challenging issues.

The AAMN can help make a difference. Our organization can provide a wonderful opportunity for networking and camaraderie. I urge each one of you to renew your membership in 2006 and get involved with a renewed spirit and dedication to the profession. Networking with other men and women will give you a different perspective. There are a lot of ways in the AAMN to make your voice heard. We have a number of committees that need membership input and participation. Don't sit on the sidelines waiting for someone else to take action. Contact me and get involved. We're waiting to hear from you.

I'll close this message by sharing with you that after many years of exemplary service, New York State Nurses Association (NYSNA) is no longer our managing organization. NYSNA made a unilateral decision in July 2005 to absolve themselves of the business of professional organization management. AAMN is but one of the many nursing organizations that were managed by NYSNA. We appreciate the many years of quality services NYSNA provided. AAMN has entered into an agreement with Innovative Association Services, Inc., an Alabama-based professional association management organization, to provide our general operating services. The transition will take four to six weeks, during which time the AAMN Officers and Board of Directors will be integrally involved in continuing our general business. As a member, you will notice a change of AAMN mailing address and point-of-contact information. We will keep everyone up-to-date with frequent revisions to our website at www.AAMN.org. Please feel free to contact me at any time. As we enter into 2006, I want to wish all of you a wonderfully productive and safe new year.

Association Management

As announced by Jim Raper, DSN,CRNP, JD,Esq., AAMN has contracted with Innovative Association Management services, Inc. to manage the operation of the group. Byron McCain,CAE is the owner of IAS and has 26 years of non profit management experience. He will serve as AAMN as Executive Director. IAS is located in Birmingham, Alabama, and provides services to six trade associations.

Office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Central Time. Please feel free to contact the office with questions by email or phone. When you call the office the phone will be answered "the association office" by Byron or Ann Caton. IAS uses a general voice mail inbox so feel free to leave your message and every effort will be made to respond the next business day. You will find Byron's cell phone number listed in the voice mail if you need to make immediate contact. Ms. Ann Caton is Byron's assistant and is available to assist as well. Remember when you call to identify that you are with AAMN if you leave a message.

Byron is a 1980 graduate of Birmingham Southern College and earned the association industry's highest educational award "certified association executive" designation in 1991. Byron started in association management in 1980 and established IAS in 1994 after working for several associations. Byron and his wife Amy are the proud parents of two boys, a 6th grader and a 2nd grader. When not working Byron is busy coaching boys sports, in particular baseball, along with spending time with the family at the lake.

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2006 AAMN Conference Set for Portland, Oregon

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health. Edward Thompson, PhD has graciously accepted to come to Portland as this year's conference keynote speaker. Dr. Thompson is a professor of sociology and the Director of the Gerontology Studies Program at Holy Cross College in Worcester, MA. Dr. Thompson's research focuses on the social worlds of older men, and he has published extensively on caregiving, men's experiences as older men, and masculinities and family life. He also serves as the organizer of the men's issues interest group for the Gerontological Society of America.

The Assembly has selected the Double Tree Hotel at Lloyd Center as its conference hotel. The hotel is located in the Lloyd Center district, which encompasses hundreds of merchants, restaurants, and entertainment venues. The hotel is located on the MAX Light Rail Line, which offers free commuter train service to downtown Portland, just ten minutes away. The train also serves the airport, easily transporting airline passengers from the terminal door to the hotel for about \$1.50. Shuttle bus service will be provided free of charge between the hotel and the University campus for conference attendees.

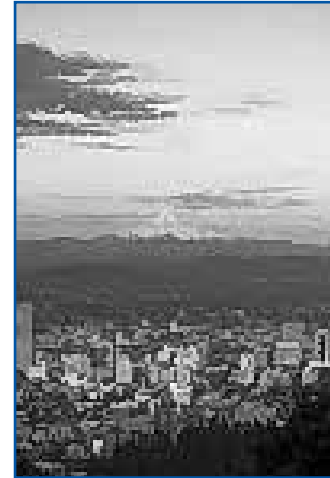


Doubletree Hotel

The Double Tree Hotel at Lloyd Center is offering attendees a reduced room rate of \$129 per night for single/double occupancy for a standard room, and \$139 per night for a premium (larger) room. Reservations must be made by September 18, 2006. Registrants can make their reservations by calling 1-800-996-0510. Please be sure to mention that you are with the American Assembly for Men in Nursing when you call in order to guarantee the conference rate. The hotel offers overnight parking for guests for \$5 per room night. A virtual tour of the hotel is available on their website at www.portlandlloydcenter.doubletree.com.

As has been customary, breakfast, lunch, and refreshments are included in this year's conference registration. All meals will be served at the University of Portland. For an additional charge, registrants may attend the annual Luther Christman Awards Dinner, scheduled for Friday evening, October 20, 2006. This year's dinner will be held at the Double Tree Hotel and will likely feature Filet Mignon and Northwest Salmon on the menu. Seating at the dinner will be limited, so attendees are encouraged to register early. Conference registration forms are available in this issue of the *InterAction* or on the Assembly's website at www.aamn.org. Early Bird registration rates are available through August 31, 2006, and as always, daily registration is available. For those interested in exploring the many sights and sounds of the Portland Metro area, the Portland Oregon Visitors Association's website at www.travelportland.com provides a plethora of information and ideas. The 2006 Conference will provide wonderful opportunities for continuing education, networking, and just plain fun. The Assembly strongly encourages all members and friends to register early and witness how "everything's coming up roses" for AAMN in Portland!

Please contact Chad O'Lynn at olynn@up.edu for further information on the conference and exhibitor opportunities.



Portland skyline with backdrop of Mount Hood



Panoramic view of Portland, Oregon

Men's Health: Recognition of Depressive Symptoms in Boys and Men

by Danny Willis, DNS, RN, Assistant Professor, Boston College

Depression is known to affect over six million men in the United States each year (NIMH, 2003). Boys and male adolescents are also vulnerable to depression which may co-occur with other disorders such as anxiety, conduct disorder, and substance abuse. Based on data from the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, the National Institute of Mental Health (2003) reported that suicide was the third leading cause of death among young males (10 to 24 years old) in the year 2000.

However, the prevalence of depression and its biopsychosocial health effects among boys and men may be much higher given men's reluctance to recognize depressive symptoms, talk about their suffering, and seek professional help. Furthermore, stigma associated with mental and emotional disorders may also impact men's experience of depressive symptoms. Personal identity, masculine role socialization, and informational control (about perceived weaknesses) may negatively impact men's health decisions. Depressed males may conceal their thoughts and feelings from others, increasing their distress and private suffering.

The recognizable, known symptoms of depression in boys and men include some or all of the following:

- Headache
- Vague aches and pains
- Digestive problems
- Chronic pain
- Fatigue
- Anxious or sad mood
- Feelings of hopelessness
- Guilt and pessimism
- Irritability
- Appetite changes
- Sleep difficulties and disruptions
- Difficulty with memory or concentration
- Difficulty making decisions
- Thoughts about death or suicide

Furthermore, other symptoms not yet conceptualized as part of boys' and men's depression may be identified from future research.

Boys' and men's symptoms of depression can be treated once the symptoms are recognized, diagnosed, and professional help is sought. Licensed mental health professionals including, but not limited to, psychiatrists and psychiatric nurse practitioners, can diagnose and treat depression. Antidepressant medications, alone or in combination with supportive men's therapy and counseling, may offer men relief from the physical and emotional distress of depressive symptoms. Antidepressant medications are helpful in balancing the neurochemical alterations that underlie the symptoms. Antidepressant medications typically target naturally-occurring brain neurotransmitters, such as norepinephrine and serotonin. Clinical studies indicate that imbalances in these two neurotransmitters may be the underlying neurobiological

explanation for the affective and physical symptoms of depression; thus, the target of psychopharmacological treatment for depressive symptoms (Bymaster et al., 2001; Hirschfeld & Vornik, 2004; Nelson, Masure, Bowers, & Jatlow, 1991).

Potential areas for future clinical nursing research regarding men's depression include coping with depressive symptoms, help-seeking, and embodiment of symptoms and ways of expressing depression. A key question is: Do men express symptom clusters that are specifically patterned according to the diagnostic criteria in the American Psychiatric Association's (2000) Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders text revision, 4th edition? Other questions include: What is it like to be a boy or man and be depressed? How do diverse men from varied class, ethnicities, and sexual orientations describe depression? What are adolescent boys' explanatory frameworks for their symptoms and behavior? What clinician skills and behaviors facilitate men's emotional expression of depression-related suffering? What are the major risk and resilience factors associated with depression in men and boys?

These are important questions for nurse clinicians and scientists to address. Answers to these questions will advance men's health nursing scholarship. With better research and knowledge about men's unique challenges, nurses can select, design, and test interventions to ameliorate men's depression-related suffering.

An invaluable informational resource for depression in boys and men is the NIMH's (2003) *Real men. Real depression campaign information*. Through educating men about depression and enhanced symptom recognition, mental health professionals aim to improve the quality of men's lives.

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Dear Mr. Mom: Don't Forget to Button Your Own Overcoat!

by Chad O'Lynn, RN, PhD, Editor



Over the recent holiday season, many of us spent much more time in airports and shopping malls than any of us would have liked. I'm included in that group. I try to make the best of these types of situations. Actually, airports and shopping malls are great places to observe people and changing fashion fads and social behaviors. Of particular interest to me are the changes I've seen in terms of gendered behaviors and roles. It wasn't too long ago while washing my hands in an airport restroom that I spied an odd-looking contraption bolted to the wall. I remember approaching it slowly, running my finger across the smooth edge, contemplating whether or not to risk the unknown by pulling on the handle. The smiling koala bear on the label offered no clue as to the contraption's purpose. Throwing caution to the wind, I yanked on the handle with bravado. An oval-shaped shelf crashed from the wall, creating an annoying echo that caused a startled gentleman to jump back from his urinal. I stood there, dumbfounded. "What the hell??" I remember muttering. It was sometime later that I learned that I had discovered a bassinette. Now, such family-friendly devices are commonplace in men's restrooms in large public facilities.

Yes, the times they are a-changing. Many men find themselves scratching their noggins in bewilderment. Some wonder if up is still up and down is still down. Sociologists aren't surprised by this confusion. Most now adopt a social constructivist perspective of gender. In simplistic terms, we as individuals in a larger society constantly build and remodel our perspectives on gender and on gendered behaviors with those around us. Today, most social scientists believe that there are multiple masculinities within any culture, and not just one masculine ideal toward which all men must strive. That is not to say that societies accept masculinities as diverse as flavors of ice cream at the local Baskin-Robbins. It's more like the various shades of green at the paint chip display at Home Depot. Nevertheless, that spectrum of green seems to grow wider with time. For example, during one of this year's bowl games, I watched a commercial advertising skin care products for men. In the commercial, a young man wanting to get rid of that "tired look", applied a dollop of lotion before linking up with his female companion. I tried to visualize my father, a career soldier in the US Marine Corps, slathering his face with this invigorating substance before heading out to the base. Now that was an image that just would not materialize!

Of course, changes in perspectives on masculinity need not necessarily only serve as fodder for TV sitcoms and the jokes of late-night hosts. In recent years there has been a largely positive reconceptualization of fatherhood in this country.

Many fathers have become much more involved with their children on emotional and tactile levels than their fathers before them. For example, last week in church, I sat behind a young family. The mother and father were in their early 30s, with four sharp-looking sons of ages ranging from about one to seven years. During the service, mom sat quietly paying relatively little attention the boys. Dad on the other hand, toted the diaper bag, rocked the baby, quieted the toddler with toys, and kept the behavior of the older boys in check. During the sermon, dad took a fussy baby back to the changing room and returned shortly with baby sleeping in his arms. Dad received smiles and heads nodding in approval as he entered the pew with his prized accomplishment. After church, dad collected the "luggage" and the kids, skillfully buttoned up everyone's coats, and herded them outside while mom socialized with friends. Not knowing this family, I did not know if this was mom's one morning off or if dad was truly Mr. Mom every day. One thing was certain though: such behavior displayed in the church of my youth would have garnered more stares than if St. Peter himself had descended from the choir loft.

So where am I going with this? Such changes in men and in our perspectives of masculinity provide an opportunity that we, as nurses, must not pass up. Traditional perspectives of masculinity and male behaviors in our society are well-documented health risks for men. As Will Courtenay recounted for the Assembly in his keynote address back in 2002, perspectives that encourage men and boys to adopt risk-filled activities and to ignore symptoms of illness as a measure of their masculinity have spawned a very real health crisis for men. Interestingly, other aspects of traditional masculinity, such as a penchant for problem-solving approaches to challenges, could serve as an asset for men's self-care behaviors. "Could" is the crucial word here since many men have not had the appropriate catalyst to apply their comfort with problem-solving actions to their own health care.

Is it possible that we nurses can be this catalyst? Can we take advantage of this reconceptualization of fatherhood, a reconceptualization that is expanding the repertoire of caring behaviors men display toward their children, to get men to take better care of themselves? I don't know, but I think these are questions worth considering. Those of us in AAMN sit in an advantageous position to take the lead and assist the profession to seize this opportunity of changing times. However, getting men to transfer the caring skills they provide to their loved ones to themselves will be no easy feat. As I watched this young man leave the church and herd his family across the parking lot bundled against a cold and wet January wind, I noticed that Mr. Mom wore no coat himself.

AAMN Elects New Board of Directors

Although the 2005 Annual Conference scheduled for early November 2005 in New Orleans was cancelled due to the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina, the AAMN membership had the opportunity to proceed with elections via a mail-in ballot process. Interestingly, a three-way tie occurred in the election of one of the positions, resulting in a run-off election. Final results were received and posted on the Assembly's website in December 2005.

Basically, all previous officers holding terms due to expire were re-elected for another two-year term. Demetrius Porche, DNS, RN, CS, FNP was elected to the vacant President-elect position. Dr. Porche had previously served on the Board in a Member-at-Large position. To fill his newly vacated position, the membership elected Jo Anne Grunow, DNSc, FNP, BC from Palm Springs, CA.

Some may remember Dr. Grunow, as she served on the AAMN Board from 2001-2003. Dr. Grunow is currently working as the Director of Health Sciences, Nursing, at Copper Mountain College in Joshua Tree, CA. Dr. Grunow earned her AA degree in nursing from Clemson University in

1968; her BSN and her MN and Family Nurse Practitioner from the University of South Carolina in 1976 and 1978, and her DNSc from Rush University in 1991. Her research interests include topics in gerontology, family caregiving, and professional practice issues for nurse practitioners. She is active in various professional organizations, including the Alzheimer's Association, the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, and Sigma Theta Tau, International. The Assembly will be well-served by her experience, talents, and wisdom.

The Board is actively looking for members to serve on various committees (see related article) and will be issuing a call for nominations for upcoming Board vacancies for 2007. A Board Directory will be printed in each issue of the *InterAction* and on the AAMN website. The Board represents you and your interests. Please contact any or all of the Board members at anytime with your questions, feedback, and concerns. Board members are available through the AAMN website, email, or mailing address.

AAMN Announces New Committee Structure

The AAMN Board of Directors approved a new committee structure at its 2005 annual meeting held November 2005. The purpose of the restructuring is to improve committee efficiency and to provide clearer charges for committee work. However, since the annual conference scheduled in New Orleans was cancelled, the Board agreed to implement the changes for 2006. These changes will be followed by a membership vote for AAMN Bylaws revision at the 2006 Annual Conference, scheduled for October 20-21, 2006 in Portland, OR (see accompanying article for information about the 2006 Conference). The revised committee structure is as follows:

- **Bylaws Committee:** Duties include interpreting the Assembly Bylaws, reviewing the Bylaws annually, recommending changes/ preparing amendments to the Bylaws, and reviewing Chapter Bylaws. *2006 Members: Keith Douglass, Chair; Eddie Hebert*
- **Communications Committee:** Duties include the publication of a quarterly newsletter, oversight of the production and maintenance of the Assembly's website including a web-based discussion forum, and the maintenance of electronic and hardcopy files of all Assembly communications, minutes, actions, and presentations. *2006 Members: Chad O'Lynn, Chair; Susan LaRocco; and Robert Woodcock*
- **Membership and Chapters Committee:** Duties include developing and maintaining procedures for chapter start-up, serving as a liaison between chapters and the Board, facilitating chapter news and updates to the larger membership, updating and maintaining AAMN membership rolls, collecting membership dues, and

overall recruitment, retention, and publicity efforts for AAMN membership. *2006 Members: David Sprouse, Chair; Phil Julian*

- **Education Committee:** Duties include developing and overall planning for the annual Assembly conference, soliciting and approving conference abstracts, and providing an annual summary of all educational offerings of the Assembly. *2006 Members: Demetrius Porche, Chair; Chad O'Lynn; Kevin Hook; Jeff Hamilton; Jo Anne Grunow; and Jim Humphrey*
- **Nominating Committee:** Duties include conducting and monitoring Assembly elections and holding ballots and election results for one year. *2006 Members: Gene Tranbarger, Chair; Eddie Hebert; Terry Misener*

All committee assignments are made by Board appointment with terms lasting one year, with the exception of the Nominating Committee, which continues to have members elected by the membership at large. Any AAMN member is allowed to and encouraged to participate in committee work. The AAMN Board is actively seeking volunteers to serve on committees, particularly the Communications and the Membership and Chapters Committee. Your participation will bring much needed talent and diversification of perspective to the committees and to the entire AAMN membership. Committee participation is not arduous. Committees meet periodically via e-mail or telephone communication. If you have any interest in participating in any of the above committees, please contact the Board via the AAMN website (www.aamn.org).

AAMN 2006 Conference Registration Form
 “Men in Nursing: Leading Men to Healthier Lives”
 University of Portland School of Nursing, Portland, OR
 October 20-21, 2006

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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E-mail: _____

Please Note: Conference registration includes breakfast, lunch, refreshments and nursing continuing education credits.

	Early Bird (before 9/01/06)	After 9/01/06	Total
Conference Registration			
AAMN Member	\$300.00	\$350.00	
Conference Presenter	\$300.00	\$350.00	
Non-AAMN Member	\$350.00	\$400.00	
Full-time Nursing Student	\$150.00	\$200.00	
Daily Registration	\$150.00	\$175.00	
Optional Event			
Luther Christman Awards Banquet (Friday, Oct. 20, 2006)	\$65.00	\$65.00	
Sub-total			
Optional Fees			
AAMN Annual Dues			
<i>RN Full Membership</i>	\$80.00	\$80.00	
<i>LPN/ LVN</i>	\$40.00	\$40.00	
<i>Full-time Nursing Student</i>	\$25.00	\$25.00	
<i>New Grad (within one year)</i>	\$35.00	\$35.00	
<i>Retired/ Disabled</i>	\$40.00	\$40.00	
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Call for Abstracts



"Men in Nursing: Leading Men to Healthier Lives"

31st Annual Conference of the American Assembly for Men in Nursing

The American Assembly for Men in Nursing is currently accepting submissions for presentations/ posters for its 31st Annual Conference, hosted by the University of Portland, School of Nursing on October 20-21, 2006 in Portland, Oregon. The keynote speaker is Edward Thompson.

Submissions should address one or more of the following conference objectives:

1. *Analyze leadership characteristics, attributes, roles, theories, and strategies utilized by men in nursing historically and currently to promote men's health in the areas of education, research, and practice.*
2. *Discuss the leadership men provide in developing the profession, improving nursing practice and health care delivery, guiding the men's health movement, and impacting local, state and national political and health policy issues regarding men's health.*
3. *Explain the current challenges nursing encounters with leading men to a 'healthy' state.*
4. *Analyze the health care concerns and needs impacting men's health.*
5. *Analyze the leadership men in nursing provide to promote evidence-based nursing practice in men's health.*

Required Format

For Research Abstract

1. Title
2. Problem or Research Question
3. Theoretical Framework
4. Methods/ Design
5. Findings

For a Non-Research Abstract

1. Title
2. Contribution to the Literature
3. Key Concepts
4. Synopsis
5. Conclusion

The required length of the abstract is 250-500 words submitted on a one-page, single-spaced typed page, 8.5 x 11" paper with one-inch margin on all sides. Submissions must include a cover sheet with the title of the abstract, name(s) of author(s), address, and contact telephone number and e-mail address. Do not include bibliographies or articles with the submission. ***All abstracts are subject to a blind review process***

Deadline Schedule

Deadline for Submissions: May 15, 2006
 Notification of Acceptance: July 31, 2006
 Deadline Submission for Documentation for CEU's: August 21, 2006

Send Submissions to

Abstracts must be submitted electronically in Word format to Dr. Demetrius Porche
 AAMN Education Chair
 E-mail address: dporch@lsuhsc.edu
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Recruit a New Member: Pass this Newsletter along to a fellow nurse and invite them to become a member.

Membership Information

Membership is open to any nurse – male or female – to better facilitate discussion and to meet the most important objective of AAMN – strengthening and humanizing health care.

Membership in the Assembly is available by application (see below) and elections, provided to Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurses, entry level nursing students, and anyone the Board deems worthy of membership.

AAMN membership is unrestricted by consideration of age, color, creed, handicap, sexual orientation, lifestyle, nationality, race, religion, or gender.

There are three levels of membership:

1. Full Membership - Registered Nurses

Privileges include: A voice with vote at Assembly meetings, appointment or election to Assembly office, quarterly newsletter and reports, Chapter membership privileges. Dues = \$80.00 per year (New graduates may join during the first year after graduation for \$35.00.)

2. Associate Membership

Members of the public, Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurses and entry-level nursing students. Privileges include: may serve on chapter committees, hold chapter office, vote at chapter meetings if permitted by Chapter Bylaws, may serve on national committees. Dues 25.00 to \$40.00 per year

3. Honorary Membership

As voted by the Board and all recipients of the Luther Christman Award. Privileges include all membership privileges except making motions, voting, and holding office, Dues – \$0.00

Would you like to become a member of AAMN? The AAMN Membership Application may be located on the AAMN website, www.aamn.org. If you would like to pay by Visa or MasterCard, include your card number, expiration date, and signature. You may also print out this form and mail it with your check to the address below.

Nursing Career Center: This resource alone makes membership in AAMN worth the dues investment. Visit www.aamn.org and click on “Career Center,” located on the upper tool bar. This area was constructed to help connect our members with new employment opportunities. Use the links below to guide you as you begin your job search. Employers and recruiters: You now have access to our specialized niche. Browse our resumes or post your employment opportunity.

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Mission, Purpose and Objectives of AAMN

The primary mission of AAMN is to be the acknowledged national organization for men in nursing which influences national policy, research, and education about men in nursing and men's health issues. The purpose of this organization is to provide a framework for nurses, as a group, to meet, discuss, and influence factors which affect men as nurses. Objectives include:

- Encourage men of all ages to become nurses and join together with all nurses in strengthening and humanizing health care.
- Support men who are nurses to grow professionally and demonstrate to each other and to society the increasing contributions made by men within the nursing profession.
- Advocate for continued research, education, and dissemination of information about men's health issues, men in nursing, and nursing knowledge at the local and national levels.
- Support members' full participation in the nursing profession and its organizations, and use this Assembly for the limited objectives stated above.