

NLN Elections 2013

Bio-Sketches

President Marsha Howell Adams, PhD, RN, CNE, ANEF

Professor and Senior Associate Dean of Academic Programs, University of Alabama Capstone College of Nursing, Tuscaloosa

Marsha Howell Adams, who served on the NLN BOG as a governor at-large before becoming president-elect two years ago, chaired two task forces—the Nursing Education Standards Task Force and the Excellence in Nursing Education Task Force—responsible for developing and disseminating the *Hallmarks of Excellence of in Nursing Education* and the *Excellence in Nursing Education Model*, key documents to advance NLN excellence initiatives in support of the NLN mission and core values. She first became active in the NLN in 1983; her League involvement has also included leadership roles in her state Constituent League, the Alabama League for Nursing, which she served as president, president-elect and secretary, as well as on numerous committees.

Through her practice background in rural health nursing at a hospital that served as a clinical site for nursing students attending the University of Alabama Capstone College of Nursing, Dr. Adams discovered her love of teaching, and its corollary, life-long learning. The lure of nursing education motivated her return to school at various stages in her career, first to her alma mater, UA-Birmingham, to earn the master's degree that qualified her to join the Capstone College faculty. She later earned her doctorate in education administration at UA-Birmingham and a post-doctorate in case management at UA-Tuscaloosa in the Capstone College.

For the past 10 years, Dr. Adams has served in an administrative capacity at the university, teaching advanced degree candidates and working with both graduate and undergraduate nursing students as an assistant dean. In her current role as senior associate dean of academic programs, she continues to teach nursing fundamentals through a service-learning project, KidCheck Plus. Each year, Dr. Adams supervises students' visitation to a rural school system to perform health screenings and physicals that provide the only opportunity, in many cases, for youngsters to have an annual exam. Her scholarly work, based on clinical research, has documented health disparities for patients suffering from obesity, Type 2 diabetes, and hypertension. She is proud, in particular, of having introduced nursing students to the science of nursing, where they have discovered how research can lay the foundation for implementing change that may positively impact health outcomes for individuals, within communities, and across the state.

NLN Activities: Member, NLN Academic Nurse Educator Certification Commission; member, Board of Governors; member, Executive Committee; member, Academy of Nursing Education Review Committee; chairperson, Excellence in Nursing Education Task Group; member, Editorial Board, *Nursing Education Perspectives*

Other Activities: Board member, *Journal of Community Engagement and Scholarship* Editorial Board; board member, Bibb Child Caring Foundation, Centreville, AL; president, president-

elect, secretary, Alabama League for Nursing; academic leadership fellow, Southeastern Conference Academic Consortium; leadership fellow, University of Alabama Leadership Academy; State of Alabama Steering Committee, KIDCHEC; nursing academic leadership fellow, American Association of Colleges of Nursing

Professional Memberships: Alabama State Nurses Association; Sigma Theta Tau – Epsilon Omega Chapter; Phi Kappa Phi; Alabama League for Nursing; NLN

President-Elect Anne Bavier, PhD, RN, FAAN

Professor of Nursing and Medicine, University of Connecticut School of Nursing, Storrs, Connecticut

Dean of the School of Nursing at the University of Connecticut since 2007, Anne Bavier recently transitioned to her current role there as professor of nursing and medicine. She came to U-Conn from St. Xavier University, where she had served as dean since 2004. Prior to that she was assistant dean for development, alumni, and external relations, and then assistant dean for planning and external relations at the Neil Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing at Emory University in Atlanta. She also held teaching posts at St. Xavier, Emory, Yale University, and Georgia State University.

Dr. Bavier also brings to her new post at the NLN more than a dozen years of experience in leadership roles at federal health care agencies, including that of deputy director of the National Institutes of Health's Office of Research on Women's Health. There, she oversaw a \$17.5 million budget related to research on women's health; represented the agency on major federal policy committees; and led the development of new funding approaches to enhance research on women's health.

Among her many accomplishments over a varied, distinguished career have been encouraging faculty to increase their scholarly publication and presentations; increasing grant funding to the academic institutions under her watch and expanding aid to economically disadvantaged nursing students. At Emory University, for example, Dr. Bavier was instrumental in securing the largest single gift ever – \$5 million – and funding for the first endowed professorship in nursing.

Dr. Bavier received the first Edith Moore Copeland Award for Creativity from Sigma Theta Tau International. The award is the highest honor bestowed by this international nursing leadership society. Colleagues also elected her a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing and to the Institute of Medicine of Chicago. She received the highest honors from both federal agencies where she worked: the National Institutes of Health Director's Award and the Administrator's Award from the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research.

Dr. Bavier earned her bachelor's degree from Duke University, her master's from Emory University, and her PhD from Duquesne University, all in nursing.

NLN Activities: Member and secretary, Board of Governors; member, Executive Committee, Board of Governors; chair, Governance Committee; board liaison, Education Research Committee, chair, Relocation Committee; trustee, NLN Foundation for Nursing Education.

Other Activities: Consultant, Health Resources & Services Administration, Federal Government; Strategic Planning Committee Member, Universitas21; board member, La Rabida Children's Hospital; board member, Smith Senior Living; executive committee, Illinois Task Force on the Nurse Practice Act.

Secretary Joan Frey, EdD, RN, NEA-BC

Dean, Louisville Campus, Galen College of Nursing, Louisville, Kentucky

Joan Frey stepped into the position of secretary on the NLN Board of Governors, following the conclusion of a three-year term (2007-2010) — her second — as a governor-at-large. Dr. Frey's history of service on the BOG as well as her past involvement on NLN committees and councils, well prepared her to assume her leadership role.

Before she arrived at Galen in 2008, Dr. Frey built an impressive record in nursing education. She began as an adjunct faculty member at the Aultman Hospital School of Nursing in Canton, Ohio in 1987, rising to become director of the Aultman Health Foundation in 1991, with overall responsibility for the direction of the school. From 2003 to 2006, she oversaw the school's transition to a degree-granting college, becoming director of the Division of Nursing at Aultman College of Nursing and Health Sciences in 2004. In 2007, she was named director of campus, community, and public affairs, an executive position responsible for Aultman's external organizational education outreach, community relationships, granting writing, public relations, and the promotion and coordination of the Aultman Education Center. In that position, she also provided support for long-range planning and daily operations of the college. On the practice side, Dr. Frey has more than 28 years of experience in medical-surgical nursing, critical care step-down, dialysis, quality assurance, and head nurse roles.

A music major at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, where she earned a bachelor's of science degree in 1970, Dr. Frey returned to school to earn her ADN from Triton College in River Grove, Illinois in 1980; an MSN with a focus in nursing administration from University of Akron in Akron, Ohio in 1990; and a doctorate in educational leadership from Ashland University in Ashland, Ohio in 2005.

NLN Activities: Secretary, Board of Governors; member, Board of Governors; chair and member, Audit and Compliance Committee; Board of Governors liaison, Constituent Organizations Advisory Council; abstract reviewer, Education Summit (2013); member, Finance Committee; chair and; member, Kentucky League for Nursing; chair and chair-elect, Nursing Education Advisory Council; representative, Nursing Practice and Education Consortium (N-PEC); chair and member, Public Policy Committee; member, NLN Day on the Hill, meetings with US congressional members; member, NLN Finance Strategic Planning Committee; member, NLN Task Force on International Nursing.

Other Activities: Member, Advisory Group on Nursing Education, Ohio Board of Nursing; member, Board of Directors, Stark-Carroll District Nurses Association; member, Editorial Board, Teaching and Learning in Nursing, Journal of the National Organization of Associate Degree Nursing; member, Safety and Health Committee & Community and Education Committee, Rotary International of Louisville, KY; candidate, Jackson Local

School District, Board of Education (Ohio); international activities chair, Rotary International of Massillon, OH.

Professional Memberships: National League for Nursing; Kentucky League for Nursing; Ohio League for Nursing; Sigma Theta Tau International; American Organization of Nurse Executives

Governors-at-Large

Gail Baumlein, PhD, MSN, RN, CNS, CNE, ANEF

Department Chair, Department of Health/ College of Health and Public Administration, Franklin University, Columbus, OH

Past Positions: Dean and director, MSN programs, Chamberlain College of Nursing; dean of nursing programs/CAO, Chamberlain College of Nursing; director of on-line programs, Chamberlain College of Nursing; associate/assistant professor, and online instructional designer, Mount Carmel College of Nursing, Columbus, OH.

NLN Activities: Member, Board of Governors; member, Committee for Member Recognition; chair, Education Technology and Information Management Advisory Council; member, Finance Committee; board of governors liaison, Nursing Education Advisory Council; member, Board of Directors, Ohio League for Nursing; member, Speakers Bureau.

Other Activities: Member, Board of Directors, Sigma Theta Tau; member, Board of Directors, American Cancer Society; member, Advisory Board, Thomson Delmar Publishing; nurse educator collaborative chair, Ohio League for Nursing

Professional Memberships: International Council of Nurses Education Network; National League for Nursing, Ohio League for Nursing; Sigma Theta Tau.

Janet Tompkins McMahon, MSN, RN

Clinical Associate Professor, Course Coordinator, Department of Nursing, Towson University, Towson, MD

Past Positions: Assistant professor of nursing, course coordinator, Department of Nursing-Baccalaureate in Nursing Program, Francis Marion University, Florence, SC; nursing faculty, Florence Darlington Technical College, Florence, SC; associate professor of nursing, ADN and PN programs, Pennsylvania College of Technology, Williamsport

NLN Activities: President-elect, District of Columbia/Maryland League for Nursing; board member, District of Columbia/Maryland League for Nursing, Washington, DC; chair-elect, Evaluation and Learning Advisory Council; member, National League for Nursing; director and member, South Carolina League for Nursing, Columbia

Other Activities: Chair, NCLEX-RN Task Force Committee, Department of Nursing,

Towson University; member, Student Affairs Committee, member; Clinical Evaluation Ad Hoc Committee, Towson University, Towson, MD; vice-chair, Evaluation Committee, member, Curriculum Committee, Francis Marion University, Florence, SC; chair, Faculty Development Committee – Admission Retention Recruitment Committee, College Council – Academic Standards, member, Curriculum Committee, and Learning Resources Committee, Department of Nursing, Pennsylvania College of Technology, Williamsport; nursing education consultant and speaker for nursing programs nationally; accreditation consultant partner, NurseTim Inc.; site visitor, NLNAC (2000- 2008), Panel of Judges (2005); item writer/reviewer, National Council State Board of Nursing, Chicago, IL; author, NCLEX-PN Review 2nd Ed. Cengage, Learning Inc.

Professional Memberships: Member, Nursing Research Council Committee, Meritus Medical Center, Hagerstown, MD; American Association University Professors, Towson University, MD and Francis Marion University; District of Columbia/Maryland League for Nursing; National League for Nursing; Sigma Theta Tau International; American Heart Association, BLS instructor

G. Elaine Patterson, EdD, RN, CNE, APN-C

Professor of Nursing, Nursing Program, Ramapo College of New Jersey, Mahwah

Past Position: Associate professor, University of Medicine and Dentistry, Newark, NJ

NLN Activities: Consultant, Center of Excellence; member, Diversity Task Group; participant, Dr. Hattie Bessent Roundtable Discussion of Minority Nursing; presenter, Faculty Development Webinar Series; member, International Nursing Education Services & Accreditation (INESA); ambassador, National League for Nursing; presenter, various NLN Education Summits; member, Nursing Educator Workforce Development Advisory Council; reviewer, Student Excellence Paper; member, Task Group for Study Abroad Toolkit; item writer, Maternal Child Nursing

Other Activities: Member, American Association of University Professors; secretary, Concerned Black Nurses of Newark-NBNA; board member, New Jersey Hospital Association; board member, Northern New Jersey Maternal Child Health Consortium

Professional Memberships: American Association of University Professors; American Association of University Women; American Nurses Association; International Council of Nurses; Sigma Theta Tau International – Phi Sigma

Teresa Shellenbarger, PhD, RN, CNE, ANEF

Professor and Doctoral Program Coordinator Department of Nursing and Allied Health Professions, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, PA

Past Positions: Doctoral program coordinator, professor, associate professor, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, PA

NLN Activities: Member, Board of Governors; chair, Bylaws Committee; reviewer, *Nursing*

Education Perspectives; NLN ambassador, Indiana University of Pennsylvania; former chair, Nominating Committee; former chair and CNE board liaison, Certified Nurse Educator Test Development Committee; former board liaison, Evaluation and Learning Advisory Council; mentor, NLN/Johnson and Johnson Faculty Leadership and Mentoring Program; prior CNE exam item writer; former member, Nurse Educator Certification Commission; former member, Website Redevelopment Subcommittee; former abstract reviewer for NLN research grants awards and conference abstracts

Other Activities: Member, Eastern Nursing Research Society; board member, Indiana Regional Medical Center, Indiana, PA; member, International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning; member, Sigma Theta Tau International; former member of Advisory Group of Participating Personnel, Visiting Nurses Association of Indiana County

Professional Memberships: Academy of Nursing Education Fellow; Eastern Nursing Research Society; National League for Nursing; Phi Kappa Phi; Sigma Theta Tau International