

## **NCSBN Annual Meeting and Delegate Assembly Report 2007**

### **Summary:**

The following summarizes key events at the Annual Meeting and Delegate Assembly of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing held August, 7-10, 2007 in Chicago, IL. Board members attending included Richard Gibbs, Rachel Gomez, and Brenda Jackson. Kathy Thomas and Brenda Jackson served as Delegates.

Highlights of the meeting include:

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) met in Chicago, Aug. 7 – 10, 2007, to consider pertinent association business with its member boards of nursing. Faith Fields, NCSBN president and executive director of the Arkansas State Board of Nursing, presided at the meeting. All 59 member boards were represented by delegates.

Highlights of some of the significant actions approved by the member boards of nursing included:

Election of new directors to the Board of Directors and members of the Committee on Nominations.

- Adoption of the *2008 NCLEX-PN Test Plan* for licensed practical/vocational nurses.
- Adoption of new strategic initiatives that will set the course for NCSBN through 2010.
- Adoption of the Guiding Principles of Nursing Regulation.
- Approved revisions to NCSBN's bylaws to enhance organizational culture.
- Approved *Statement on the Regulatory Implications of Pain Management*.
- Renewed NCLEX Examination contract with Pearson VUE.

Fields thanked the participants for a successful meeting and noted that the Board of Directors looks forward to working with member boards and external organizations in the coming year. She remarked, "The hard work and dedication of our group is inspiring. Our Delegate Assembly this year addressed a number of key issues facing nursing regulation today and met these challenges head on, ever mindful of our goal of protecting the public." NCSBN will meet Aug. 5 – 8, 2008, in Nashville, Tennessee for its annual Delegate Assembly and celebration of its 30th Anniversary.

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) recognized its dedicated and exceptional membership and guests at its annual awards luncheon. Specific award recipients include:

**Polly Johnson, MSN, RN, FAAN, executive director, North Carolina State Board of Nursing**, was honored with the R. Louise McManus Award, the most prestigious of NCSBN's awards. Individuals receiving this award have made sustained, and significant contributions through their deep commitment and dedication to the purpose and mission of NCSBN.

**Judith Hiner, BSN, RN, board member, Kansas State Board of Nursing**, received the Exceptional Leadership Award, which is awarded to an individual who has served as president of a member board and has made significant contributions to NCSBN in that role.

❑ **Mark Majek, MA, PHR, board staff, Texas Board of Nursing**, received the Meritorious Achievement Award, which is granted to a board or staff member of a member board for positive impact and significant contributions to the purposes of NCSBN.

❑ **Peggy Fishburn, LPN, board member, Kentucky Board of Nursing**, received the Exceptional Contribution Award awarded for significant contribution by a board of nursing staff member who does not serve as an executive officer or a board member who is not the current board president.

❑ **The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing** was awarded the Regulatory Achievement Award, which recognizes the member board that has made an identifiable, significant contribution to the purpose of NCSBN in promoting public policy related to the safe and effective practice of nursing in the interest of public welfare.

The following nursing boards are celebrating 100 years of nursing regulation in 2007: District of Columbia Board of Nursing Illinois Department of Professional Regulation Iowa Board of Nursing Georgia Board of Nursing Minnesota Board of Nursing New Hampshire Board of Nursing West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses