

NCSBN Annual Meeting and Delegate Assembly Report 2008

Summary:

The following summarizes key events at the Annual Meeting and Delegate Assembly of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing held August, 5-8, 2008 in Nashville, TN. Board members attending included Richard Gibbs, Rachel Gomez, Marilyn Davis, Rosie Garcia, and George Buchenau. Kathy Thomas and Richard Gibbs served as Delegates. Faith Fields, NCSBN president and executive director of the Arkansas State Board of Nursing, presided at the meeting. There were 58 member boards represented by delegates.

Highlights of the meeting include:

- Celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the Council.
- Election of new directors to the Board of Directors and members of the Leadership Succession Committee. Katherine Thomas was elected as a Director at Large.
- Approval of the Nebraska Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses as a new member board.
- Approval of the College of Nurses of British Columbia as an Associate Member.
- Adoption of revised APRN Model Act and Rules.
- Adoption of revised Education Model Rules.
- Reassess the Uniform Core Licensure Requirements for currency and relevance in today's regulatory arena and report findings and recommendations to the 2009 Delegate Assembly.
- Approval of Associate Member annual fee of \$1,500.

NCSBN recognized its dedicated and exceptional membership and guests at its annual awards ceremony during the NCSBN Delegate Assembly held Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2008, in Nashville, Tennessee.

Specific award recipients include:

Shirley Brekken, MS, RN, executive director, Minnesota Board of Nursing, was honored with the prestigious R. Louise McManus Award. Individuals receiving this award have made sustained and significant contributions through their highest commitment and dedication to the purposes and mission of NCSBN.

Sandra Evans, MAEd, RN, executive director, Idaho Board of Nursing, received the Meritorious Service Award, which is granted to a board or staff member of a member board for significant contributions to the purposes of NCSBN.

Lisa Emrich, MSN, RN, board staff, Ohio Board of Nursing; Barbara Newman, MS, RN, board staff, Maryland Board of Nursing; and Calvina Thomas, PhD, RN, board staff, Arkansas State Board of Nursing, received the Exceptional Contribution Award, which is 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 Kentucky Board of Nursing was awarded the Regulatory Achievement Award that 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.

In honor of NCSBN's 30th Anniversary, a special 30th Anniversary Award was given to Joey Ridenour, MN, RN, executive director, Arizona State Board of Nursing; Mildred S. Schmidt, EdD, RN, former executive secretary, New York State Board of Nursing; and Sharon Weisenbeck Malin, MS, RN, former executive director, Kentucky Board of Nursing. This special award honors individuals responsible for historic innovation and profound, lasting achievements that have significantly contributed to nursing regulation and NCSBN. There was a special award given to Thomas Abram, JD, NCSBN legal counsel.

NCSBN will meet Aug. 11 – 14, 2009, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for its annual Delegate Assembly.