

2009 NLN ELECTION CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

FOR GOVERNOR-AT-LARGE (2009-2012) – VOTE FOR 4

All Governors are charged with the legal and fiduciary responsibility of undivided loyalty to the Corporation. It is their responsibility to protect the Corporation from harm and to assure that acts of the Corporation are legal and in the best interest of the organization. Governors are expected to be seriously engaged in the governance process of the NLN; to be knowledgeable about the mission, vision, values, goals, policies, and programs of the NLN; to seek to understand stakeholder needs and expectations and to protect and advance their interests; and to assess the external environment in which the NLN is operating in order to maintain its relevance to members and other stakeholders. Governors are expected to attend all meetings in their entirety, and to arrive prepared to engage in substantive discussions. They are also expected to avoid even the appearance of a conflict of interest, and to disclose an actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest in a timely manner.

NOTE: INFORMATION PROVIDED FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS ONLY.

Rumay Alexander, EdD, RN – Associate Clinical Professor and Director, Office of Multicultural Affairs, School of Nursing, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC



PERSONAL STATEMENT: Dynamic changes and multiple realities in a complex world create challenges for membership organizations in an unprecedented way today. The work of an association is to position members to not only survive but thrive locally and globally. The NLN must continue to understand, bear witness, give voice and work on behalf of its diverse member constituency to shape the desired future. My unique combination of experiences as a nurse educator, researcher, association executive and diversity expert has prepared me to be a board member with a uniquely broad perspective which will help tremendously in the great work ahead.

PAST POSITIONS: Senior vice-president clinical and professional services, Tennessee Hospital Association.

NLN/LEAGUE ACTIVITIES: Facilitator, Think Tank on Assessment and Evaluation, member, Think Tank on Diversity, panel member, Plenary Session, Summit 2008, workshop presenter, Summit 2007, NLN.

OTHER ACTIVITIES: Trustee, National Student Nurses Association Foundation; board member, American Organization of Nurse Executives; board member, Professional Examination Service; member, International Academic Nursing Alliance, Sigma Theta Tau; member, Advisory Panel: Nursing Sensitive Standards, National Quality Forum; member, Workforce Commission, American Hospital Association.

EDUCATION: EdD, Tennessee State University, Nashville, TN; MSN, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN; BSN, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP: American Organization of Nurses Executives; American Nurses Association, North Carolina Nurses Association, North Carolina Organization of Nurse Leaders.

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Nell Ard, PhD, RN, CNE – Director of Nursing, Collin County Community College, McKinney, TX and Research Consultant, Medical Center of Plano, Plano, TX



PERSONAL STATEMENT: I have been in nursing education for 25 years, have taught on various levels, and have been active with NLN in a variety of roles since 2002. With the nursing shortage, it is imperative that Nurse Educators have a voice in the future of the profession. My overall experiences enable me to provide input and a voice for diversity, innovation, and for forward thinking regarding nursing education. I firmly believe in the philosophy/mission of NLN and have the energy and passion to assist in moving it forward at a time when transformation is needed in nursing and nursing education alike.

NLN/LEAGUE ACTIVITIES: Member, Public Policy Committee, member, Nominations Committee, member, Education Summit Program Planning Committee, chair, Task Group on Clinical Nursing Education, consultant, Centers of Excellence Program, member, Task Group on Teaching/Learning, member, Task Group on Test Security, ambassador, NLN.

OTHER ACTIVITIES: Member, Nursing Advisory Committee, Childrens' and Community Clinic of McKinney; member, Standard Hospital Orientation Packet, member in planning for Summer Institutes, North Texas Consortium of Schools of Nursing.

EDUCATION: PhD, University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, TX; MSN, West Texas State University, Canyon, TX; BSN, Harding University, Searcy, AR.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP: Southern Nursing Research Society; Texas Association of Deans/Directors of Professional Nursing; Sigma Theta Tau International; Association of Women's Health, Obstetrics, and Neonatal Nurses.

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Patricia Castaldi, DNP, RN – Director, Practical Nursing Program, Union County College, Plainfield, NJ



PERSONAL STATEMENT: I believe that I will be able to contribute very positively to the Board of Governors by sharing the knowledge, experience, and perspectives that I have attained over the course of almost 30 years as a faculty member and administrator in both RN and LPN programs. As a prior member of the Board of Governors, I also have an understanding of the commitment of the organization to nursing education and practice. I am prepared for a greater degree of strategic planning and collaboration as the NLN moves forward to meet the challenges that the nursing profession faces in today's world.

PAST POSITIONS: Associate dean, Trinitas School of Nursing.

NLN/LEAGUE ACTIVITIES: Member, Board of Governors, board liaison, Constituents Organizations Advisory Council, NLN; member, Board of Directors, New Jersey League for Nursing.

OTHER ACTIVITIES: President, Practical Nurse Educators Council; community member, Education Committee, Board of Nursing; executive board member, Association of Diploma Schools.

EDUCATION: DNP, Rush University, Chicago, IL; MSN, BSN, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ; Diploma, Elizabeth General Hospital School of Nursing, Elizabeth, NJ; AS, Union College, Cranford, NJ.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP: Practical Nurse Educators Council; New Jersey League for Nursing.

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Bronwynne Evans, PhD, RN, FNGNA, ANEF – Associate Professor, College of Nursing and Health Innovation, Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ



PERSONAL STATEMENT: My history of commitment to the NLN, experience with a variety of teaching, administrative, consultative, and research roles across nursing educational levels, and broad knowledge of nursing education issues comprise a unique background for continued service. Extensive service to professional and community organizations has taught me ways to realize dreams through strategic planning, effectively delegate responsibilities, safeguard an organization's assets and ensure its ongoing viability, monitor and evaluate the implementation of its mission and vision in organizational decisions, and provide accountability to members. I hope to bring some of that experience to bear on service as an NLN Governor-at-Large.

PAST POSITIONS: Associate professor, Washington State University; faculty and program director, Yakima Valley Community College.

NLN/LEAGUE ACTIVITIES: Member, Think Tank on Expanding Diversity, consultant, Centers of Excellence Program, member, Task Group on Recruitment and Retention of Students, NLN.

OTHER ACTIVITIES: Vice-president, executive board member, member, Strategic Planning Committee, National Organization of Nurses with Disabilities; executive board member, grant writer, Arizona Indian Living Treasures Awards, Inc.; vice-president, executive board member, Arizona Gerontological Nursing Association; executive board member, American Cancer Society; chair, Education Committee, co-editor, Section of Geriatric Nursing, National Gerontological Nursing Association; co-counselor, Sigma Theta Tau: Delta Chi Chapter.

EDUCATION: PhD, MN, University of Washington, Seattle, WA; BSN, Washington State University, Spokane, WA; Diploma, Bethel School of Nursing, Colorado Springs, CO.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP: National Association of Hispanic Nurses; Arizona Geriatrics Society; National Gerontological Nursing Association; Sigma Theta Tau International; American Educational Researchers Association.

NOTE: INFORMATION PROVIDED FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS ONLY.

Carol Boswell, EdD, RN, CNE, ANEF – Professor and Co-Director, School of Nursing, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Andrews, TX



PERSONAL STATEMENT: While members of the nursing profession should enthusiastically embrace the NLN's values (caring, integrity, diversity, and excellence), personal accountability for internalizing these values is desired. The four areas (Leader in Nursing Education, Commitment to Members, Champion for Nurse Educators, and Advancement of the Science of Nursing Education) are critical to the advancement of nursing education. Each of the areas has been foundational within my commitment to nursing and nursing education. The core values, mission, goals, and objectives as established by the NLN are paramount for the effective advancement of the profession of nursing and nursing education.

PAST POSITIONS: Professor/chairperson, Odessa College.

NLN/LEAGUE ACTIVITIES: Chair, Nursing Educator Workforce Development Advisory Council, member, Task Group on Programs that Facilitate Faculty Development, member, Education Summit Program Planning Committee, item writer, NLN; member, Board of Review, NLNAC.

OTHER ACTIVITIES: President, board member, Periman Regional Medical Center; member, Adult Protective Board; chair, member, Doctoral Studies Committee, chair, vice-chair, Faculty Affairs Committee,

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center; CNE site reviewer, Pathways to Excellence Reviewer, American Nurses Credentialing Center; Collateral reviewer, Sigma Theta Tau; external consultant, Medical Center Hospital.

EDUCATION: EdD, MSN, Texas Tech University Health Science Center, Lubbock, TX; BSN, Odessa College, Texas Tech University Health Science Center, Odessa, TX; Diploma, Methodist Hospital School of Nursing, Lubbock, TX.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP: Sigma Theta Tau International; Texas Nurses Association; Phi Kappa Kapp.

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Marilyn Overby, EdD, RN – Provost, St. Francis Career College, Lynwood, CA



PERSONAL STATEMENT: Fulfillment of the responsibilities defined for the NLN Governors-at-Large requires not only management and leadership abilities but a transparent commitment to operationalizing the mission and vision of the organization. The mission of NLN calls for nursing educators, stakeholders, and collaborators to: (1) embrace best practices that are evidence-based; (2) cultivate emerging knowledge and creativity towards the growth of nursing education and profession; and (3) accept accountability in leading the nursing profession in forging diversity in nursing education, and the workplace. As a steward to bringing the NLN mission to life, I will respond to this call with compassion and integrity.

PAST POSITIONS: Dean, St. Francis Career College; director, Leavey Health Service and Education Center, Saint Francis Medical Center.

OTHER ACTIVITIES: President, Southern California Director of VN Program; team member for Institutional accreditation site visit.

EDUCATION: EdD, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale-Davie, FL; MSN, California State University, Long Beach, CA; BSN, Colegio De Sta. Isabel, Naga City, Camarines Sur, Philippines.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP: Accrediting Commission on Career Schools and Colleges of Technology.

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Jane Sumner, PhD, RN, APRN, BC – Professor of Nursing, Louisiana State University Health Services Center, School of Nursing, New Orleans, LA



PERSONAL STATEMENT: Since 1994, my involvement with NLN has included the Executive Committee of Community Health, the Transition Task Force during NLN's rebuilding, the Summit Planning Committee, the Awards Committee, and NEWDAC, of which I was past chair. I am an author of the Nurse Educator Competencies. I have served at the state level as secretary, chair of the Nominating Committee, president-elect and president. My goal if elected is to work with other board members to develop innovative methods of teaching to prepare the next generation of nurses. As a New Zealand American, my international connections will contribute to NLN's outreach.

PAST POSITIONS: Acting associate dean for undergraduate programs, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center.

NLN/LEAGUE ACTIVITIES: Chair, Bylaws Committee, board liaison, Nursing Education Research Advisory Council, chair, chair-elect, member, Nurse Educator Workforce Development Advisory Council (NEWDAC), member,

Task Group for Nurse Educator Competencies, member, Education Summit Program Planning Committee, member, Awards Committee, member, Council Transition Task Force, member, Nominating Committee, NLN; president, president-elect, board member, Louisiana League for Nursing.

OTHER ACTIVITIES: President, secretary, Sigma Theta Tau: Epsilon Nu Chapter; member, Workplace Practice Committee, New Orleans District Nurses Association; member, Large Grant Committee, Sigma Theta Tau Foundation; board member, New Orleans Rotary Club; member, Search Committee for the CEO of the Louisiana State University Health Services Center; member, Louisiana State University Health Services Center Faculty Senate; member, Daughters of Charity Neighborhood Health Partners.

EDUCATION: PhD, University of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA; MN, Louisiana State University Health Services Center, School of Nursing, New Orleans, LA; BSN, Eastern College, St. Davids, PA; Diploma, Hutt Hospital School of Nursing, Lower Hutt, New Zealand.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP: American Nurses Association; Louisiana State Nurses Association; Sigma Theta Tau International; American Association of Colleges of Nursing Leaders; National Academy for the Advancement of Education.

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Pamela Di Vito-Thomas, PhD, RN, CNE — *Director of Nursing, Nursing Program, Coffeyville Community College, Coffeyville, KS*



PERSONAL STATEMENT: From Nightingale’s “thinking how to nurse” to today’s evidence-based nursing practice, education, and research that is expanding and escalating within cultural, socioeconomic, and political boundaries in a global healthcare environment, I am a Nurse. And, my goal is to emulate NLN’s mission and vision to reflect the heritage and represent the future of a profession beyond measure, Nursing.

PAST POSITIONS: Associate professor of nursing, coordinator of nursing, Langston University-Tulsa.

NLN/LEAGUE ACTIVITIES: Site visitor, NLNAC.

OTHER ACTIVITIES: Chair, Continuing Professional Nursing Education, director, Region 2, Oklahoma Nurses Association; executive board member, Local Chapter, American Association of University Professors; president, Sigma Theta Tau: Mu Lota Chapter; faculty counselor, Sigma Theta Tau: Upsilon Pi

and Mu Lota Chapter.

EDUCATION: PhD, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK; MS, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Tulsa, OK; BSN, Northeastern State University, Talequah, OK; ADN, Tulsa Community College, Tulsa, OK.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP: Oklahoma Nurses Association; American Nurses Association; Upsilon Pi, Zeta Delta, Mu Lota, Sigma Theta Tau International.