

NLNAC—NATIONAL LEAGUE FOR NURSING ACCREDITING COMMISSION

The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) is responsible for the specialized accreditation of nursing education programs that are both post-secondary and higher degree. The Commission has authority and accountability for carrying out activities inherent in the application of standards and criteria, accreditation processes, and the affairs, management, policy making, and general administration of the NLNAC. One third of the commissioners are elected every year and each will serve a three-year term.

FOR NURSE EDUCATOR MEMBER (2009-2012) – VOTE FOR 1

NOTE: INFORMATION PROVIDED FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS ONLY.

PAMELA HAMMOND, PhD, RN, FAAN, ANEF – *Dean and Professor, School of Nursing, Hampton University, Hampton, VA*



PERSONAL STATEMENT: I believe that the combination of my professional education and academic and career experiences have provided a unique set of experiences that have prepared me to assume a position on the NLNAC Board of Commissioners where I can serve the nursing education community on a variety of established and ad hoc committees, and through the continued implementation of programs that will support the voluntary, self-regulatory process of accreditation. I pledge to be vigilant in my role as a commissioner to insure that the accreditation process is systematically evaluated and remains one that keeps nursing's promise to promote the public good.

PAST POSITIONS: Director, Center for Minority Family Health; director, PhD Nursing Program; director, Hampton University Pre-Entry and Post Enrollment Project; director, Hampton University Nursing Center; executive director, Hampton University, School of Nursing; executive director, Center for Education and Practice; interim executive director, Center for Nursing Education & Interdisciplinary Education, Center for Nursing Practice & Interdisciplinary Practice, National League for Nursing.

NLNAC/NLN ACTIVITIES: Member, Selection Committee, NLN Academy of Nursing Education; program evaluator, NLNAC; member, NLN Finance Committee; member, Editorial Board, *Nursing Education Perspectives*; NLN appointed consultant, National Student Nurses Association; NLN consultant, Special Projects; member, Board of Directors, Virginia League for Nursing.

OTHER ACTIVITIES: Member, National Advisory Council on Minority Health and Health Disparities; member, Advisory Board, National Library of Medicine Environmental Health Information Outreach Program; member, Board of Directors, Southern Regional Education Board; member, Board of Directors, Tinnia Q. Cade Foundation; member, Professional Nurse Credentials and Standards Committee, Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools; member, Nominating Committee and Baccalaureate Education Conference Subcommittee, American Association of Colleges of Nursing; member, Sigma Theta Tau; member, American Nurses' Association; co-chair, Advisory Council on the Future of Nursing in Virginia; member, Association of Black Nursing Faculty; member, Editorial Review Board, *ABNF Journal*; peer reviewer, *Advanced Nursing Education*, DHHS; expert panel member, Office of Minority Health, Maternal Child Health; external reviewer, National Institutes of Health, Clinical Center Nursing Department; member, Advisory Board, Project CHOICE, Center for Health and Health Care Disparities, Florida A&M University and Harvard School of Public Health; diversity consultant, Florida Atlantic University;

member, Advisory Committee, Leadership Initiative for Nursing Education, University of California; member, Bermuda/Association of Minority Health Professions Schools Partnership; member, Advisory Board, Tuskegee University, School of Nursing; member, Virginia Nurses Association; member, Virginia Association of Colleges of Nursing; consultant, 91C Practical Nursing Program, US Army Nurse Corps; consultant – curriculum/grantsmanship/accreditation (Fayetteville State University, Chicago State University, Oakwood College, Bowie State University, Coppin State College, North Carolina State University, Winston-Salem State University, Norfolk State University, Tuskegee University, Baltimore City Community College), member, Board of Directors, Coronado School.

EDUCATION: PhD, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA; MS, University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD; BS, Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, AL; Certificates: Harvard Institutes for Higher Education, Institute for Educational Management, Harvard Graduate School of Education, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA; Millennium Leadership Initiative, American Association of State Colleges and Universities; Passing the Torch: Executive Leadership Summit, Hampton University; Leadership Enhancement and Development (LEAD) Project, W. K. Kellogg Foundation/American Nurses Foundation, Washington, DC; Academic Leadership Institute, sponsored by the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, Glaxo-Wellcome and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, Durham, NC; Health Care Management/Administration, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA.

HONORS: Fellow, NLN, Academy of Nursing Education; fellow, American Academy of Nursing; Humanitarian Award, Center for Inclusive Communities; Plaque in Recognition of Outstanding Contributions to Higher Education in Nursing, Bethune Cookman College; Invited Participant, “The Gloria Smith Issues Forum,” National Association of Black Nurses; Outstanding Teacher, Hampton University School of Nursing; Dissertation Excellence Award, Association of Black Nursing Faculty; Outstanding Community Service Award, Madame Daniels’ School of Beauty Culture Alumni Association; Certificate of Achievement in Administrative and Supervisory Counseling in Interpersonal Relationships, Newport News General Hospital; Certificate of Commendation for Sustained Superior Performance, US Naval Hospital.

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MARY LOU RUSIN, EdD, RN – *Professor and Chair, Nursing Department, Daemen College, Amherst, NY*



PERSONAL STATEMENT: As the accrediting agency for all types of nursing programs, NLNAC is poised to advance quality nursing education at all levels. I strongly believe in inclusive and collaborative models – establishing innovative partnerships between and among nursing programs and nursing organizations is key to the success of not only the NLNAC, but the nursing profession at large. The challenges facing nursing compel us as educators and clinicians to work together to creatively address these problems and continue to enhance nursing.

PAST POSITIONS: Associate dean of the college, Daemen College; clinical faculty, Niagara University; school nurse teacher, Williamsville Central Schools.

NLNAC/NLN ACTIVITIES: Program evaluator and team chairperson, member, Task Force to Review/Revise Accreditation Standards, evaluation review panelist, NLNAC; member, Task Group on Programs for Faculty Development, member, Task Group on Excellence in Nursing Education, consultant, Centers of Excellence Program, NLN.

OTHER ACTIVITIES: Member, Quality Council of the Board, Kaleida Health Hospital System; member, Sigma Theta Tau; treasurer, Pi Zeta Chapter; member, American Nurses Association; member, New York State Nurses Association, District I, board member, Programming

Committee Chair; member, Board of Trustees, Daemen College; member, Advisory Board, Erie Community College, Trocaire College, Genesee Community College, Alfred State College, Niagara Community College, Jamestown Community College; member, Task Force, Development of New York State Coalition for Educational Mobility; member, Center for Excellence Advisory Committee, The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care.

EDUCATION: EdD, MSN, BSN, State University of New York, Buffalo, NY.

HONORS: Ruth T. McGrorey Leadership Award, New York State Nurses Association, District I; Erie Community College Advisory Council Service Award; Buffalo Business First, Healthcare 50 Finalist.

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MARLENE BACON, PhD, RN – *Chair of Nursing and Assistant Dean, College of Science and Health, Utah Valley University, Orem, UT*



PERSONAL STATEMENT: I strongly agree with the NLN leadership that the ultimate goal of all nursing activities is “quality health care for all.” As our current health care system staggers under its own weight unprecedented changes are looming on the near horizon. During the transformation in our health care system, nursing must be present with a strong, united voice as we speak to the national need for affordable and accessible health care while providing quality care. I believe nursing’s strength will be in balancing innovative, patient-centered solutions while maintaining our traditional advocacy for high quality, compassionate care.

PAST POSITIONS: Dean, School of Health Sciences, Salt Lake Community College; faculty member, Nursing Department, Salt Lake Community College; faculty member, Westminster College; Patient Care Nursing Executive, Intermountain Health Care; quality management director, National Medical Enterprises Corporation.

NLNAC/NLN ACTIVITIES: Accreditation consultant and member, NLNAC.

OTHER ACTIVITIES: Site evaluator, Northwest Commission of Colleges and Universities; member, Sigma Theta Tau; member, American Nurses Association; university member, Utah Organization of Nurse Leaders; member, Utah Academic Leadership Board; member, Utah State Health Policy Project; member, Utah Leadership Council; chair, College Curriculum Committee and chair, Faculty Evaluation Committee, Salt Lake Community College; board member, Shanghai Medical Worker’s College; consultant and faculty member, HESI; study abroad program development, Shanghai, China, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Ukraine, and Mali, Africa.

EDUCATION: PhD, MS, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT; BS, Westminster College, Salt Lake City, UT.

HONORS: Utah Valley University, Center for Engaged Learning Grant to Develop International Service Learning in Mali, Africa; Department of Education Nursing Simulated Laboratory Grant; Utah Education Council Grant for Nursing Distance Education; Awarded Utah Campus Compaq Service Learning Award; Awarded Utah Humanitarian Award, Utah College and University President’s Award in Higher Education-Community Based Education; Emma Loy Thayne Humanitarian Award for Excellence in Service Learning, Utah Excellence in Nursing Award; Utah State Nurses Doctoral Dissertation Grant, University of Utah Research Fellowship Award; Designated as a University of Utah Research Fellow; Received “Utah’s Best” Teaching Assistant-University of Utah.

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BRENDA NICHOLS, DNSc, RN – Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Lamar University, Beaumont, TX



PAST POSITIONS: Chair, School of Nursing, Old Dominion University; dean, College of Health Sciences, Southern Cross University (formerly University of New England).

NLNAC/NLN ACTIVITIES: Program evaluator, evaluation review panelist, chair, Appeal Panel, NLNAC; member, NLN/NLNAC International Advisory Council; board member and secretary, Virginia League for Nursing.

OTHER ACTIVITIES: Member, chair, Leadership Award Committee Region 6, chair, Research Committee, Sigma Theta Tau; member American Nurses Association; member, Virginia Nurses Association; member, Chapter #200, chair, Induction Committee, president-elect, president, Phi Kappa Phi; item writer x 2, National Council for Licensure Examination (NCLEX); accreditation panelist, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; accreditation panelist, Oklahoma State Council of Higher Education; accreditation panelist, South Carolina State Council for Higher Education.

EDUCATION: DNSc, Indiana University, School of Nursing, Indianapolis, IN; MAEd, University of Evansville, IN; BSN, University of Evansville, IN.

HONORS: Lamar University, Faculty of Arts & Sciences Council, Commendation; Old Dominion University Nominee for the State Council of Higher Education of Virginia Outstanding Faculty Award; Nominated for National “Leader Among Leaders Award”, Student Nurse Association; Named “Most Inspiring Faculty Member” by Outstanding College Graduate, Old Dominion University; Fellow, Royal College of Nursing Australia.

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HELEN KUEBEL, MSN, RN- Director of Nursing Programs, Lower Columbia College, Longview, WA



PERSONAL STATEMENT: Specialized accreditation is becoming more challenging for nursing programs given the financial climate in educational institutions and time and efforts of nurse educators. It is important that we continue our commitment to national standards in nursing education. The NLNAC is in a unique position to guide current and future nursing programs toward excellence by promulgating common core standards and criteria. (see NLNAC Goals) I am committed to collegial peer review. Safe, competent care is what the public expects; collegial efforts to maintain excellence in nursing education is what we as nurse educators should require.

PAST POSITIONS: Faculty member, Montgomery College; classroom and/or clinical faculty positions, Oregon Health & Sciences University, Clark College, Marymount College, College of DuPage.

NLNAC/NLN ACTIVITIES: Program evaluator, NLNAC; member, Tri Council of Washington (NLN/Council on Nursing Education/Washington State Nurses Association).

OTHER ACTIVITIES: Pro-Tem member, Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission; president, Council on Nursing Education, vice-president, Washington State Nurses Association; member, Kappa Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau; member, Nurses National Response Team West.

EDUCATION: MSN, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC; BSN, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.

HONORS: National Instructional Administrators' Award for Rural Outreach Nursing Education project; Faculty of the Year, National Instructional Staff Organization; Outstanding Contributions to local Work Force Development Council Health Skills Panel; Outstanding Assessment Award, Lower Columbia College.

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ELIZABETH MAHAFFEY, PhD, RN – *Dean, Nursing and Allied Health, Hinds Community College, Jackson, MS*



PAST POSITIONS: Staff nurse, Clinical Ladder Development, Management Ladder Development Committee, Central Mississippi Medical Center (formerly Hinds General Hospital & Methodist Medical Center).

NLNAC/NLN ACTIVITIES: Member, NLN; program evaluator, evaluation review panelist, NLNAC

OTHER ACTIVITIES: Member, national board member, president, National Bylaws/Resolution Committee, National Convention Delegate, National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing; member, Statewide Planning Committee, member, Task Force on Nursing Faculty Shortage, Mississippi Council of Deans and Directors of Schools of Nursing, Institutes of Higher Learning; member, Nursing Organization Liaison Committee Representative, Mississippi Nurses Association;

member, Mississippi Organization of Nurse Executives; member, National Association for Career and Technical Education; board member, HRSA Internship Grant, Co-Chair of Advisory Committee, Mississippi Office of Nursing Workforce.

EDUCATION: PhD, MSN, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS; BSN, Mississippi College, School of Nursing, Clinton, MS.

HONORS: Outstanding Alumni, Mississippi College School of Nursing; Outstanding Academic Faculty Member, Hinds Community College; Phi Delta Kappa Honor Society, University of Southern Mississippi Chapter; Nursing Honor Society, Mississippi College; Sigma Theta Tau, Gamma Lambda Chapter, University of Southern Mississippi, Omicron Lambda Chapter, Mississippi College.