

# 2010 NLN ELECTIONS

## CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

### NATIONAL LEAGUE FOR NURSING ACCREDITING COMMISSION (NLNAC)

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 (2010-2013) – VOTE FOR 1

**NOTE: INFORMATION PROVIDED FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS ONLY.**

***Kathleen M. Burke, PhD, RN*** – *Professor of Nursing, Assistant Dean in Charge of Nursing, Ramapo College of New Jersey*



**PERSONAL STATEMENT:** Nursing education is experiencing a time of great change and potential innovation. As the faculties of nursing create differing pedagogies to meet the changing market and student needs, it is imperative that the NLNAC continue its commitment to all levels of nursing education and to the continuous improvement of all nursing education programs. The accreditation process, while maintaining standards, must also be a vehicle for the sharing of best practice, current evidence, and innovation. The radical transformation of nursing education is occurring, and we must be ahead of the wave!

**NLNAC/NLN ACTIVITIES:** NLNAC program evaluator 2001-2007, 2009-2010; National League for Nursing ambassador, 2006 – 2010; National League for Nursing Task Group on Excellence in Nursing Education, 2005-2007; NLN Consultant, Centers of Excellence Program, 2007- 2010; NLN item writer, Academic Nurse Educator Certification Exam 2005, 2006.

**OTHER ACTIVITIES:** American Nurses Association, member; NJ Organization of Nurse Executives, member; Robert Wood Johnson Foundation – NJ Nursing Initiative Committee on Innovation, co-chair; Northern NJ Magnet Hospital Research/Education Consortium, member; Malcolm Baldrige Quality Program, member, Board of Examiners; The Mountainside Hospital, member Board of Trustees. Advisory Board, Bergen Community College Nursing Program, member; Advisory Board, County College of Morris Nursing Program, member.

**EDUCATION:** PhD, New York University, Division of Nursing; MA, New York University Division of Nursing; BS, Rutgers University, College of Nursing, Newark, NJ.

**HONORS:** Sigma Theta Tau; Phi Delta Kappa (International Honor Society of Education); Omicron Delta Kappa (National Leadership Honor Society); Who's Who in American Nursing; Who's Who in NJ; UMDNJ Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence; Stuart B. Cook Master Educators' Guild; Distinguished Service Award, Ramapo College of NJ EOF Program; State of New Jersey Department of Education EOF Champion; Who's Who in American Teachers.

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***Ann B. Schlumberger, EdD, MSN, RN*** – Professor and Chairperson, Department of Nursing, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Little Rock, Arkansas

**PERSONAL STATEMENT:** I value the role that NLNAC has in ensuring nursing education quality. Nursing programs of all levels and all sizes strive for excellence in an environment of change, growth, and challenge; these programs deserve experienced NLNAC board representation. I have almost 30 years of faculty experience in nursing education, have served as department chairperson for 13 years, and have over 10 years of experience with NLNAC. I have also served as a nursing education consultant in the areas of program assessment, curriculum, and governance. I would appreciate the opportunity to represent my colleagues as a member of the NLNAC Board.

**PAST POSITIONS:** Assistant and associate professor, University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

**NLN/LEAGUE ACTIVITIES:** NLNAC, program reviewer and team chairperson; NLNAC, Evaluation Review Panel member or alternate; NLNAC Board of Commissioners member; NLNAC Task Force to Review/Revise Accreditation Standards.

**OTHER ACTIVITIES:** Arkansas Nursing Administrators of Nursing Education Programs (NANEP) member; N-OADN past board member, N-OADN member; *Teaching and Learning in Nursing* editorial board member; Arkansas Health Foundation board member; Mosby's Faculty Development Institute co-chairperson.

**EDUCATION:** EdD' Higher Education Administration, University of Arkansas at Little Rock; MS Nursing, BS Nursing, AS Nursing, University of Central Arkansas.

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***Sandra Spann – MSN, RN*** – Instructor, Southern Union State Community College

**PERSONAL STATEMENT:** Nursing has been and is a profession that is dear to my heart and in acceptance of the normal developmental progression, is one that I wish to pass on to the future members - the knowledge, desire, caring, and touch that is synonymous to our profession. In keeping with this is the desire to empower the educators of the members of our profession to evaluate and implement the most appropriate route. This is what I believe NLNAC is all about.

**PAST POSITIONS:** Instructor, Southern Union State Community College, Opelika, AL; part-time RN, George H. Lanier Hospital, Valley, AL.

**NLN/LEAGUE ACTIVITIES:** NLNAC program evaluator and team chairperson.

**OTHER ACTIVITIES:** Member of NLN, Sigma Theta Tau, and International Simulation Society.

**EDUCATION:** MSN, Troy University, Montgomery, AL.; BSN, University of Alabama, Birmingham, AL.

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***Deanna Suggs, MSN, RN, FNP-BC*** - Professor and Director, Nursing Department, NMSU Carlsbad, Carlsbad, New Mexico



**PERSONAL STATEMENT:** I entered the nursing profession in 1982 and received my family nurse practitioner certificate in 2000. Since 1988, I have been active in all levels of nursing education as well as being active in private practice, grant writing, and am involved in legislative issues in my state. Serving as a member of the NLNAC Board of Commissioners has provided me an excellent opportunity to provide input into our profession and has provided a great deal of professional growth. I would like to thank all of you for this honor and request your continued support to serve another term.

**PAST POSITIONS:** Freshman nursing instructor and LPN clinical instructor at NMSU Carlsbad since 1988; taught long distance education classes for University of Phoenix; worked part-time as family nurse practitioner.

**NLNAC/NLN ACTIVITIES:** NLN site visitor and member of NLNAC Board of Commissioners since 2007.

**OTHER ACTIVITIES:** New Mexico representative for Robert Wood's National Nursing Capacity Summit; member of New Mexico Center for Nursing Excellence Education Conference Planning Committee; co-chair of education for NM Nursing Counsel; member, NM Nursing Articulation Committee; member, Southeastern NM Education Advisory Committee for Head Start; member, NM State Board of Nursing for Nursing Education Advisory Committee; member of NM State Board of Nursing Advanced Practice Advisory Committee; NCLEX item writer; grant writing for NM Department of Higher Education, NM Capital Outlay and Eddy County Funding.

**EDUCATION:** FNP-C from Texas Tech Health Sciences University, Lubbock, TX, in 2000; MS Nursing from University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX, in 1991; BS Nursing from NMSU Las Cruces, Las Cruces, NM, in 1986.

**HONORS:** Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing; Who's Who in American Nursing; Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities; NISOD Teaching Excellence Award (1997, 2002); Rousch Teaching Excellence Award (1997, 2002); Empire's Who's Who (2005-2006).

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***Kathryn Hyatt Pierce, MNSc, RN, CPHQ*** — *Director, Jefferson Regional Medical Center School of Nursing, Pine Bluff, Arkansas*



**PERSONAL STATEMENT:** With 20+ years of experience at J.R.M.C. School of Nursing, I have a strong commitment to nursing education and providing students an excellent educational experience in order for them to function successfully as beginning practitioners. To be able to deliver top quality nursing education to the “high tech” population of students we serve, I was instrumental in obtaining and implementing a million dollar HRSA grant for audio-visual equipment, computers, and high-fidelity mannequins for simulation at the school. This equipment has greatly enhanced the learning opportunities for students, improved student outcomes, NCLEX scores, and students’ satisfaction with overall learning experiences.

**PAST POSITIONS:** Instructor/coordinator, J.R.M.C. (Jefferson Regional Medical Center) School of Nursing; director, Corporate Education Department, J.R.M.C.; corporate compliance officer, J.R.M.C.; patient safety officer/director of education, J.R.M.C.

**NLN/LEAGUE ACTIVITIES:** Member, NLN; faculty participant in development of the self-study for initial accreditation of J.R.M.C. School of Nursing in 1985, as well as participant/consultant in all other self-studies submitted by J.R.M.C. School of Nursing.

**OTHER ACTIVITIES:** Member, Arkansas Association of Healthcare Quality; Arkansas Kidney Disease Commission (appointed by the Governor); member, Arkansas Organization for Nurse Executives; member, Arkansas State Nurses’ Association; member, American Nurses Association; member, Nursing Administrators of Nursing Education Programs.

**EDUCATION:** MNSc, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, Arkansas; BS Nursing, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Pine Bluff, Arkansas; BA Humanities, Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas; CPHQ (Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality).

**HONORS:** J.R.M.C. MAPP (Management Achievement Performance Plan) Award for fiscal years 2007, 2008, and 2009.

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**Mary Woltemate Stec, MSN, RN, CNE** – *Instructor, Curriculum Coordinator, Abington Memorial Hospital, Dixon School of Nursing, Willow Grove, Pennsylvania*



**PERSONAL STATEMENT:** My goal is to utilize my expertise in nursing education in concert with my doctoral studies in serving the National League for Nursing in a leadership position. My hope is to assist in the formulation of direction and development of policies that guide teaching institutions in curriculum implementation that educates graduate nurses to function at the highest quality of safe practice with a commitment to the profession and lifelong learning.

**PAST POSITIONS:** In addition to functioning as the curriculum coordinator for the past five years, I have functioned in the role of course coordinator in facilitation of the Obstetric and Pediatric course at Abington Memorial Hospital Dixon School of Nursing.

**NLN/LEAGUE ACTIVITIES:** NLNAC program evaluator; member, NLNAC Task Force to Review/Revise Accreditation Standards (2007); member.

**OTHER ACTIVITIES:** National Coalition of Hospital Associated Schools and Colleges of Nursing, board member; Nursing of Children Network, board member; Pennsylvania Nurses Association, District 25, treasurer.

**EDUCATION:** PhD (in progress), Widener University, Chester, PA; MSN, Gwynedd Mercy College, PA; BSN, University of Pennsylvania, PA; Diploma, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital School of Nursing.

**HONORS:** Excellence in Writing Award given by the Pennsylvania Nurses Association and American Journal of Nursing; Excellence in Nursing Education given by Northeast Coalition of Diploma and Hospital Based Schools of Nursing; Faculty Excellence Award for Nursing Education given by Abington Memorial Hospital; Thomas Jefferson University Hospital Nurses Alumni Scholarship; University of Pennsylvania Nurse Traineeship Award; Senatorial Scholarship.