

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 NURSING SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE (2010-2013) – VOTE FOR 1

NOTE: INFORMATION PROVIDED FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS ONLY.

Toni A. Eason, DNP, MS, APHN-BC – *Occupational Medical Program Manager,
Department of Homeland Security*



PERSONAL STATEMENT: In the role of nurse educator and program manager, I have provided mentoring for new nurses and acted as adjunct nursing faculty. In these positions, I have guided students/mentees in furthering education related to their discipline and area of nursing practice, utilizing active learning. I am a big proponent of active learning, and I challenge my students/mentees to think like active learners. Active learners do not subscribe to notions of certain knowledge, omniscient authority, simple knowledge, or quick learning. Rather, they understand that much of what they will learn from their text is often theory and that they can best make an impact on their discipline/arena and on the lives of others by having confidence in their own critical thinking ability. I believe that the cognitive processes in which students/mentees engage while learning are as important as the outcome of their work. As a result, I try to create a safe environment for growth and self-exploration and desire to support schools of nursing who aspire to the same.

PAST POSITIONS: Lead clinical nurse, Peace Corps; adjunct graduate nursing faculty, Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, IL; adjunct nursing faculty, Chamberlain College of Nursing; adjunct graduate nursing faculty, Benedictine University.

NLN/LEAGUE ACTIVITIES: NLNAC program evaluator.

OTHER ACTIVITIES: American Nurses Association, Member; Maryland Nurses Association, District 5 Member.

EDUCATION: DNP, Rush University; MS Nursing, University of Maryland; BS Nursing, Howard University.

HONORS: Content Expert Panelist, American Nurses Credentialing Center.

NO NOTE: INFORMATION PROVIDED FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS ONLY.

Rhonda Johnston, PhD, BC-ANP, CFNP, CANP – Director, Rocky Mountain Telehealth National Training Center, VACO Office of Telehealth Services (OTS); VHA Office of Patient Care Services



PERSONAL STATEMENT: As the director of the Rocky Mountain Telehealth National Training Center, I am charged with developing and maintaining a dynamic, current and quality focused workforce that services our nation's veterans. As a member of the Board of Commissioners, I have learned so much through the expertise, talent, professionalism, and support of the Board. The Board's leadership has also provided me direct knowledge of a group who is visionary and committed to the mission of nursing education and the profession. I would be blessed to be able to continue to be a part of this mission and provide knowledge of a new a developing service delivery method to

assure the right care, at the right time and place through technology.

PAST POSITIONS: Director of education, development and Telehealth/ designated learning officer/ nurse practitioner, Veterans Administration's Eastern Colorado Health Care System; department chair/ professor, Colorado State University-Pueblo, Colorado; department director/ nurse practitioner School Based Wellness Center, Parkview Medical Center, Pueblo Colorado; nurse practitioner/faculty Southern Colorado Family Medicine Medical Residency Training Program, Pueblo, Colorado.

NLNAC/NLN ACTIVITIES: NLNAC Board of Commissioners; NLNAC site visitor; NLN, member.

OTHER ACTIVITIES: Veteran's Administration; Western States Network Council for Workforce Development and Training; Rocky Mountain Network IT Board; Rocky Mountain Network Telehealth Board; Rocky Mountain Network Rural Health Consortium; Rocky Mountain Network Education and Staff Development; American Nurses Association; Colorado Nurses Association - District 4; Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

EDUCATION: PhD, **Education and Human Resources Studies** in Post-Secondary Administration, Colorado State University; **certified family nurse practitioner, certified adult nurse practitioner, MS**, University of Colorado; **BSN**, University of Phoenix; **ADN**, University of Southern Colorado.

HONORS: 2009 VISN 19, Employee Appreciation Award; 2009 Veteran's Administration Office of Nursing Service Innovations Award Nominee; 2006 Colorado State University – Pueblo Nursing Star Award for Nursing Leadership Excellence; 2004 Sigma Theta Tau Iota Pi Chapter Award for Excellence in Nursing Leadership; 1998 Nightingale Nominee for Colorado.