



# ACNL in Action:

*Nurse Leaders Making a Difference!*

Association of California Nurse Leaders

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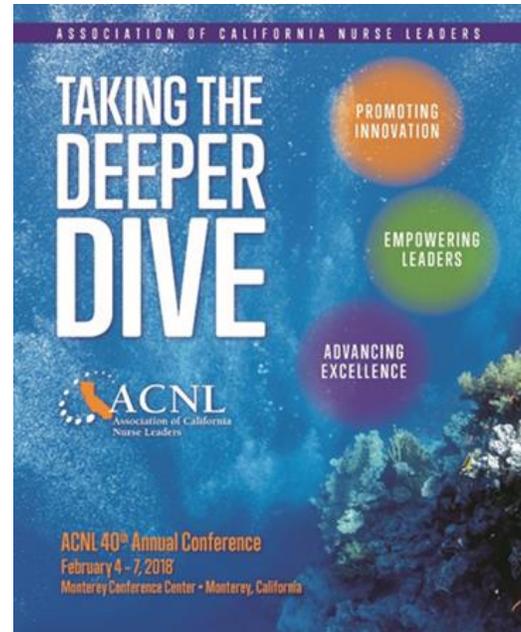
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## BRN UPDATE

### **BRN Seeks Expert Practice Consultants**

The BRN is looking for qualified candidates to work as Expert Practice Consultants (EPC), also known as subject matter experts, who specialize in various areas from emergency room to risk management. An EPC plays a crucial role in the investigation process of an enforcement case. By providing an objective, reasoned and impartial evaluation of the matter, the EPC is primarily concerned with whether there was a departure from the standard of nursing practice. EPC duties include case review, preparation and creation of an expert report, and possibly testifying at an administrative hearing.

These experts must meet the specific criteria set by BRN and possess a current and active California RN license devoid of any disciplinary action.

Learn more about this opportunity at: <http://www.rn.ca.gov/pdfs/enforcement/epbrochure.pdf>

### **Highlights from June BRN Meeting**

The BRN continues to make strides to improve their internal processes and customer service. At the BRN meeting on June 8, Executive Officer Dr. Joseph Morris reported on: **Fingerprint Requirements**, progress with BreZE notifications, the **Paperless Renewal Notification** process, **Electronic Transcript** submissions, and the **Continuing Education Provider** process.

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## **Fingerprint Requirements**

The BRN continues to reconcile their fingerprint database. Licensees are notified at the time of renewal if they have only one level of fingerprints (either from the Department of Justice or the FBI). As with prior groups, these licensees are given 60 days from receipt of the initial letter to respond before possible disciplinary action is taken. This will be an ongoing process until all licensees are in full fingerprint compliance.

The BRN has been working with the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) to identify necessary modifications in BreEZe to display fingerprint data on each licensee's online renewal record. Through a scheduled release on May 25, 2017, the modifications to display fingerprint notifications were implemented into BreEZe. Unfortunately, when field tested – the process failed. The implemented changes to the system also had a cascading effect on other aspects of the BreEZe system. The BRN leadership decided to remove the BreEZe fingerprint notification deficiency statement until the appropriate fix can be made to the system to display the information correctly. The new changes and modifications were scheduled to be implemented in the next BreEZe system release in June.

ACNL applauds the BRN staff for their continued efforts to improve the BreEZe system!

## **Paperless Renewal Notifications**

The BRN staff continues to work with DCA's BreEZe Business Integrity Analyst (BIA) to explore the feasibility of implementing semi-paperless renewal notifications as a cost savings measure. The goal is to eliminate the current six-page renewal notice and replace it with a one-page notification of renewal to licensees. The one-page notice will inform the licensee that it is time to renew their RN license and/or Advance Practice certifications, and will direct them to renew online through BreEZe. The target date for implementation is July 2017. This new process will affect licensees, starting with RNs slated to renew in October 2017. Approximately 80 percent of the RN licensee population already renews online through BreEZe.

## **Electronic Transcripts**

The BRN was recently recognized for leadership and innovation in moving to a cloud-based process for application submissions. The Board began the CloudDrive process to accept electronic transcripts from California schools in August 2016. The CloudDrive proved to be very successful, with the Board receiving 3,363 electronic transcripts from 100 California programs for fall 2016 graduation. The BRN then processed initial applications within 40 days or less. BRN staff anticipate receiving more than 5,000 transcripts during the spring graduation season. By July 2017, the BRN plans to expand its business practices to include the acceptance of electronic transcripts from U.S. approved nursing schools. This practice will expedite the initial exam and endorsement process for U.S. graduates. Once the process is vetted and approved, the staff will update the BRN website and printed applications with detailed instructions about how to submit electronic transcripts. Hospitals recruiting new graduates from other states will want to follow the progress of this new application process.

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## Continuing Education Units

California's continuing education provider process has been a concern of the BRN staff, providers and the California Legislature for many years. Regulations for providers have not been updated in more than 20 years. It is time to review the provider approval, renewal and course evaluation process. At their June meeting, the BRN appointed an ad hoc committee of board members and staff to discuss the issues and provide recommendations. As a longtime BRN provider, ACNL has been invited to participate in this process. CEO Patricia McFarland will represent ACNL. The committee's first meeting is scheduled for July 11.

ACNL encourages nurse leaders to review the BRN website ([www.rn.ca.gov](http://www.rn.ca.gov)) weekly to ensure they have the latest updates about nursing practice in California.

## Scholarship Opportunities from ACNL

To further our mission to develop nurse leaders and promote lifelong learning, ACNL sponsors academic scholarships and fellowships annually for our members. Through this year's application process, ACNL will award three \$5000 scholarships and one \$7500 scholarship. To further support ACNL members advancing their education, our longtime partners will award two additional scholarships: Catalyst Systems will present the \$2,500 Barbara Brantley Scholarship; and Alpha Consulting Group will award a \$2,000 scholarship. These scholarships will be presented at ACNL's 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, February 4-7, 2018 in Monterey.

**Scholarship Application Deadline is September 1, 2017. Don't Miss this Opportunity!**

[ACNL Scholarship Information and Online Application](#)

## Nurses Float Scholarship



The Nurses Float Scholarship Fund was created from funds remaining from the Nurses Float which appeared in the 2013 Rose Parade.

ACNL, in partnership with Bare Root, Inc., presents the Nurses Float Scholarship annually. This is an academic scholarship awarded to a registered nurse pursuing either an ADN to BSN or BSN to MSN degree. This scholarship will also be presented at ACNL's 2018 Conference in February.

Membership in ACNL or California residency is *NOT* required to apply for the Nurses Float Scholarship.

**Application Deadline for Nurses Float Scholarship is September 15, 2017.**

[Nurses Float Scholarship Information and Online Application](#)

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## 2 Free July Webinars for ACNL Members

**ACNL's Quality, Safety and Care Experience Committee Presents:**

### **Enhancing Quality and Safety: Embedding Patient and Family Voice in Improvement Work**

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Pacific Time)

**Presenters:**

Joan Forte, MBA, BSN, NE-BC

Patient and Family Centered Care Consultant

*Former* Administrative Director of Patient and Community Engagement at Stanford HealthCare

Laura Folkman Steuer, Patient

Patient - Family Partner Program

Stanford Health Care

**[More Information and Webinar Registration](#)**

### ***High Performing Leadership: Mindfulness in Action***

Thursday, July 27, 2017

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. (Pacific Time)

**Presenter:**

Mary Wickman, PhD, RN

Professor and Director, Nursing Programs

Vanguard University of Southern California

2017 ACNL President

**[More Information and Webinar Registration](#)**

***Please Note:*** You must pre-register for these webinars to receive log-in instructions. Webinars will be recorded – if you can't participate in the live event, you can view the recorded presentation.

## **Voice Committee Strengthens ACNL's Social Media Presence**

The Communication and Voice of Nursing Committee is implementing strategies to strengthen ACNL's voice and reach through social media. The Social Media Subcommittee, led by Christine Flurry and Charlene Platon and assisted by Voice Committee Chair Marilyn Stephens, has recruited representatives from ACNL's Committees to regularly post news, information and events of interest on ACNL's Facebook page. Look for this information to appear on Facebook in early July.

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Visit ACNL's Facebook page (and *Like Us*) at: <https://www.facebook.com/ACNLnurse/>

The Social Media Subcommittee is also planning to create an organizational *Linked-In* page that will launch later this summer.

## **2017 CNSA Convention: Exhibitor and Sponsor Opportunities**

### ***Navigating the Future! Charting Your Course in Nursing***

October 6-8 at the Sheraton Fairplex Hotel & Conference Center in Pomona

***Your support is needed! Students attending the California Nursing Students' Association Convention are our future! Connect with the nurse leaders of tomorrow by being an exhibitor or sponsor!***

[Learn More About Exhibitor Opportunities at the CNSA Convention](#)

[Sponsorship and Advertising Opportunities](#)

## **2017 CALNOC Conference:**

### ***Empowerment, Value and Collaboration***

The board and staff of CALNOC (Collaborative Alliance for Nursing Outcomes) invite you to the 2017 Annual CALNOC Conference, October 22-24 at the Renaissance Seattle Hotel in majestic Seattle, Washington. This year's program examines the ground-breaking work of advancing healthcare quality and patient safety – in the context of empowerment, value and collaboration. Expect more of the dynamic exchange participants have always enjoyed along with panelist and presenters imparting best practices and insights into the evolving efforts to eliminate hospital acquired conditions.

Take advantage of Early Bird registration (register by August 15) and save \$100. Early Bird registrants will also be entered into a drawing to win a complimentary registration to the Conference.

[More Information and Registration](#)

## **Nominations are Open for ACNL's 2018 Board of Directors**

Submit your name to be on the ACNL ballot for a board position for 2018. Board service is an excellent way to make a significant difference in the nursing profession beyond your work setting. You will also increase your personal satisfaction with your leadership role, expand your influence and network with a wonderful board of directors!

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There are seven board seats open for 2018 – one from each of the four regions and academia, as well as secretary/treasurer and president-elect. Each position is a two-year term – except president-elect – which is three years, with the term of presidency being February 2019 - February 2020.

***Active regular or emerging nurse leader members are eligible to submit an application. Deadline is June 30, 2017. Download the Nomination Packet for more details.***

[ACNL Nomination Packet](#)

## **Plan to Attend an ACNL Regional Meeting**

***Co-Sponsored by the Member Experience Committee, local ACNL Chapters and ACNL's Philanthropic Program - the Circles of Giving***

ACNL's Member Experience Committee, in collaboration with local ACNL chapters and with funding from the *Circles of Giving* program, will present regional programs for ACNL colleagues and chapter members to engage nurse leaders in important conversations, while providing professional development, continuing education credit and networking opportunities. Don't miss the meeting coming to your regional area:

### **San Diego Regional Meeting**

July 21, 2017  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
CSU, San Marcos – McMahan House  
San Marcos, CA

[July Meeting – Information & Registration](#)

### **Stockton Area Regional Meeting**

September 15, 2017  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
San Joaquin Agricultural Center  
Stockton, CA

[Sept. Meeting – Information & Registration](#)

### **South Regional Meeting**

August 18, 2017  
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
West Coast University - Las Palmas Campus  
Anaheim, CA

[August Meeting – Information & Registration](#)

## **Upcoming Foundation for Leadership Excellence Courses**

ACNL's *Foundation for Leadership Excellence Course* is a five-day intensive program to help you develop long-lasting, effective leadership skills. Whether it's human resource issues, customer-service concerns, implementation of quality and patient safety initiatives, budget analysis, cost-saving mandates or building your influence as a leader, you will gain new perspectives and solutions for the difficult challenges you face on a daily basis.

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***Upcoming Foundation courses:***

**September 11-15, 2017**

Embassy Suites – Walnut Creek  
1345 Treat Blvd, Walnut Creek, CA  
[Information and Online Registration](#)

**November 6-10, 2017**

Embassy Suites - Anaheim South  
11767 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove, CA  
[Information and Online Registration](#)

**October 23-27, 2017**

The Plaza at St. Agnes Medical Center  
1111 E. Spruce Avenue, Fresno, CA  
[Information and Online Registration](#)

**[Program Brochure and Registration Form](#)**



***ACNL's Circles of Giving:***  
**Supporting the Vital Work of Nurse Leaders!**

The *Circles of Giving* program generates funds to further ANCL's work and actualize our vision of creating and influencing the future of health care. Your generous support enables ACNL to expand vital programs fostering innovation, professional development, mentorship, research, health policy advocacy and lifelong learning. This is an exciting and challenging goal that begins with each of us!

"I embrace doing anything I can to assist others to join the nursing profession, which is why I was so proud to join the Circles of Giving program. I know that my dollars are working to help others fulfill their wishes and dreams. The dollars I donate are making a difference!"

Janet Hanley, BSN, MBA, RN, NEA-BC  
Vice President of Patient Technology, Innovation, Efficiencies  
Sharp Healthcare

"To be a leader in nursing is to influence the future of healthcare. In my opinion ACNL is the most influential organization that I support – so contributing at the Nightingale Leadership level was putting my money where my voice would best be heard."

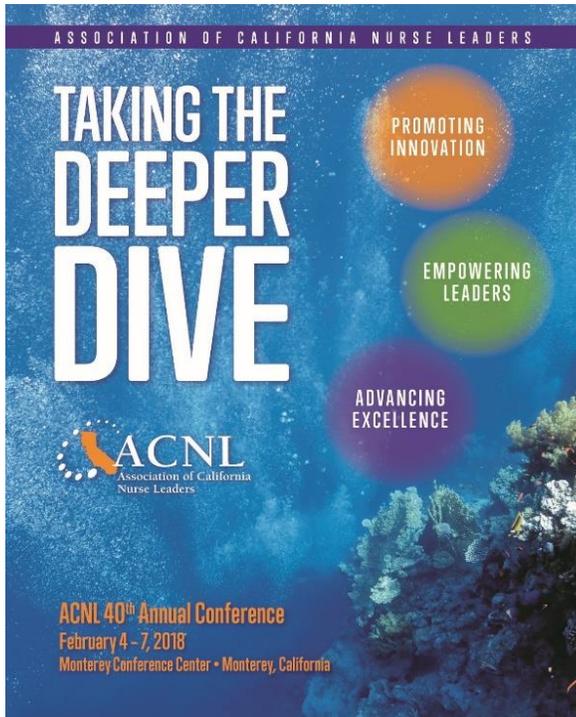
Robin Nelson, PhD, MS, RN  
Dean, College of Nursing  
West Coast University

**[Learn More About ACNL's Circles of Giving Or Make a Contribution](#)**

*ACNL is a 501c3 nonprofit organization - all donations to our Philanthropic Program are tax deductible.*

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*Mark Your Calendar for ACNL's 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference:*



**TAKING THE DEEPER DIVE!**

*Promoting Innovation  
Empowering Leaders  
Advancing Excellence*

**February 4 – 7, 2018  
Monterey, California**

*More Details Coming Soon!*



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