



ACNL in Action:

Nurse Leaders Making a Difference!

Association of California Nurse Leaders

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Board of Registered Nursing Update

SB 466 (Hill)

The Nursing Practice Act provides for the licensure and regulation of RNs by the Board of Registered Nursing within the Department of Consumer Affairs. Existing law requires the board to appoint an executive officer to perform duties delegated by the board. Existing law repeals the provisions that establish the board and the executive officer position on January 1, 2016.

In August, Senator Hill, author of SB 466, took several amendments including an amendment to Sunrise the BRN until **January 1, 2018**. The bill that went to the Governor's desk includes the requirement of an audit of the program by the State Auditor – the same department that conducted the audit of the BreEZe computer system.

This bill is an example of collaboration between professional nursing organizations, the BRN and legislative staff. Governor Brown signed the Sunset bill on October 4, 2015. This means the repeal date has been extended to January 1, 2018.

Nurse Practitioner Regulations

On October 8, the BRN held the first of two public meetings on the proposed revisions to sections 1480-1486 in Article 8, Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations. These regulations have not been updated since the 1970s, and as a result, the current language is outdated and limits NP practice.

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ACNL responded with both written and verbal testimony. Elizabeth Leary, Co-Chair of the Health Policy Committee, presented testimony supporting the adoption of these revisions. The Health Policy Committee will continue to monitor and participate in discussions about these NP regulations over the next few months. Key ACNL members will be present for the final hearing in January 2016.

Members are encouraged to visit the BRN website (www.rn.ca.gov) for more information on the specific proposed language.

Processing Timeframes for RN Endorsement and Licensing

In an effort to improve communication and understanding of processing times for endorsement and licensing, the BRN is now posting processing times on their website (www.rn.ca.gov). The goal of this new feature is to provide potential licensees with information about the processing cycle of their applications.

The new feature can be accessed from the BRN home page under *Quick Hits*. Information related to applications, license renewal and CEU provider renewals are posted to this page and updated every Monday.

Membership Recruitment Campaign

Help Us Strengthen the Voice of Nurse Leaders in California!

Recruit New Members to Join ACNL Today

What members are saying about ACNL:

“ACNL provides for networking, mentorship, education and professional development but to really enhance this aspect, it is important to be an active member. What you give; you receive back. We are here for you when you are ready!” -**Virginia Terra Hodge, RN, MS, NE-BC, Administrative Director, USCF Health System**

“I’m beginning my final semester of the DNP program and ironically taking *Nursing Leadership within Current and Future Health Care Delivery Systems*, as one of my last classes. I am excited at the prospect of sharing all that I have learned about leadership at ACNL, as well as role modeling some of the behaviors and traits I’ve picked up along the way, with my younger colleagues. As I make my way through the semester, I’m sure I will be reminded of how ACNL helped shape my leadership skills!” -**Bob Patterson, DNP(c), MSN, RN, Administrative Director, HealthImpact**

The 2015 ACNL Member Experience Committee has embraced its new name by working on a number of fronts “to enhance the member experience.” The committee is comprised of members with diversity in nursing roles, leadership experience and tenure within ACNL. The richness of multi-generational collaboration, mutual respect and commitment to nursing leadership drives this committee to action. Over the next few months, you will hear more about the Member Experience Committee’s initiatives. Be sure to visit the ACNL website to learn more about the work of ACNL and our upcoming events.

Your commitment to our vision and mission is what makes ACNL *the* professional organization for California’s nurse leaders! Spread the word. Encourage your colleagues to join ACNL today.

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ACNL 2015 Recognition Awards

ACNL's Awards Program recognizes the outstanding contributions of nurse leaders in improving health care delivery, leading change, building healthy work environments, creating innovative programs, advancing education and professional nursing practice, providing humanitarian services, contributing to the work of ACNL and many other areas of excellence in leadership and nursing.

Take this opportunity to recognize a nurse leader who is serving our profession with distinction. Nominate a colleague for an ACNL Recognition Award.

Nomination Deadline is November 13, 2015.

[ACNL Recognition Award Nomination Packet](#)

ACNL 2015 Scholarship Program

To further our mission to develop nurse leaders and promote lifelong learning, ACNL sponsors a wide variety of scholarships. Don't miss this outstanding opportunity! Use the link below to access the ACNL scholarship packet.

Scholarship Application Deadline is November 13, 2015.

[ACNL Scholarship Packet](#)

Nurses' Float Scholarship

The Nurses' Float Scholarship Fund was created by Bare Root, Inc., a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization, from funds remaining from the Nurse's 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.

Membership in ACNL or California residency is NOT required to apply for the Nurse's Float Scholarship.

Application Deadline for Nurses' Float Scholarship is December 15, 2015.

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

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ACNL Presents Foundation for Leadership Excellence Course for Los Angeles County Jail Health System

ACNL is proud to announce that we have completed two very successful programs for nurse leaders working in the LA County Jail Health System. Dr. Susan Odegaard Turner contacted ACNL to determine our interest in customizing the *Foundation for Leadership Excellence* program for the nursing leadership team at the LA County Jail System.

In preparation for this work, key ACNL members met with the LA County nursing leadership team and toured the LA County Jail System. These dedicated leaders then worked with Dr. Turner and other leaders in the system to create a program tailored for this unique group. The first course was held in late September, the second in early October and a third is scheduled for early December. Attendees rated the program as excellent, and the faculty stated that working with this group of leaders proved to be a very positive and motivational experience. A special thank you to Judy Husted, Peggy Diller, Lynne Whaley-Welty, Brenda Brozek, Chris Patty and Susan Odegaard Turner for their work in this successful program.

California Nursing Students' Association Convention a Success!

Thank You to All Who Supported Our Students

On behalf of the California Nursing Students' Association (CNSA), thank you to ACNL members and sponsors for your outstanding support of this year's CNSA Convention, *Illuminating Our Future: Lighting the Path to Success*, October 16-18, in Pomona. Despite a mudslide that closed Interstate 5 and made travel to the convention difficult, more than 430 attendees and 75 industry partners participated in the event.

ACNL members were there in force to support the students! Dr. Anitra Williams, ACNL Board Member-Central, provided an inspirational keynote session on Saturday. Past President Ginger Manss explored professional ethics as the convention endnote. ACNL's Communication Consultant Brenda Brozek provided a pre-conference workshop and breakout session on landing that first job. Dr. Susie Phillips, Dr. Robyn Nelson, Dr. Alice Martanegara, Dr. Bridget Parsh, Dr. Denise Wall Parilo, Karen Karp, Patty Cauthen, Kimberly Snow, Lianna Kemp, Bob Patterson, Lt. Veronica Cooper, Lt. Kimberly Stanton and Patricia McFarland shared their expertise during breakout sessions. Throughout the convention, ACNL and ANA\C advisors provided support to the Board and CNSA members. Thank you to ACNL advisors Donna Kistler, Brenda Brozek and Ginger Manss; and Dr. Susan Bowman and Kathy Falco, our ANA\C advisors.

While ACNL members shared their expertise during the sessions, many also shared their talents by reviewing hundreds of attendees' resumes. We would like to thank our resume reviewers for investing their time in our future by helping the next generation of nurse leaders prepare for the job market: Mary Wickman, Terry Cottle, Robyn Nelson, Erica Martinez, Alison Riggs, Alex Wiggins, Donna Kistler, Susan Condie, Bob Patterson, Judy Husted, Mary Hobus, Michelle Atkins-Young, David Bernstein, MJ Caterinicchio and Brenda Brozek.

The success of tomorrow's leaders is directly linked to the support we give our students today! ACNL can certainly be proud of the support and commitment to CNSA that we have provided over the past ten years. Thank you all for devoting your time and energy to our future leaders.

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Highlights from ACNL Committee Work

Annual Program Committee

The Annual Program Committee is planning a fabulous conference for 2016: *The Power of Us! A Force for Change!* Nurse leaders across the state will not want to miss out exceptional line-up of presenters, including internationally recognized leadership guru, Dr. Barry Posner; Nightingale scholar Dr. Louise Selanders; Matt Thornhill, expert in the multi-generational workforce; and many more superb presenters.

From the president's reception to the endnote, ACNL's conference will provide you with opportunities to enhance your leadership skills, cultivate your sphere of influence and grow your professional network. Use the link below learn more about conference speakers, presentations and events. Registration for the program will open in November.

[ACNL 2016 Annual Conference Highlights](#)

Philanthropic Committee - Philanthropic Strategic Plan

Members of the Board and Philanthropic Committee continue to work with our consultant on ACNL's Philanthropic Strategic Plan. Several strategies are currently under consideration. Many exciting ideas were discussed at the September Board meeting. Details of the Philanthropic Plan will be unveiled at ACNL's Annual Conference.

Quality, Safety and Care Experience Presents Best Practice Webinars

The committee hosted another outstanding webinar on September 15. The webinar, *Steps for Success: Fall Prevention Strategies*, provided attendees with excellent ideas, resources and best practices on fall prevention. Use the link below to learn about ACNL's free webinars offered as a benefit for our members.

The final webinar of the year produced by the Quality, Safety and Care Experience Committee is planned for December. More information coming soon about the topic and presenters.

[Learn More About ACNL Webinars](#)

Nurse Leadership Development Committee Presents Nurses on Boards Webinar

The Leadership Development Committee is working on several fronts this year, including producing a webinar series for nurse leaders interested in serving on Boards. The first webinar, *Follow the Yellow Brick Road... Part I: The Path to Board Service*, will be presented October 29, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

[More Information and Registration: Path to Board Service Webinar](#)

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Health Policy Committee

In addition to the work on proposed nurse practitioner regulations, the Health Policy Committee continues to track important legislation in the final days of the 2015 session. Members are encouraged to visit the ACNL website and download the *Health Policy Tracking Tool*. This document is updated monthly by the committee and serves as a quick reference for key legislative and regulatory issues. The tracking tool can be found under the Health Policy Committee section on the ACNL website or use the link below to access this informative tool.

[Health Policy Tracking Tool](#)

Upcoming Events

Foundations for Leadership Excellence

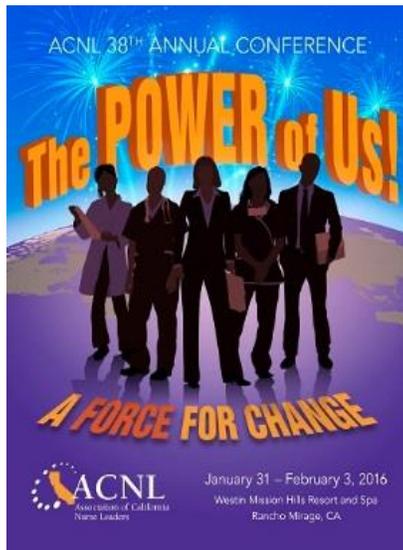
November 9-13, in Anaheim *This program is sold out!*

ACNL Webinar: *Follow the Yellow Brick Road... Part I: The Path to Board Service*

October 29, 2015

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

[More Information and Registration: Path to Board Service Webinar](#)



Plan to Attend:

ACNL's 38th Annual Conference

The Power of Us! A Force for Change

January 31 – February 3, 2016

**at the Westin Mission Hills Resort and Spa
in Rancho Mirage, California**

[View Conference Highlights](#)

Registration Coming in November



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