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MONA Board Highlights for March 2006

The Missouri Nurses Association (MONA) Board of Directors met on March 9 & 10, 2006, in Jefferson City, Missouri, and took the following actions:
• adopted the revised process for continuing education programs that are less than 21 contact hours as recommended by the CE Approver Unit
• reaffirmed several fiscal management policies of the Association
• approved a health, dental & medical care savings and reimbursement account (i.e. cafeteria plan) benefit for MONA staff
• approved district dues be remitted quarterly versus monthly beginning July 1, 2006
• approved formalizing the ad hoc Task Force for a new Association affinity credit card product
• agreed to change the name of the Missouri State Board of Nursing’s (MSBN) APRN Task Force
• adopted the 2007 calendar of provider activities for continuing nursing education

Missouri Center for Patient Safety forms and offers Medication Safety Resources.

The Missouri Center for Patient Safety, a new, nonprofit organization has been established to lead state patient safety efforts and to advocate for patient safety in Missouri. The Center was formed in response to a recommendation by the Missouri Commission on Patient Safety for a private Center to work with all healthcare providers, consumers, business and government to lead state-wide patient safety improvement. While initial support for the Center was provided by the Missouri Hospital Association, Missouri State Medical Association and Primaris, ongoing support is dependent on grants, private and individual and organizational sponsorships.

The Center’s strategic initiatives are:
• providing education
• being a central resource on patient safety for providers and consumers
• facilitating special patient safety-related committees
• managing a voluntary, confidential adverse event reporting system.

In March, the Center sponsored the first Missouri Patient Safety Awareness Week and developed the following medication safety resources for consumers:
• Go to the Missouri Center for Patient Safety Web site at www.mocsaf.org for more information about the Center, resources, and sponsorships. You may also contact Becky Miller, Executive Director, at 573-366-3000, ext 115 or bmiller@mocsaf.org.

MONA Board of Directors met on July 13, 2006, in St. Louis, Missouri, and took the following actions:
• received written/verbal reports from the President, CEO, Treasurer, E & GW Cabinet, Missouri Association of Nurse Anesthetists, Missouri Nursing Students Association, MONA Districts and various committees and structural units of the Association
• approved the FY2005 audit report prepared by Emil Ottmeyer
• appointed an ad hoc task force on information technology to advise the Board and CEO on current and emerging communications technologies
• directed the creation of an electronic (online) journal for Association members
• adopted the Work Release During Disaster: An RNs Rights & Responsibilities & Employer Guidelines paper prepared by the Center for American Nurses
• approved the request for proposal (RFP) process for publication of The Missouri Nurse
• commended the MONA Rapid Mobilization Task Force for completion of their work
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• approved a position statement prepared by the Council on Nursing Practice regarding the AMA Scope of Practice for Limited Licensed Practitioners initiative
• discussed draft position statements prepared by the Council on Nursing Practice in response to the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) draft APRN Vision Paper
• discussed a draft position statement prepared by the Council on Nursing Practice on Support of Nursing Education at the Doctoral Level
• approved a recommendation from the Committee on Finance regarding Association investment strategy
• adopted a proposal adding long-term disability coverage as an Association employee benefit
• appointed Kathy Ketchum as chairperson of the MONA Workforce Advocacy Task Force
• agreed to change the name of the Missouri Nurses Association Foundation to the Missouri Nurses Foundation
• considered actions of a local political figure in the St Louis area related to her long-term imprisonment and elected to issue a public statement denouncing this behavior
• directed the Membership & Marketing Committee to explore potential options for nursing organizational relationships in addition to organizational affiliate status
• appointed Sue Kendig, Diane Schmidt, Desma Reno, Rita Tadych, Beth Lonberger & Peggy Ellis as nominees to the Missouri State Board of Nursing’s (MSBN) APRN Task Force
• donated $200 to the Wilcox Hospital Nurses Strike Fund of the Hawaii Nurses Association
CEO Message

Belinda Heimericks, MS(N), RN

Saying Goodbye

After 15 years as the CEO of MONA (and a total of 24 years employment with MONA), I am saying goodbye to accept a position with the MO Department of Health & Senior Services. My years with MONA have been energizing, challenging, stimulating and rewarding. It has been an invaluable chapter in my life that has provided me with the opportunity to meet incredible leaders in the nursing profession and health care as well as develop long lasting friendships. It has also given me the opportunity to work on cutting edge issues important to health care and the nursing profession.

During my tenure with MONA, I have been fortunate to have seen the evolution of nursing practice that was addressed by the Missouri Supreme Court Justices in the Sermchief v. Gonzales Decision. I have given me the opportunity to work on cutting edge issues important to health care and the nursing profession.

On September 12, I began my new role as the Chief of the Bureau of Cancer and Chronic Disease Control in the new chapter of my life. This position will allow me to use my advocacy skills as I manage programs impacting the lives of Missourians with chronic diseases. I also plan to continue my work with MONA as a volunteer.

I wish all of you the very best and I hope our paths will cross in the future.

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APN Handbook 2nd Edition

To purchase the 2nd Edition of the APN Handbook: A Manual for Advanced Practice Nurses in Missouri, contact the Missouri Nurses Association (MONA). The cost for MONA/APNA members as well as other members of the American Nurses Association is $78.00, including shipping and handling. The cost for non-members is $103, including shipping and handling. The 2nd edition includes updated information on state laws and regulations governing APNs, assistance with additional information on reimbursement issues. It is the APNs resource book for APNP prac- tice. Invaluable information is at your fingertips! Contact the MONA office at 573-366-3287 or by e-mail at info@missourinurses.org.

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• “My Medicine List” - a form to document medicine taken and other important health-related information

• A brochure with tips on medication safety at home, at the hospital, at the doctor’s office and at the pharmacy

• A poster reinforcing the need to ACT – Ask, Check and Tell about medicine use.

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