



The Nurse's Headliner

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Message from Your President

Happy New Year! This is to a new year, and with a positive note that our Association will grow.

If you can remember, in one of the Headliners, I said the Association is like a puzzle. It takes many pieces to complete the puzzle. My goal was 500 members. We are in need of more pieces to this puzzle, approximately 400+. We need to look at what an Association is.

Association: 1. A. The act of associating. B. State of being associated. 2. An organization of persons having a common interest. 3. Something linked in memory or imagination with a thing or person. 4. Process of forming mental connections or bonds between sensations, ideas, or memories.

With our Association we have the capability of associating (networking). Common interest (good nursing care, and further education). Memory or imagination (how nursing was, should be and could be). Forming mental connections (how to make our Association work, working together as a team, and a bond with other LVNs, ideas we can share, and all the good memories we have).

The conclusion: Let's all work together to make this a great Association, I know we can do this! We have a fantastic Board of Directors, and officers who want to move forward.

I have continued to attend the ACE committee (Advisory Committee on Education) and NLAC (Nursing Legislative Agenda Coalition). On the ACE committee, we have been working on vocational nursing hours, requirements on clinical, didactic hours, and pass rate. On the NLAC Committee, we are working on what is a minor incident, and when to report.

Tammy Wolff and I have been working on increasing membership. We have sent out about 180 letters, applications, brochures, and surveys to our delinquent members. I am very positive we will get a positive response. With the survey I am in hopes we find out why our members stopped coming to our meetings, and dropped out of the Association. If we know the reason, then we can fix it.

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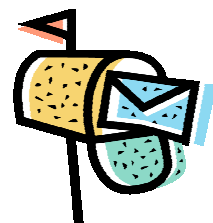


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Membership Renewal Dues

Please mail your membership fee to:



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Reminders

We need candidates for Nurse of the Year, Scholarship, Scrapbook, Yearbook, and Newsletter. Please get your applications and scrapbooks turned in to the awards committee by the deadline which is October 1st.

We need help with getting new and old members to join the Association. Please help the First Vice President in accomplishing this.

We are needing the divisions and committees to start turning in their reports to be included in the newsletter.

LVNAT Committee Reports

Fall Convention

We would also like any ideas on speakers for the upcoming Convention on October 25-27, 2018. Everyone please help us with this.

Our convention this year will be held in Temple, Texas at the Holiday Inn. Their address is: 5247 S. General Bruce Dr., Temple, Texas 76502 and phone number is: 1-877-666-3243 There will be a link put onto the website to be able to book a room online.

Membership Report

Active:	17
Retired:	17
Provisional:	61
Institutional:	0
Supportive:	3
 Total:	 98 members

Nominating Committee Report

Everyone please start thinking about who would like to run for the following officers up for election this year and who you would like to vote for:

President
Treasurer

Second Vice President
Board of Directors (1)

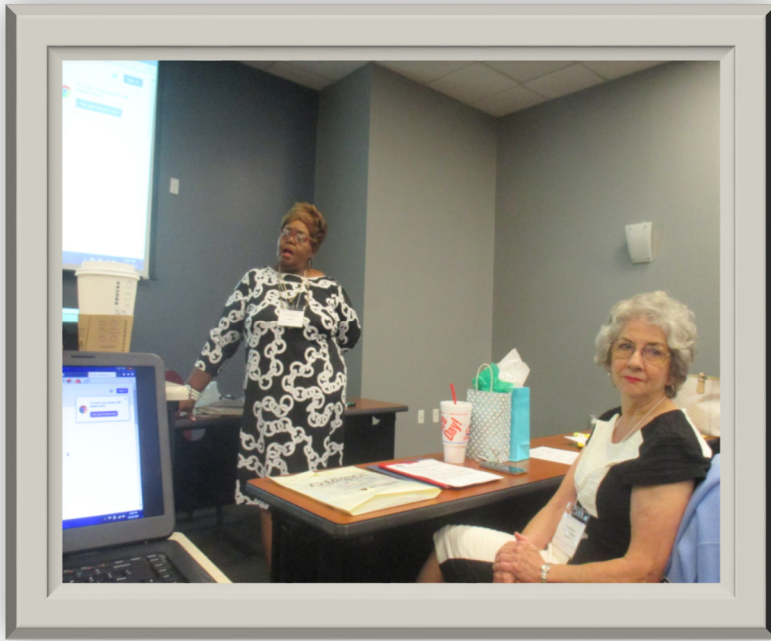
We are also in the process of sending out applications to previous students (who are now LVNs) to regain their interest. I am very positive with the results we will get. I have also been working with the RNs from TNA (Texas Nursing Association) in options to get more members in our Association. Let's all be positive!

God bless each and every one of you!

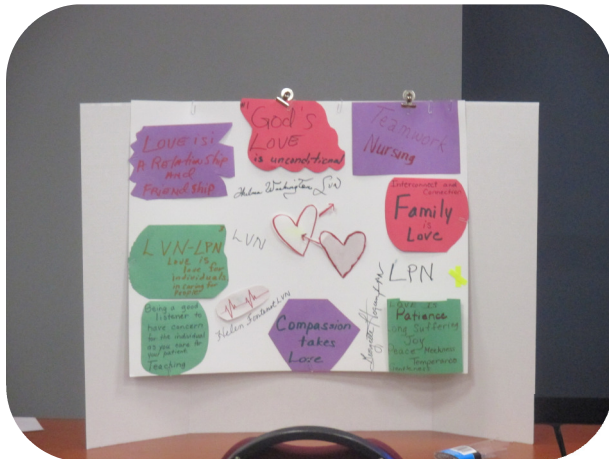
Peggy Roberts, President



Fall 2017 Convention



First speaker of the convention:
Cynara Whaley,
RN



An exercise that Cynara Whaley had us do as part of her presentation.

Betty S. Neal and Helen Fontenot working the annual live auction.





Father Derek
LaBlanche

Dr. Ken Smith



Legislature Reports



Want more like this? Join TNA for more in-depth updates and access to member-only benefits like education and advocacy toolkits.

NLAC Updates

NLAC 2018 SPRING MEETING

The 2018 Spring NLAC meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 19, 2018 at TNA's new offices: 4807 Spicewood Springs Rd., Bldg. 3 in Austin. Mark your calendars.

This roundtable will provide an opportunity for organizations to share and hear each other's focus, concerns and goals for the 2019 legislative session.

Per the membership agreement, each NLAC organization may send 2 representatives. Please contact Cathy White by April 19th to RSVP at cwhite@texasnurses.org, 1-800-862-2022, x 136.

If you'd like to feature your organization/association events in Nursewatch, please contact Catherine White at cwhite@texasnurses.org with your event details.



The March primaries are behind us. Here are some of the races that we watched

More than 30 races are headed to a May 22 runoff - <https://apps.texastribune.org/texas-elections-2018-primary-runoff-candidates/>

Diana Arevalo (Public Health Committee member) lost to former House member Trey Martinez Fischer by 120 votes.

Texas will very likely send two Latinx to Congress with the wins by Veronica Escobar in El Paso and (current senator) Sylvia Garcia in Houston.

There have already been statements by Reps Ana Hernandez and Carol Alvarado that they intend to run for her Senate seat after Garcia's eventual November win. This will force multiple special elections for the Senate seat and another for their house seats if either wins that election.

Sen. Carlos Uresti was convicted of 12 felony indictments. Rep. Roland Gutierrez has already indicated his intent to seek the seat when Uresti is no longer in it, either due to his final conviction on appeal and eviction from office or when he steps down. It is unclear if either will happen soon. Uresti is not up for re-election until 2020.

However, his brother Tomas Uresti was up for re-election this year and unfortunately for him, his surname cost him his seat

For all of the posturing and money spent by Gov. Abbott, Sarah Davis and Lyle Larson both easily won re-election.

The House has a dozen seats where the average margin of victory in statewide races has been smaller than 10 percentage points:

Five are held by Democrats: Philip Cortez of San Antonio, Abel Herrero of Robstown, Joe Moody of El Paso, Victoria Neave of Dallas and Mary Ann Perez of Houston. Each will have a Republican opponent and, perhaps, third-party opponents in November.

Seven are held by Republicans: Rodney Anderson of Grand Prairie, Cindy Burkett of Sunnyvale, Tony Dale of Cedar Park, Sarah Davis of West University Place, Larry Gonzales of Round Rock, Linda Koop of Dallas and J.M. Lozano of Kingsville. Burkett gave up her seat for an unsuccessful Senate bid, and Gonzales didn't seek another term. Both major parties have candidates in those two open seats, and the Democrats have a candidate in each of the others.

Upcoming House/Senate Committee Meetings

March 20 - Senate Finance - 10:00 a.m.

Monitor the implementation of the following funding initiative: Behavioral Health - Monitor the state's progress in coordinating behavioral health services and expenditures across state government, pursuant to Article IX section 10.04, including the impact of new local grant funding provided by the 85th Legislature.

March 21 - House Appropriations Article II Subcommittee - 10:00 a.m.

One issue will be HHSC's use of appropriated funds to expand Texas' inpatient psychiatric infrastructure

March 21-22 - Senate Health & Human Services Committee - 10:00 a.m.

Study efforts by the Department of State Health Services and the Texas Department of Insurance to increase health care cost transparency, including a review of the Texas Health Care Information Collection (THCIC) system, and the Consumer Guide to Healthcare. Recommend ways to make provider and facility fees more accessible to consumers to improve health care cost transparency, increase quality of care, and create a more informed health care consumer base.

Review substance use prevention, intervention, and recovery programs operated or funded by the state and make recommendations to enhance services, outreach, and agency coordination. Examine the adequacy of substance use, services for pregnant and postpartum women enrolled in Medicaid or the Healthy Texas Women Program and recommend ways to improve substance use related health outcomes for these women and their newborns. Examine the impact of recent legislative efforts to curb overprescribing and doctor shopping via the prescription monitoring program and recommend ways to expand on current efforts.

March 27 - House Select Committee on Opioids & Substance Abuse - 10:00 a.m.

Study the prevalence and impact of substance use and substance use disorders in Texas, including co-occurring mental illness. Study the prevalence and impact of opioids and synthetic drugs in Texas. Review the history of overdoses and deaths due to overdoses. Also review other health-related impacts due to substance abuse. Identify substances that are contributing to overdoses, related deaths and health impacts, and compare the data to other states. During the review, identify effective and efficient prevention and treatment responses by health care systems, including hospital districts and coordination across state and local governments. Recommend solutions to prevent overdoses and related health impacts and deaths in Texas.

Proposed Rules

Board of Nursing – The Board has proposed rules regarding minor incidents. There was some confusion as to when a nursing practice error was a minor incident. The proposal is an effort to clarify the rules. The Board also proposed rules that would expand the KSTAR to other potential program providers and implement the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact, which was passed in the last legislative session.

Adopted Rules

Board of Nursing – The Board has adopted rules modifying the Good Professional Character and Criminal History rules. The modifications are a result of last session's sunset legislation, which TNA worked on directly.



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ANNOUNCEMENT: ATTENTION ALL DIVISIONS

WANTED: LVNAT Competitions 2018

1. Your Division Newsletter
2. Your Scrapbook
3. Yearbook
4. Names for Scholarship Recipients
5. Names for Nurse of the Year

All entries must be received by October 1, 2018

Please submit your names to Committee Chairpersons or to LVNAT Headquarters

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