Annual Meeting

The MONE annual meeting was held September 15-16 at the MHA Headquarters in Madison. Laura Brower presented on the journey of nursing excellence and the afternoon featured a panel that was the first ever collaboration with ACHE. The panel featured Laura, Dr. Patrick Smith and Curnis Upkins discussing High Performance teams. Special thanks to Dr. Kim Hoover, who serves as the board liaison with ACHE, for working to establish this collaboration.

Bylaws Changes

MONE has elected to remain affiliated with AONE; this continued affiliation required papers filing with the Attorney General’s office and minor changes in the bylaws. Dr. Marcella McKay worked with a subgroup to draft the changes; the changes were submitted as required and were approved at the meeting. The most substantive change requires that MONE officers must also be members of AONE.

Recognition

*Sherry Cook, MSN RN, CNO at River Oaks Hospital was named Nurse Leader of the year.* Sherry was nominated by her CNO; her administrative team was in attendance to support her in this recognition.

Brenda Castleberry was recognized as the Past President; she will be rolling off the board this year. Janet Harris was recognized for her service as president for the past two years. Janet will serve through 12/31/2016 at which time Pam Wallis, CNO at Magnolia Regional Medical Center will assume the office of President.
I. Regulatory Authority for Nursing Education Programs
According to state statute (Miss. Code Ann. §37-129-1), the Board of Trustees is empowered with the regulatory authority of Mississippi nursing degree programs which includes (1) annual program approval/accreditation, and (2) new program approval/accreditation.

II. Accreditation
a. Standards
Mississippi Nursing Degree Programs Accreditation Standards (June 1, 2015) revisions were approved by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning May, 2015. The revised standards are available from [http://www.ihl.state.ms.us/nursing/downloads/nursing_standards.pdf](http://www.ihl.state.ms.us/nursing/downloads/nursing_standards.pdf)
b. Site Visits
During the 2015-2016 academic year, there were three (3) state accreditation site visits conducted in conjunction with the national nursing accrediting organizations (Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education [CCNE]; Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing [ACEN]). There are four (4) accreditation site visits scheduled for 2016-2017 (East Mississippi Community College – ADN; University of Mississippi Medical Center – DNP; University of Southern Mississippi – DNP; and University of Southern Mississippi Nurse Anesthesia Program – Commission on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Education Programs). National nursing accreditation is required as part of the state approval/accreditation process.

III. Annual Report for Mississippi Nursing Degree Programs
The Annual Report for Mississippi Nursing Degree Programs (2015) and recommendations for annual accreditation for schools of nursing were presented to the Mississippi Board of Trustees (Board) of State Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) during the May 2016 meeting. The annual report and the accreditation status of schools of nursing are available on the IHL Nursing Education website [http://www.mississippi.edu/nursing/]

a. Types of Nursing Programs:
   - 17 associate degree programs,
   - 8 baccalaureate degree programs,
   - 6 master degree programs,
   - 5 doctoral programs: DSU-DNP, MUW-DNP, UMMC-DNP & PhD, USM-DNP & PhD, & WCU-PhD
b. Types of Institutions with Registered Nursing Programs:
   - 5 Public Universities,
   - 3 Private University/College
   - 15 Community Colleges

c. 2015 Nursing Report Data
   - Admissions 2014/2015 – 4,183
   - Enrollment Fall 2015 – 5,865
   - Graduates 2014/2015 – 2,731

IV. Nursing Education Loan/Scholarship Program (NELP)
a. BSN, RN-BSN, RN-MSN, MSN, DNP, PhD & Nursing Teacher Stipend (MSN; DNP; PhD)
c. 1-800-327-2980 (toll-free in Mississippi) or 601-432-6997
d. 2016-2017 Academic Year only scholarship renewals were awarded due to state appropriation/budget cuts.

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MNA District 1 Annual Report

October 2016

District 1 membership, as a Unit and as individuals have chosen to re-dedicate ourselves to the mission and ultimate purpose of MNA. We have revisited the history and initial purpose of our Chapter and made personal efforts to reach out to members to encourage them to reconnect with the membership. Currently, we have 45 members and we hope to increase that number this year.

Despite have lost several of our long-standing leaders within our chapter, we find comfort in knowing that they have taught us the value of hard work and dedication. As a Chapter, we have established goals that are aimed at reaching the nurses within our communities. During this past year we contributed to the Christmas House Project at Mississippi State Hospital and a few other local projects. We awarded a stipend to a Senior nursing student to attend an NCLEX review course. In addition, we have scheduled a District 1-MNA promotions tour to reach out and inform our peers about the benefits of belonging to a professional organization such as MNA. We realized that many nurses are not aware of all that this organization offers, so that is our focus in our outreach efforts. With the tour we will kick off recruitment activities at the local agencies to display a more relaxed, motivational and inclusive atmosphere for all nurses to witness. And as always, we contributed to both the Silent Auction and donated a door prizes at the Annual Convention.

We are confident that if we continue to follow through with our plans to promote our beloved chapter and MNA, we will better equipped to make the impact within our communities that we once made.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Collins, President
Mississippi Nurses’ Association

District 18 Annual Report

October 2016

Membership:

District 18 membership remains stable and participation continues to grow among members across Lowndes, Oktibbeha, Clay, Winston, Noxubee, Choctaw, and Webster counties. Several members are active at the state level representing the district on state committees and councils.

Meetings:

Meetings are held bi-monthly not including mid-summers. Members gather in September for an organizational meeting to plan the year’s activities and to elect delegates for the October Convention. Old business and new business are conducted at each meeting, and most meetings involve additional education and activities including the following:

- Shonda Phelon, assistant professor at Mississippi University for Women, presented on Geriatric Pharmacology at a meeting held at the university.

- Bill Barnett from the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality spoke about household sharps disposal at Lost Pizza Co. in Starkville.

- Gayle Harrell, MNA PAC chair updated members on the PAC at Lost Pizza Co. in Starkville.

- Claire O’Nan spoke about the benefits of acupuncture at Anthony’s Restaurant in Starkville.

- Johnnie Sue Wijewardane provided general information about the Master of Science and Nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice degrees at a district-sponsored pizza social at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Columbus.

Community Service:

- Fall: Collected canned goods and contributed them to local and regional food banks for Thanksgiving and Christmas

- Winter: Collected duffel bags for the Mississippi Children Home Services

- Spring/Summer: Collected cosmetics for women’s shelters in the district and began donating cosmetics to Kairos prison ministries
- Conducted four separate recruitment meetings in nursing classrooms at Mississippi University for Women and East Mississippi Community College reaching students at the Associate degree, Bachelors degree, and Masters degree levels

- Participated in Health Fairs and community education across the district including blood pressure screenings, tobacco cessation education, and life enrichment seminars

- Provided a free one-year membership to MNA as a door prize at a recruiting event

**Fundraising:**

Fundraiser for the year is a Half & Half Raffle. Tickets will be available from any member through October 20 and a winner will be drawn at convention.

**Submitted By:**

Lorraine Gaddis, President, District 18
Mississippi Nurses’ Association

MNA District 7 Annual Report

October 2016

Membership:

Current membership- 169

Board Meetings:

Two meetings were held in 2016

Board solicited input from members on 2016-2017 topics for presentation and community service projects. Board committed to awarding CE credit at majority of district meetings with a light meal provided. Continue to alternate days Tuesdays & Thursdays with one fall meeting and one spring meeting to be held at 6pm all other meetings are at 12pm.

Used this input to set up presentations on pain management and new genetic testing; prevention of and recognizing early S&S of clinical decline; resources available for special needs children; Sickle Cell and professional boundaries.

Used this input to identify community service projects for 2016-2017 that include: Kids Hub Child Advocacy Center; Edwards Street Food Pantry; Fieldhouse for the Homeless and the new Edwards Street Fellowship Health Clinic a free clinic for uninsured or underinsured in our area.

Board committees include Nominating; Legislative; Membership/Mentoring; 5K Run/Walk and Community Service. Membership/Mentoring committee will develop an avenue for offering a Mentor to our newer nurses in District 7 from our members who agree to serve in the role of Mentor.

District meetings:

- We have had seven meetings from August 2015-May 2016 and awarded 1 contact hour at 5 of these meetings. We have had August & September 2016 meetings with 1 contact hour awarded at September meeting.
- Fun event- November 19, 2015 Painting with A Twist
- Hosted our second annual Legislative Update December 2015 and had great attendance from our local legislators
• Hosted our second annual Heart & Sole 5K Run/Walk April 2016 with great participation. We sold T-shirts for event also designed by DNA 7 member Shenika Russell. We were able to donate over $1700 to Kids Hub Child Advocacy Center.
• Annual meeting was held May 19, 2016 for new officer induction and review/approval of bylaws. We added a new officer position of Media Coordinator to manage our district newsletter and Facebook page to help keep all our members informed of District 7 activities.

Community Service:

• Served breakfast at Fieldhouse for the Homeless October 8, 2016
• Collected Teddy bears for Kids Hub Aug & Sept 2016
• Collected individual snacks and juice boxes for Kids Hub
• Collected canned goods for Edwards Street Food Pantry

Upcoming events:

• District meetings are scheduled through May 2017.
• Our Third Annual Legislative update is scheduled for December 13, 2016
• Planning a meeting for new nurses in February 2017 to introduce them to MNA
• April 22, 2017 Third Annual Heart & Sole 5K Run/Walk

Submitted By: Linda Holmes, MSN, RN-BC  MNA District 7 President 2016-2018
District 32 includes Attala, Carroll, Grenada, Holmes, Leflore, and Montgomery counties. District 32 has been very active in networking within our district to improve membership numbers. Over the past year our members have precepted 5 master level students in the nurse practitioner programs of both the W and UMMC. We have held presentations on disease processes and management of diabetes, Pseudobulbar Affect, Use of Anticoagulants for DVTs and PEs, safe disposal of sharps in the home patient, as well as legislative updates regarding nurses. We are holding fund raisers for scholarships to both the Holmes and Mississippi Delta nursing students. We are also donating to the Sisters Paula and Margaret Fund at the W, began with their untimely demise due to violence and with the goal of promoting nursing education at the graduate level. Our district provides a $300 stipend to each member who attends the annual MNA convention as a delegate to help offset expenses.

Submitted by:

Shelby Lipe, President

District 32