



President's Report

Laura Shafer, BSN, RN, CWON



Welcome to our Spring edition! I hope you all are enjoying the warmer weather even though it is not coming fast enough for me! I was honored to attend the Great Comebacks Awards this month in Washington D.C. and it is truly a blessing what the recipients have gone through! Tony Bell is the new National winner and he was so inspirational that it reminded me of a book I used to have which was called *Simple Abundance*. In this book I quote, "Have a life you love so that you wake up every morning excited about the day ahead and delighted to be doing what you're doing even if you're sometimes a little nervous and scared. The world needs dreamers and the world needs doers. But above all the world needs

dreamers who do." On this note I want you all to think about what you love to do and go out and do it just don't dream about it. I would love for all of you to consider running for the SER Board this coming year and show us your dreams about how to make this a better organization! Have a great Spring and I look forward to seeing you at National Conference in Phoenix!

2009 Rookie of the Year

Elliott Douglass, BSN, RN, CWOCN

At the SER Conference last year, Elliott Douglass, BSN, RN, CWOCN won the Rookie of the Year award. She was unable to attend the conference, however here is her story. Congratulations Elliott!

I am the first WOCN for Vanderbilt Children's Hospital and I began in June of 2007 amidst a whirlwind of Medicare changes, pressure ulcer prevention initiatives, and setting up this program from the ground up. I chose to come to Vanderbilt Children's Hospital because it definitely has a special place in my heart. I am a Nashville native and in 1977, at the age of 3, was terribly sick, requiring admittance to the PICU, intubation, the whole nine yards. Things were grim for me at the time, but the fabulous care that was given to me by the nurses and doctors, not only saved my life but inspired me to become a nurse. I achieved that dream of becoming a nurse in 1997, and a WOCN ten years later after working in the burn and trauma unit for that time. What is truly unbelievable for me is that I now work with the very doctor that saved my life so many years ago, Dr. James O'Neill. It is truly the most fulfilling way to spend my days, giving back to this place that gave me back the precious gift of life and doing a job I love so much, which is being a pediatric WOCN.

I had no idea that I was even nominated for this award, nor did I realize that there was a "Rookie of the Year" award to begin with. After the conference weekend, I received a message from a colleague asking me what had happened over the weekend and did I need to share something with him. I had no idea what they were talking about and they said "just give it time and you'll see I am not going to ruin it". I was intrigued and totally thinking something bad was to happen, as I had had a pretty rough work week the week before. I just knew I had not done something with a patient, missed an important meeting, or something like that. But they wouldn't tell me what happened, but kept repeating, "It's all good"! I then received this weird email from a sales rep that was congratulating me, but still had NO CLUE what it was about, the email never said. Now it's getting really weird to me, but no one would even acknowledge any of my questions about it.... It wasn't until later that my fellow WOCN's had a surprise lunch in which they said HAPPY BRITHDAY!!! (My birthday was in August, this was first part of October). Totally confused about the whole thing, I was handed the plaque and told that I had received The Rookie of the Year for the Southeast Region. I was utterly floored, touched, and speechless!!! To have this award was more than I could have dreamed of, and still when I look at it can't believe it. I have never won anything before and I felt lucky, proud, and grateful that I am in a field of work in which I love my job, I love the people I work with, and I love my patients most of all. This is my love and I am so blessed to be able to do what I do every day. This is so appreciated, more than you will ever know!!!



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Greetings from the Communications Director

Patti Haberer, BSN, MA, RN, CWOCN

Hi Southeast Region,

Thank-you all for your kind words about our new and improved SER website. It definitely has been a learning experience! Since the beginning of the year, the website has averaged 65 hits a week. Each hit to the website viewed at least 3 different pages within the website. Our website has been viewed by readers from as far away as the Netherlands, Dubai and Hawaii. This could be attributed to our website being the first Regional website listed when you “google” or “bing” the word – WOCN.



We are continually striving to make the website more user-friendly. Recently, a button called “Newsletter” was added to the top left side of the homepage. With one click of the mouse, you will be directed to the most current Newsletter. New for this year are on-line submission forms for awards and scholarship applications. No more having to mail the downloaded forms. **Marie Sosebee, RN, CWOCN** of Children’s Hospital in Atlanta was our first member to complete one of the on-line submission forms. And finally, we now have a SER PayPal account. SER educational CDs can now be purchased using PayPal. If you don’t have a PayPal account you can still purchase the CDs with a credit card. Speaking of CDs, if you haven’t purchased any of the three CDs, now is the time, they are on SALE.

On another note – My first SER WOCN Board meeting was a few short weeks ago. You all have elected remarkably-talented, hard-working officers. Under the direction of **Laura Shafer**, we had an extremely productive meeting. I am proud to be a member of the SER WOCN. I would highly recommend each and every one of you to get involved with either the WOCN or SER WOCN.

And finally, the SER Newsletter needs your help. We are always looking for “Spotlight on Mentor” articles. If you would like to recognize your special mentor, please forward me your article. My email address is uspah@coloplast.com.

From the Director of Awards Desk

Regina Holmes, RN, MSN, CWOCN, CFCN, FNP



Greetings SER WOCNs. I hope all is well with you all. I can not believe that springtime is already approaching again, but it is evident here in South Carolina as the buttercups are blooming as well as the yellow jasmine and soon to come are the honeysuckles and azaleas. Easter is fast approaching as well. I can remember as a child my grandmother always planting her garden on Good Friday. She said "If you plant too soon before Easter a frost may come and kill your plants". As we think of all the new growth that is coming. Let us think of the new growth within our SER organization. We as leaders must be role models and mentors to the others around us. We must strive to promote and acknowledge the art of WOC nursing.

One of the ways we may accomplish this is by nominating those with in our profession that excel in our great practice of WOC nursing. I am very excited that we now have our nomination application process on-line, therefore if you are interested in nominating someone for: WOC Nurse of the Year, Rookie of the Year, WOC Nursing Week, Youth Camp, Free Fall Scholarship, or Research Scholarships you may read the criteria and submit the applications on-line. Thanks to Patti Haberer and her wonderful husband Bernie, our website is visually appealing and user-friendly with a plethora of information.

I encourage each of you to survey the new growth around you and nominate a Rookie of the Year. Think of those plants and shrubs in your garden that have stood the test of time and become beautiful and better as the years go by and liken this to those that have mentored you through the years setting a phenomenal example for you in WOC practice, excelling in knowledge and expertise over the years and then nominate him or her for WOC nurse of the Year. Think about the kids or counselors who could possibly go to youth rally camp and request assistance for them. Think of those who have a BSN who are actively thinking of WOC nursing and nominate them for the free Fall Conference Scholarship. All of you innovative WOC nurses who are planning for a great WOC week send in your accomplishments for WOC Nursing Week in order to be eligible for free registration for our Fall Conference and last but not least you scholarly WOC'Ners who are interesting in research and want to assistance with a research project, please send in your application for the research grant.



It is with fondness that I reflect on these past 4 years of service in presentations of awards and scholarships. My term will be complete after the upcoming Fall Conference. I look forward to a great conference and also passing on the torch of Director of Awards to someone else. I can truly say that I have enjoyed serving you all. It has been a great experience being involved at the regional level. I encourage and challenge you all to become involved more with in the SER WOCN Society!

In your service, Regina F. Holmes
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Salutations from the Great South Carolina (Home of Myrtle Beach USA!)

Cindy Norris, RN, BSN, CWOCN



Dr. Phyllis Bonham, PhD, MSN, RN, CWOCN, DPNAP, FAAN has been honored with the MUSC (Medical University of South Carolina) College of Nursing 2010 Outstanding Alumnus Award. This will be presented at the Nursing Homecoming April 10th at the Altman Center adjacent to the Citadel Stadium. Congratulations Phyllis! You deserve it! **Phyllis** had a recent publication: (2009) Identifying and treating wound

infection: Topical and systemic antibiotic therapy. *Journal of Gerontological Nursing*, 35(10),25 2-6). And to top all of this off, The American Academy of Nursing has elected **Phyllis** to their membership in 2009. **Connie Schuler RN, Marlene Pippin RN and Pam Conner PT** just completed their Wound Certification through the NASAW. They are employed by the Regional Medical Center in Orangeburg. WOW what an accomplishment. **Marie Gehling** from the Regional Medical Center is studying very hard in the Nurse Practitioner's Program. **Laura Fogle** from Orangeburg Medical Center is expecting twins very soon. **Regina Holmes** from Loris Health Care Systems is taking the Nurse Practitioner boards in April. **Dorothy (Dot) Lawson** was 1 of 32 nominees for Employee of the Year 2010 at Palmetto Health Richland Hospital. **Suzette Taylor RN** has joined the WOCN Department at Palmetto Health Richland. **Elaine Rush** has a new addition to their Wound Healing Institute at Self Regional Healthcare, **Linda Counts RN, BSN, CWOCN**. **Elaine** said it is great having her! **Cindy Norris's** daughter "Joey" in Charleston is having a baby son June 1st. **Carolyn Cuttino** is only working one day a week at the hospital but contracts with nursing homes. She has been babysitting her grandson while Tripp and Ginger were in Costa Rica. **Carolyn Cuttino** and **Cindy Norris** presented a program on legal issues for the state WOCN meeting. Our next meeting will be in October. **Jane Fellows RN, MSN, CWOCN** from Duke University shared names of two websites for those interested in donating any ostomy supplies. These supplies would be used for indigent patients. The websites are "Friends of Ostomates" and "Osto-Group" in Florida. Just do a web search for the information. If anyone needs a roommate for any of the upcoming conferences to share costs, please email me and I will forward your name to those who are interested. Please email any news for our next newsletter at cnorriscwocn@bellsouth.net.

Thoughts for the Day:

"The most important thing about goals is having one." (Geoffrey Albert)
"Rather fail with honor than succeed with fraud." (Sophocles)

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GEORGIA on my Mind

Vi Poteete, RN, CWON

Lots of get well wishes on their way to **Ann Moore, Eugenia Finley, and Yvette Mier**. All of these WOC Nurses are recovering from surgery.

The Kennestone Hospital in patient WOCN department welcomes **Christine Reuscher** to their staff. **Christine** moved to Marietta from Nashville, TN and is a recent graduate of the Emory WOCNEP.

Linda Dickerson, Kennestone Wound treatment Center clinical supervisor, is "expecting" her second granddaughter Coralie on April 18th!

Congratulations to **Marlies Niehser** and **Vi Poteete**, for receiving the DAISY AWARD for extraordinary nurses. The daisy award program celebrates extraordinary skills and compassionate care given by nurse's every day. **Marlies** and **Vi** are both WOC nurses at Kennestone Hospital, in-patient department.

Alvin Word and **Vi Poteete** have accepted the co-chair position of the WOCN task force related to the national scholarship award process. They will be working to establish a national scholarship fund that will allow better utilization of monies for qualified applicants. This process will allow regions and affiliates to place their scholarship monies into a single fund. In the past successful applicants have had a wide disparity in the amount of their award based on what money was available in the regional / affiliate fund and if no money was available or the candidate did not meet the criteria established by the region or affiliate, the award came from the national scholarship fund. Regions

and affiliates will decide by June 2010 whether to support the national scholarship fund or to maintain an individual fund which would be totally managed by the region or affiliate. **Alvin Word** was very successful in challenging the members of the SER to increase the investment in their scholarship fund and personally matched the funds that were pledged. **Alvin** hopes to take this effort to the national level and significantly increase the amount of the WOCN scholarship award. This challenging opportunity will be presented to WOCN members and industry sponsors at the national meeting in Phoenix, AZ. The task force will also look at the application process and make any changes that will provide a more equitable process. Our hope is that we will provide a fair process with funding that will actually impact the financial needs of applicants and thus assuring that our nursing specialty will be nurtured and allowed to meet the needs of the patients for years to come. If SER members have any questions related to this process, please feel free to contact **Alvin Word** or **Vi Poteete**.



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Congratulations Karen Larkan!

The South Palm Beach Ostomy Chapter has recognized Karen Larkan their 2009 Nurse of the Year by donating \$250.00 to the SER Scholarship Fund. The South Palm Beach UOAA wrote the following about Karen.

"Thank you for making our members feel safe and secure and comfortable in your presence and presentation, trusting your ability and capability of sharing knowledge and perspective in the field of ostomy care and caring. Our ostomates are not a one size fits all by a composite of stomas, pouches and irrational fears.

Thank you for being a competent enterostomal therapist (ET Nurse) with expertise and knowledge for renewing our sense of confidence to lead a full and active life as always intended. Thank you for just being a phone call away."

Respectfully,
South Palm Beach Ostomy Chapter

Director—Special Projects

Sharon Traylor, RN, CWON



I love Spring...warmer weather, flowers blooming, birds singing... what a glorious renewal of life. Along those same thoughts, we need to nourish our minds and keep current so we can continue to grow with our nursing specialty.

As budgets continue to be tight, the need to attend local wound, ostomy, and continence programs for CE's is an issue many of us face. My problem is finding them. I would like to start adding CE programs in each State to alert our members what is available in their area. Please e-mail me at sharon.traylor@winterhavenhospital.org of any programs so we can post them for everyone.

Here's what available:

- **SAWC** – April 17-20 – Orlando, FL
- **2010 Joint Conference WOCN/WCET** – June 12-16
Universal Focus on Patient Care – Phoenix, Arizona
- **2010 SER WOCN Annual Conference** – Sept. 30-Oct. 3
WOC Nurses...Closing the Gap – Concord, NC
- **WOCN website** – Global Learning Center
- [www. NursingCenter.com/CE](http://www.NursingCenter.com/CE) – continuing education articles:
 - CE's from WOCN journal – 16
 - CE's from the topic skin/wound – 48
 - Advances in Skin & Wound Care – The Journal for Prevention & Healing (36)
- www.medlineuniversity.com – programs on pressure ulcer prevention, continence, wound care, and more
- www.us.coloplast.com – programs on pressure ulcers, incontinence and ostomy management
- www.inquisit.org - online/live programs
- www.ehob.com –educational webinars
- www.nursingceportal.com – online specialty courses



Don't forget to add our DVD's (now on sale) to your collection of educational material.

May the simple pleasures of spring fill your heart with joy!

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Tennessee is Talking!

Mona Hector, BSN, RN, CWOCN

Here we go traveling across Tennessee!

Lennis Floyd and the ET/Wound team at UT Hospital in Knoxville welcome **Blanche Veste RN, MSS**. They are also proud of their part in significantly reducing the pressure ulcer incidence at their facility. That takes real teamwork! **Amy Bandelier** changed jobs last August and is now the Clinical Manager at the Advanced Wound Care Clinic at Southern Hills Hospital in Nashville. She jumped back into the clinical setting and is growing as an effective manager. **Carmen Jenkins** reports she is back at Maury Regional Medical Center as the WOC nurse. She has set up an indigent ostomy care assistance program in the communities of middle and southern Tennessee.

Temporary ostomates assist by donating unused supplies for those in need to support this fantastic endeavor. An announcement was made at a community physician office luncheon informing physician office staff about this program to assist folks in need due to financial hardships. **Lisa Keyser RN, BSN, CWON** is working at the Williamson Medical Center in Franklin, TN and has started a brand new Ostomy Support Group. They will be meeting monthly at the hospital, the second Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm. For additional information, Lisa's contact number is (615) 435-5317. The Information Desk at the front lobby will know the location of the monthly meeting. **Mitzi Rice** has joined the middle TN home health group at Suncrest Home Health in Murfreesboro. **Mitzi**

has already provided a PowerPoint training for all offices on basic wound care and is working on another PowerPoint to educate staff on product selection and recognizing different microbial states of wounds. She is so excited and looking forward to learning from all of her colleagues. **Mitzi** will be taking her wound certification boards in April. Good Luck Mitzi! **Barbara Dale** of Quality Home Care will be presenting an educational session at the National Association for Home Care conference in Dallas, TX in October. Good going Barbara! **Jenny Hurlow RN, GNP, CWOCN** in Memphis is now president of the Memphis Geriatrics Advanced Practice Nurses. Jenny does wound management with a private plastic surgery group in the Memphis area. **Tonya Warmbrod RN, BSN, CWOCN** was honored as a Methodist Star of 2010 and was also honored with a Power of One award in November 2009. **Tony Micheletti RN, MSN, CWON, CWS** will be honored as one of the Top 100 Nurses of Shelby/Fayette County at the Gala for 2010.

Shelia Carter finished the WOC program at Emory last December and is already certified in wound care. She is now working part time at Jackson-Madison Hospital and joins **Hope Voegeli, Patricia Moore, and Jennifer Vandiver**. Our traveling **Suzu Scott RN, MSN, CWOCN** was recently promoted to Acute Care Specialist and SPD Program Manager for the South Central Veterans Health Care Network (VISN 16). She relocated to Jackson, MS for the next year. Her multiple responsibilities include 10 VA medical centers



and several dozen community based out-patient clinics where she will be involved in Supply, Processing and Distribution, Infection Control, OR, and yes Skin Integrity. They got it right this time! **Scott Barnett, CWON** has been appointed Regional Clinical Director for Alvin Word's company, The Center for Wound, Ostomy & Continence Care, LLC with the opening of their HBO clinic at Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center, Knoxville, TN. **Alvin Word, MBA, MHA, RN, CWON** has been recertified by the American Nurses Credentialing Center in General Nursing Practice for another 5 years. (RN-BC). He is running again for another 2-year term as Director-Region 4- WOCN Society and would appreciate any/all support from the Southeast Region. **Vi Poteete** and **Alvin** have been named co-chairs of the WOCN Foundation campaign that will kick-off after conference to raise funds for scholarship. **Alvin** will also be part of a panel of our colleagues presenting a "Business 101" pre-conference program in Phoenix.

Again I am asking that you continue to send me your e-mail addresses or if you change your e-mail so I can alert you for the newsletter deadline.

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North Carolinians in the News

Judy Plemmons, RN, CWOCN

WestCare Health System, Sylva, NC and Haywood Regional Medical Center, Waynesville, NC have merged. The new healthcare system is called Medwest.

Susan Stafford is going to work at the new wound clinic in Boone when it opens. **Melody Austin** is working on a poster for National Conference. **Shirley Matthews'** prevalence study is published in a recent edition of the OWM journal. **Nancy Payne** presented a poster entitled, *A CNS for Limb Loss Care*, at the National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists (NACNS) meeting in Portland, Oregon.

We are so proud of **Suzanne Collins!** **Suzanne** is the incoming chairman of the National Public Policy Committee. She will be attending NIWI with 10 other

participants where they will be advancing the WOCN agenda for recognition of our specialty; to educate about avoidable vs. unavoidable pressure ulcers and the disparity in CMS funding between the two; the value of the WOC nurse across all continuums of care. Good luck everyone!

Jan Johnson, Nancy Payne and **Krys Dixon** went to Haiti after the earthquake to provide care to the injured as part of Duke University Health Systems' Emergency Response Team. They were there for 7 days and dealt with a very high number of orthopedic patients and of course, wounds! They provided wound/ostomy/skin care and nurse education for the hospital in Cange, Haiti.

Lori Yerse is going to be a grandma. **Lori Borja** has gone

back to school.

Colleen Spiller's son, Kingsley, will be graduating from The Citadel in May. Kingsley will be joining the US Army as an officer and going to Ranger School.



The North Carolina WOC nurses are happy to report that the data collection for the next research project on deep tissue injury is underway.

SER members get ready to start your engines. The 2010 SER Conference is being held in Concord, NC – home of the Charlotte Motor Speedway. We look forward to seeing you!!

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2010 SER WOCN Conference

Trudy Huey, RN, MSN, CWOCN

Greetings from the NC 2010 Fall Conference Planning Committees! We have many wonderful speakers and topics in store for you in beautiful Concord, North Carolina. The Education Committee has worked diligently to provide an even distribution of contact hours in all four practice areas for those of you who use the PGP for recertification. Interested in learning about the latest in bowel lengthening procedures? Come to the fall meeting and learn from one of the pioneers in this field. Between pre-conference workshop and the general sessions, there will be an opportunity to earn 20 plus contact hours. We are confident you will not find a better "bang for your educational bucks" than our fall meeting.

Our conference theme is "WOC Nurses...Closing the Gap". The conference will be at the Embassy Suites with many amenities included in the price of your room such as a fully cooked breakfast daily and a manager's evening reception to name a few. The hotel also has a great restaurant and superb spa and is located near Concord Mills Shopping mall and many other fine restaurants. The Entertainment Committee is working hard on fun things to do at the end of our day. And you will NOT want to miss the silent auction but beware you are going to want to bid on multiple items!

This year's conference brochure is near completion and will be posted on the website soon. Information for exhibitors is now posted on the website.

Save the Date: September 30 to October 3, 2010. We look forward to seeing you in Concord!



Greeting from Awesome Alabama

Jessie L Dickerson, RN, MSN, CWON-AP, CFCN

Congrats and best wishes to the following WOC nurses for their recent accomplishments:

- **Deborah Thedford** and **Sharon White** worked exceptionally hard as co-chairs of the above Spring workshop; making sure all of the nuts and bolts were organized appropriately so that the resulting workshop is worthy of a Stellar award. We tip our hats to you ladies for a job well done.
- **Deborah Thedford** also was the recipient of UABs "Clinical Nurse Excellence Award for 2010" and, as a participant in the "Walk For Obesity" fund raiser held in Atlanta, GA. Deborah received an award from Dr. Fobi (inventor of the Fobi pouch) for raising the second largest amount of money for this program in the nation. You go girl!
- **Sharon White's** nomination has been accepted by the National WOCN Society to appear on the slate of candidates for the Office of Nomination, Area #4, in the upcoming WOCN Society. She will need all of our votes. So, please, please vote people!!! Sharon is counting on us.
- **Julie Bray** is soon to be a brand new mom. She and her husband Brian are expecting their first child (a

boy) around July 25, 2010. They have selected the name "Benjamin Paul Bray". Both parents are beaming with excitement as they await the arrival of their bundle of joy.



- **Cynthia Cunningham** is looking forward to working with a team of nurses and patients as they participate in the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation fund raiser "Take a Step...". This fund raiser is scheduled for June 5th. You may contact **Cynthia** for further information or register online at www.Crohns and Colitis Foundation.org.
- **Sharon McKinney** has a brand new grandbaby (girl) by the name of Makenna Kay; born a few days ago (early). Both (mother Malissa and baby) are home now and doing fine. Of course, Grandma **Sharon** states that baby Makenna "is the most beautiful baby girl ever"!

Condolences and Prayers:

We solicit your prayers for: **Patty Lawley** in the recent loss of two of her small grandchildren and,

Sarah Streeby in the loss of her brother. Our sincere and heartfelt prayers go out to both of them.

Respectfully submitted,
 Jessie L. Dickerson, RN, MSN,
 CWON-AP, CFCN

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**WOC Nurses...
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 Sept 30—Oct 3
 Concord, NC
 (outside Charlotte)

Watch the web site for
 online registration soon!
www.serwocn.org

SER 2010 Elections

Marta Bullard, BSN, RN, CWOCN

Nominations Committee, Chair



Hello Everyone,

It is my honor to serve this term as Nominations Chair for our region. I want to thank you all and challenge each of you to be proactive in our coming election.

Please take the next few months to consider each of these offices. If you are interested, or know someone who would offer talent and service to our organization, please nominate them. I would appreciate communication of these contacts. I will be glad to approach the person(s) regarding the qualifications, service required.

Thank you for your interest and the continued service to our organization.

Qualifications for office: Active member of the SER WOCN with membership one year immediately prior to election.

As of this next election, we have the following positions open for nomination:

President—The President shall serve as the chief executive officer of the SER WOCN. The President shall also serve as a member ex-officio, with the right to vote on all committees except the Nominations Committee. The President shall make all required appointments of standing committee chairpersons and special committees with the approval of the SER Board of Director. The President shall perform other duties as are necessary to the office of president or as may be described by the SER Board of Directors. The President shall serve one year as a non-voting member of the SER Board of Directors upon completion of the term of office.

Vice-President—The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence or incapacity of the President. The Vice-President shall succeed to the office of the President in the event it shall become vacant. The Vice-President shall perform such duties as may be delegated by the President or by the SER Board of Directors. The Vice-President shall serve as the SER liaison to the WOCN Public Policy Subcommittee. The Vice-President shall be responsible for maintaining the bylaws and the policy/procedure manual.

Director of Awards—The Director of Awards serves as the coordinator of the Youth Rally Sponsorship, Celebrate WOC Nurse Week Award, SER WOC Nurse of the Year and Rookie of the Year Awards, and the Dorothy Doughty Research and Fall Conference Scholarships.

Director of Communications—The Director of Communications shall serve as the editor of the SER Newsletter. The Director of Communications shall serve as the webmaster for the SER website.

Please contact myself or a nominating committee member below if you are interested in running for office or if you have any questions.

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