SUNA HISTORY 2008-2009

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Seated L to R: T. Dickinson, President M. Wasner, S. Lipsy, V. Welch, D. Hensley
Standing: A. Driscoll, C. LeCroy, L. Boyd, C. Neufeld

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Bylaws    Susan Baum Lipsy, ANP-BC, CUNP
Nominating    Tamara Dickinson, RN, CURN, CCCN, BCIA-PMDB
Annual Symposium    Shanna Atnip, MSN, WHNP-BC
Annual Conference    Diana Baker, RN, BSN
Approver Unit    Gina Powley, MSN, APRN, BC
Foundation    Ardet Hale, CURN (Ret)
History    Nancy McFadin Mueller, MSN, RN, CURN
Legislative    Saundra Seidel, APRN-BC, CNOR, CUCNS
This year the nation dealt with recession which directly impacted on SUNA’s own challenges to sustain growth while managing risk, and maintain commitment to excellence in clinical practice. Under the strong and effective leadership of President Mary Anne Wasner and the SUNA Board of Directors, and the AJ Jannetti Management Company, SUNA met these challenges head on and remains a thriving professional nursing organization.

SUNA membership: 2903
Corporate Membership: 28
CBUNA certified members: 583
Total SUNA chapters: 42

SUNA welcomed one new chapter this year, the Garden State (NJ) chapter.
The Central California Chapter was dissolved and members reassigned to the Northern California Chapter.

Health Care Reform was at the forefront of President Obama’s agenda this year, and SUNA actively worked with Nursing Organizations Alliance to impact nursing issues.
including education funding and nursing workforce. Legislative chair, Saundra Seidel had a very busy year addressing numerous legislative initiatives allowing SUNA to be a collaborative voice, and worked with the AUA Legislative committee on issues that directly effect urology.

The AUA approached SUNA to co-author a white paper addressing proper disinfection of cystoscopes in the office setting. A joint task force is currently working on the project with SUNA representatives, Mary Anne Wasner, Eileen Young, and Fran Foley. The joint guidelines will be co-authored and available on both the AUA and SUNA websites.

Many other collaborative initiatives are ongoing. Tamara Dickinson was invited to join the AUA Advisory Council Education Program. AUA representatives Dr Brendan Fox and Peter Plourd met with President Wasner, Tamara Dickinson and Cheryl LeCroy during the AUA Conference in Chicago. Rick Rutherford, Director AUA Practice Management, was invited faculty member for the SUNA PreConference Advanced Practice workshop. The ICS World Continence Week was held in Chicago with President Wasner attending, and the Chicago Metro Chapter exhibiting at this first-ever USA event.

In response to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) newly implemented quality initiatives, SUNA received numerous calls regarding catheter care, one of the procedures addressed. SUNA responded quickly and appropriately by setting up a task force under the direction of Susan Lipsy to develop clinical practice guidelines for Prevention and Control of Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI). The preliminary document was completed and now awaits CDC recommendations.

The Scope and Standards of Practice for Advanced Practice Continence Nurses in Long Term Care was completed, setting the framework for quality care to the growing population of elders in long term care. Also this year, Clinical Practice Guidelines for Acute Urinary Retention was published and new Patient Fact Sheets on Brachytherapy and Bladder Cancer were written. A new brochure, Careers in Urology, was published to boost our marketing and recruiting efforts.

The December issue of Urologic Nursing – a special issue on quality initiatives – was featured on the Quality and Safety Education for Nurses web site. Quality and Safety Education for Nurses (QSEN) funds national studies to educate nursing students on patient safety and health care quality. Congratulations to editor Jane Hawks and all involved with the journal.

Speaking of kudos - The ANCC site review for SUNA Provider and Approver Units took place in May. Sally Russell, Gina Powley, Pat Davey and Cheryl Underhill spent countless hours preparing for the visit and were on site with the ANCC auditors for two full days. In August, SUNA received an unprecedented six year re-accreditation for both provider and approver units. This is a remarkable achievement, and gratitude is extended to the many people who helped make this possible!
The SUNA Foundation had its third successful year with fund raising events at both the Symposium and Annual Conference. The Foundation now funds two attendees to attend both the Symposium and Annual Conference. In consideration of budget constraints, the SUNA Board voted to fund completion of the three currently approved research projects, but will not award new grants until these projects are completed.

Urodynamics remains a major focus of our organization. For several years SUNA has been running a successful UDS course in conjunction with the Symposium. This year the AUA provided UDS course was cancelled. The SUNA board recognizes that as an organization SUNA can take the lead in UDS training and education. SUNA will continue the quality UDS course at Symposium and add a coding segment in 2010. UDS certification was addressed in a needs assessment conducted by CBUNA and CNET. The response was 87% in favor of UDS certification. SUNA has long awaited ICS to get this certification project completed to no avail. Once again it is an opportunity for SUNA to take the lead. CBUNA and SUNA voted to move ahead with certification!

The 2009 ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

“Incontinence and Pelvic Floor Disorders” was the focus of the Symposium held March 11-14 in San Francisco. There were 354 health care professionals in attendance. Four preconference workshops were held, including the popular 1½ day Basic Urodynamic workshop. Shanna Atnip chaired the Symposium Planning Committee with members Peggy Hayes, Charlotte Kelley, Katharine O’Dell, Sandra Engberg, Monica Davis, Melissa Morrison, and Sally Russell.
SUNA celebrated its 40th Conference Anniversary this year! In commemoration of this significant event, Historian Nancy Mueller edited a history of our organization, “Celebrating Our Heritage: A Tradition of Excellence” which was presented to conference attendees in brochure format (sponsored by Gyrus ACMI, Inc). Past President Carol Einhorn presented a general session: SUNA: Past, Present and Future. The Annual Conference will go down in history as SUNA’s first green conference. SUNA contracted with Digitell to create an on-line library for all sessions from the conference. Attendees were provided an access code to the on-line library allowing previewing and downloading of all conference materials, CE testing and transcripts. This successful format will continue to be used for future conferences. There were attendees at the conference with 28 corporate sponsors and 51 exhibitor booths. International guests included Lucinda Poulton from BAUN; Bente Thoft Jensen from EAUN and Sue Osborne from ANZUNS. AUA liaison, Dr Brendan Fox was in attendance. Cheryle Gartley, President of the Simon Foundation for Continence was also in attendance. The 2009 Annual Conference was chaired by Diana Baker and committee members included Fran Bryant, Ann Finley, Jane Berlew, Barbara Broome, Delene Egger, Maureen Johnson, and Michelle Radke.

LECTURESHPs

ARTHUR T. EVANS Lectureship sponsored by the AUA, awarded to Cheryl LeCroy, RN, MSN for “It’s all in the Details: Urodynamics Case Studies”

PATRICIA PUTETTI MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP sponsored by the Central Virginia Chapter of SUNA, awarded to Michelle Lajiness FNP-BC for “The Use of Botulinum Toxin in Urology Procedures – A Case Study Approach”

PAST PRESIDENTS LECTURESHIP sponsored by the SUNA Past Presidents. This year given in memory of Alice Morel, awarded to Valre Welch MSN, RN, CPNP and Shelly King, MSN, CPNP for “Congratulations You’re having a Baby – Oh My, What Kinds of Problems Could We Have”

WYLAND LEADBETTER LECTURESHIP sponsored by the Upper Midwest Chapter of SUNA, awarded to Jeffrey Albaugh PhD, APRN, CUCNS for “The Nurse’s Role with the Patient with Prostate Cancer”

RUSSELL CHURCH MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP sponsored by the Western Region of SUNA and T-DOC, Jane Hawks PhD, RN, BC for “Writing for Publication: Helpful Hints”

VANCE CASELMAN LECTURESHIP sponsored by the Great Lakes Chapter of SUNA, awarded to Paula Forest MSN, OCN, CHPN, GNP-BC, ARNP for “Delirium: The Newest and Most Poorly Recognized Epidemic in Hospitals”
IAN THOMPSON MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP sponsored by the Alamo Chapter of SUNA, awarded to Melissa Feldhaus-Dahir for “MSN, APRN, for “Female Sexual Dysfunction: The Secret Women are Talking About”

AWARDS

RON BRADY Career Mobility Scholarship Recipient Award presented to Jennifer Kucera RN, CURN

SUSZETTE MCKAY MEMORIAL Excellence in Urologic Nursing presented to Ginger Lewis, BSN, RN, CURN

JAN LeBOUTON MEMORIAL Certification Scholarship presented to Karen Dziuba

McFARLANE AWARD presented to Marianne Borch, BSN, RN, CURN

RECRUITER OF THE YEAR Award presented to Cynthia McLean, LPN

SUNA CHAPTER AWARDS:
Little Chapter with a Big Heart: Metropolitan Baltimore
Exceptional New Chapter: Kentucky Bluegrass
Most Improved Chapter: Central Oklahoma
Chapter with Best Communication: Northern California
Chapter with Exceptional Educational Programs: Research Triangle
Chapter with Exceptional Contributions to SUNA: Great Lakes
Chapter with Exceptional Community Activity: Chicago Metro

CHAPTER OF THE YEAR AWARD presented to the UPPER MIDWEST CHAPTER

REGIONAL MEMBERS OF THE YEAR AWARDS:
Eastern Region: Jeff Guse, RT, RDMS, RVT, CUA
North Central Region: Mari Olsen, BSN, RN, CURN
Southeast Region: Cynthia McLean, LPN
Western Region: Jan Jensen, RN

NOVICE LITERARY EXCELLENCE AWARD presented to: Elizabeth Erolano, DNSc, RN for Follow up of Men Post-Prostatectomy: Who is Responsible?”

CATHERINE-ANN LAWRENCE LITERARY EXCELLENCE AWARD presented to JoAnn Kleier, PhD, EdD, ARNP-C, CURN for “Procedure Competencies and Job Functions of the Urologic Advanced Practice Nurse”
PRESIDENT’S TROPHIES

The trophy for Outstanding Contributions to the Specialty of Urologic Nursing was awarded to Kelly Kruse Nelles. The trophy for Outstanding Contributions to SUNA was awarded to Gina Powley (seen at left, center).

President Wasner expressed appreciation to outgoing board member and immediate past president Tamara Dickinson, and outgoing SNS SIG leader Helen Rittenmeyer.

At the close of the successful Annual Conference President Wasner passed the gavel to incoming president Susan Lipsy.

ChicagoMetro Chapter choreographed and danced to a Michael Jackson hit at the Annual Conference party. President Wasner is pictured lower left.

Chapter of the Year: UPPER MIDWEST
IN MEMORY
Alice Morel, founder of the Urology Nurses Association, former president of AUAA, and member of the certification board passed away in December 2008.