SUNA HISTORY 2009-2010

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“SUNA members make a difference in the lives of their patients and families everyday.” This was the focus of Susan Lipsy’s presidency this year. Under her dynamic leadership SUNA had a very successful year in spite of economic challenges faced by the organization. In collaboration with our
management company AJ Jannetti, the SUNA Board of Directors adopted strategies to reduce expenses which resulted in savings and creative new ideas to accomplish the business of SUNA. This outstanding board met the challenges yet remained dedicated to achieving our organizational mission of commitment to excellence in clinical practice and research through education of its member, patients, family and community.

SUNA membership: 2,645
Corporate Sponsors: 29
CBUNA Certified Members: 653
Total SUNA Chapters: 43 with 41 Active Chapters and 2 Inactive Chapters
We welcomed the Garden State Chapter for full affiliate status and reactivated the Delaware Valley to full active status.

SUNA has taken an extremely active role in collaborating with other related organizations over the past year. The White Paper on *Reprocessing of Flexible Cystoscopes* was co-authored by SUNA and AUA members. SUNA authors Fran Foley, Mary Anne Wasner, Eileen Young and President Susan Lipsy attended the AUA and were present at the plenary session when the paper was presented. As president Lipsy so aptly noted “we were filled with pride over this outstanding accomplishment”. Members of the SUNA board met with AUA representatives, Peter Plourd and Dr Brendan Fox to discuss further collaborative initiatives during the AUA. Jeff Albaugh and Heather Schultz were formally appointed to the NPP committee of the AUA.

Jeff Albaugh, GAUN representative for SUNA, attended the 2010 meeting in Barcelona, Spain in April. The next GAUN meeting is planned for 2011 during the SUNA Annual conference in San Antonio. Saundra Seidel actively led SUNA on CNS issues through her involvement in the National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists. SUNA exhibited at the WOCN national conference, and Gwen Hooper will attend the NSNA meeting in November to promote the image of Urology Nursing and promote our new marketing brochure: *Discover a Career in Urologic Nursing*.

SUNA’s legislative presence continues to be strong with active participation on important specialty nursing issues. Under the direction of outgoing Legislative chair, Saundra Seidel, SUNA signed on to the Nursing Community, endorsed the community senate appropriations sign on letter and state testimony and endorsed support for nurse managed health centers. Francie Bernier attended NIWI in the spring, and assumed the Legislative Chair position in July.

This year SUNA has emphasized and enhanced member support and services. Our technology state of the art services now includes the Website, E-news, online UroGram, Discussion boards, Facebook, Webinars, Web links and the very popular on-line ProLibrary which offers CNE programs. On-line voting debuted this year too. A new SIG group, APN in Long Term Care was initiated and convened at the Annual Conference. CAUTI clinical guidelines and the ISC patient education fact sheet were finalized and added to the Website.

The SUNA Foundation under the leadership of Ardeth Hale continues strong in its fourth year. The Foundation received $1,875 from member donations during the Symposium raffle, and more than $7,500 during the Annual Conference Silent Auction. Memorials exceeding $5,000 were received
following the untimely death of member Susan Healy. The SUNA Board approved the formation of the Susan Healy Memorial Scholarship for a SUNA member to further their pediatric education. The Chapter Enhancement Scholarship was also approved by the Board in order to highlight and provide financial support to SUNA chapters in their efforts to provide educational and community activities.

THE 2010 ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

“Incontinence and Pelvic Floor Disorders” was the focus of the Symposium held March 11-13, 2010 at the very popular Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs, attended by more than 312 health care professionals. SUNA has incorporated many of the International Continence Society’s standards for training into the Urodynamics Course at Symposium, designed to provide basic training in urodynamics. Attendees who attended the UD preconference and concurrent sessions during the conference were awarded a Certificate of Course Attendance. The Symposium planning committee was chaired by Katharine O’Dell with members Shanna Atnip, Monica Davis, Peggy Hayes, Melissa Morrison, Carolyn North, Joanne Robinson, and Director of Education, Sally Russell.

THE 41ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Annual Conference was held on October 8-11 at the beautiful Westin Waterfront Hotel in Boston. The New England SUNA chapter was the host chapter for the conference. Despite the economy conference numbers were strong with more than 486 registrations. There were 55 exhibitor booths and 29 corporate sponsors. Guest attendees included Bente Jensen from the EAUN; Ken Mitchell, incoming president of the Urology PA Association; and Dr. Brendan Fox from the AUA. The Advanced Practice Nurse track was a big draw with more than 70 health care professionals attending the Preconference Workshop on Advanced Practice Cystoscopy. This eight hour session included lecture and hands-on training, under the direction of APN Course Director, Jeff Albaugh. The 2010 Annual conference was chaired by Fran Bryant and committee members included Diane Baker, Jane Berlew, Barbara Broome, Gwen Hooper, Fran Foley, Michelle Radke, Maureen Johnson, and Director of Education, Sally Russell.

LECTURESHIPS

ARTHUR T. EVANS LECTURESHIP sponsored by the AUA, awarded to Jill Freeman, MAN, RN, CUNP for “Interstitial Cystitis”.

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PATRICIA PUTETTI MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP sponsored by the Columbia Presbyterian Chapter of SUNA, awarded to Donna Carrico MS, WHNP for “Percutaneous Tibial Nerve Stimulation: New Information Related to Overactive Bladder, Fecal Incontinence and Quality of Life”.

PAST PRESIDENTS LECTURESHIP sponsored by the SUNA Past Presidents, awarded to Cheryl LeCroy, MSN, RN for “Using What We Know and Knowing What to Use: Urinary Incontinence and Urodynamics”.

WYLAND LEADBETTER LECTURESHIP sponsored by the Upper Midwest Chapter of SUNA, awarded to Valre Welch, MSN, CPNP and Shelly King, MSN, CPNP for “Management of Pediatric Genital Anomalies”.

RUSSELL CHURCH MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP sponsored by the Western Region of SUNA and T-DOC, awarded to Charlotte Kelley, MSN, GNP, ARNP for “Female Genital Exam and Treatment of Genital Dermatologic Disorders”.

VANCE CASELMAN LECTURESHIP sponsored by the Great Lakes Chapter of SUNA, awarded to Suzanne Leckness, RN and Mari Olsen, BSN, RN, CURN for “Nursing Care of the Post-Operative Prostatectomy Patient”.

IAN THOMPSON MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP sponsored by the Alamo Chapter of SUNA, awarded to Mikel Gray, PhD, CUNP, CCCN, FAANP, FAAN for “Advanced Pathophysiology of the Lower Urinary Tract”.

RUTH HUGHES LECTURESHIP sponsored by the Greater Houston Chapter of SUNA, awarded to Michelle Lajiness, FNP, BC for “Urinary Retention in the Frail Elderly”.

AWARDS

RON BRADY Career Mobility Scholarship Recipient Award presented to Laura Croft Maw, MS, APRN-BC, FNP-BC.

SUSZETTE MCKAY MEMORIAL Excellence in Urologic Nursing presented to Joan Colella, MPA, MSN, APN, NP-C.

JAN LeBOUTON MEMORIAL Certification Scholarship presented to Treva Thomasson RN, CURN, BCIA-PMDB

McFARLANE AWARD presented to Barbara Baron, BSN, RN, CURN, James Miller, and Jennifer Valenta, LPB-C, CUA.

CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS presented to Susan Taylor, RN, CURN and Elaine Brogdon, MN, ARNP.

CHAPTER ENHANCEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS presented to Great Lakes Chapter, Yakima Chapter, and Razorback Chapter

SUSAN E. HEALY Pediatric Nursing Education Award presented to Griceida Selbach, LPN.
SUNA CHAPTER AWARDS:
Little Chapter with a Big Heart: SE Nebraska
Exceptional New Chapter: Garden State
Most Improved Chapter: New England
Chapter with Best Communication: Chicago Metro
Chapter with Exceptional Educational Programs: Mississippi Valley
Chapter with Exceptional Contributions to SUNA: Northern New Jersey
Chapter with Exceptional Community Activity: Florida Sunshine

CHAPTER OF THE YEAR AWARD presented to the UPPER MIDWEST CHAPTER

REGIONAL MEMBERS OF THE YEAR AWARDS:
Northeastern Region: Fran Foley, MS, RN, CURN
North Central Region: Gwen Hooper, ARNP, CUNP
Southeast Region: Phyllis Matthews, ANP-BC, CUNP
Western Region: Margaret Hayes BS, RN, CURN

NOVICE LITERARY EXCELLENCE AWARD presented to: Donna Carrico, MS, NP, Karen Sherer, BSN, RN CCRC, and Kenneth Peters, MD for “The Relationship of Interstitial Cystitis/Painful Bladder Syndrome to Vulvodynia”.

CATHERINE-ANN LAWRENCE LITERARY EXCELLENCE AWARD presented to Jeffrey A. Albaugh, PhD, APRN, CUCNS for “Addressing and Managing Erectile Dysfunction after Prostatectomy for Prostate Cancer”.

The HONORARY LIFETIME SUNA Award was presented to Ardeth Hale, CURN (Ret) by President Susan Lipsy.
PRESIDENT’S TROPHIES

The trophy for Outstanding Contributions to the Specialty of Urologic Nursing was awarded to Eileen Young RN, CNOR.

The trophy for Outstanding Contributions to SUNA was awarded to Saundra Seidel, APRN, CUCNS.

President Lipsy expressed appreciation to outgoing SUNA leaders Mary Anne Wasner, Immediate Past President; Evey Kliever, UroGram Editor; Saundra Seidel, Legislative Chair; and Pamela Ceo, Inpatient/Outpatient SIG Leader.

At the close of the successful Annual Conference President Lipsy passed the gavel to incoming president Amy Driscoll.
Celebrating after a successful conference,
Past President Mary Anne Wasner, Incoming President Amy Driscoll and President Susan Lipsy

IN MEMORY
Susan Healy was a pediatric urology nurse and member of the Chicago Metro Chapter of SUNA. Her wishes were for people to contribute to SUNA when she died. Subsequently more that $5,000 was received by the SUNA Foundation in her memory. The Susan Healy SUNA Award was established in her memory and will be awarded to an individual pursuing pediatric urology education.