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Annual Activities and Accomplishments:
- Conference Registration as of 1/27/2017: 471
- Preconference Registration to date: 90

Committee Goals for Coming Year:

1. Potential Keynote Speakers for 2018:
   - Marianne Baernholdt, PhD, RN, FAAN has a research focus on quality and safety in global rural areas across the health care continuum. Professor and Director, Langston Center for Quality, Safety and Innovation, Nursing Alumni Endowed Distinguished Professor, Department of Adult Health and Nursing Systems, Virginia Commonwealth University
   - Rear Admiral Sylvia Trent-Adams, CNO of the US Public Health Service. She also served as a research nurse at the University of Maryland, oncology unit. RADM Trent-Adams also completed two internships in the US Senate where she focused on the prospective payment system for skilled nursing facilities and scope of practice for nurses and psychologists. She has served as guest lecturer at the University of Maryland and Hampton University. Her clinical practice was in trauma, oncology, community health, and infectious disease. She was inducted as a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing in 2014.