2007 election results are in!

Thank you to everyone who voted in the recent governing board election. You have selected a group of incoming officers, board members and nominations committee representatives who will lead SNRS into the future.

- **President-elect**: Elaine Amella, PhD, APRN, FAAN, Medical University of South Carolina
- **Vice President**: Cynthia Russell, PhD, RN, University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center
- **Treasurer**: Carolyn Lewis, PhD, RN, CNE, St. Luke's Episcopal Health System (Texas)
- **Member at Large**: Martha Alligood, PhD, RN, East Carolina University
- **Member at Large**: Jennifer Wenzel, PhD, RN, CCMH, Johns Hopkins University
- **Member at Large (alternate)**: Nan Smith-Blair, PhD, RN, University of Arkansas - Fayetteville
- **Nominations**: Kay Avant, PhD, RN, FAAN, University of Texas - Austin
- **Nominations**: Douglas Sutton, EdD, ARNP, NP-C Florida Atlantic University

**Housing Information**

**Third overflow hotel added**

We have added another great hotel to our list of options for you now that the conference hotel is sold out. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hawthorn Suites at the Victorian Condo, located a couple miles from Moody Garden, for a rate of $89/night for a one bedroom suite, $149/night for a two bedroom suite. To make reservations, call 800/231-6363 and mention SNRS to receive the negotiated rates.

Our other overflow properties are:

- The Inn at the Waterpark, which is adjacent to Moody Gardens. The SNRS room rate is $59.95/night. Rooms must be booked by January 21 in order to receive the group rate. For reservations, call 800/718-1155.
- La Quinta Inn & Suites Galveston is located just two miles from Moody Gardens. Ocean view rooms with private balconies are available for $84/night. For reservations, call 800/531-5900 and refer to group #76545194.
Still time to register at discounted rate.

If you haven’t already registered for the Annual Meeting in Galveston, we encourage you to do by January 22 to take advantage of the early-bird discount. Online registration is available, so don’t delay.

• Silent Auction

Support funding for nursing research

We invite you to participate in the first SNRS Silent Auction to be held at the Annual Conference. The auction is a great way for SNRS to generate funds for additional research grants. Anyone interested in contributing items valued at $50 or more is encouraged to download the donation form or contact SNRS at 877/314-7677 or by email.

• Special Invitation

Invitation to Nursing Journal Editors and Potential Authors

Two opportunities are available for members interested in publishing at the Annual SNRS Conference in Galveston:

1. Potential authors are invited to attend the SNRS Preconference Workshop, Perish-Proof Publication for Researchers, February 22, 2007 - 8-11:30 am, Sponsored by the Southern Online Journal for Nursing Research Editorial Board and the SNRS Executive Board.

2. Nursing journal editors and potential authors are invited to the Editor’s Roundtable on Saturday, February 24, 2007, from 7:30-8:30 am in the Floral Hall A 1, to exchange questions and information about specific journals.

• Call for Exhibits

Exhibit space and sponsorship opportunities still available.

Exhibit Opportunities
Exhibiting enables you to interact with an important market of nurse researchers representing academic leaders from schools of nursing, graduate nursing students, clinical nurse specialists, and nurse practitioners. For more information see the 2007 SNRS Call for Exhibits online.

Sponsorship Opportunities

- Awards Luncheon - $3,250
- Poster Sessions - $5,000
- Proceedings - $3,000
- Networking Break - $2,500

Increase your visibility through sponsorship at the SNRS 2007 Annual Conference. You will enhance your organization’s reputation for advancing nursing research and promoting the growth and professionalism of nurses and researchers world wide. For additional information on sponsorship, please see the 2007 SNRS Call for Exhibits.

• Grant submission deadlines

SNRS Small Grant Submissions due March 31

NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: The Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science is sponsoring a $2,500 SNRS dissertation grant. Applications are due on March 31. See the SNRS Research Funding website for details.
OTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:

- SNRS sponsored small grants (up to $4,000) - applications due March 31.
- ANR/SNRS small grant - applications due May 15.

Fall/Winter Southern Connections

The Fall/Winter 2006 newsletter, Southern Connections, is now available online.

In this issue, you will find:

- Proposed Bylaw changes
- Information about the Annual Meeting in Galveston
- An introduction to your new SNRS staff
- Letters from President Dr. D. Patricia Gray, outgoing Editor, Dr. Joe Burrage, and Executive Director, David Stumph
- and more!

To access back issues of the newsletter go to the Publications page of the website.

2007 Bylaw Revisions

2007 Bylaw Revisions Posted for Review Prior to Vote at Annual Business Meeting

The Bylaws Committee and Board of Directors have been busy this year reviewing the SNRS Bylaws. Proposed revisions remove procedures from the Bylaws (creating organizational flexibility), remove language that pre-dates the age of electronic communication, update functions to be consistent with what we are either currently doing or could be doing more efficiently, and provide for a membership committee and new eligibility criteria for those running for office.

The Bylaw revisions are presented for your review and consideration and will be presented at the 2007 Annual Conference for the approval of the membership. We encourage you to review them carefully. Should you have questions, please contact a member of the Governing Board directly, or the Society office at snrs@resourcenter.com.

View the Bylaws revisions online now.