Call For Nominations
Election Year 2007

Consider Becoming an Officer on the SNRS Board

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Dear Colleagues,

I have served on the Executive Board of the Southern Nursing Research Society for three and a half years. This service has been tremendously enjoyable and I will be leaving the Board at our next annual meeting in Birmingham, AL, February 21- 23, 2008. Serving on the Board has been an education in how a national organization is governed and the duties involved to serve our membership. It has also been an opportunity to meet nurse leaders and nurse researchers from all over the country and to network about our mutual interests. I want to thank you for providing me with this opportunity to serve you.

Board Members need to be knowledgeable about the organization; therefore, you must have been a “member in good standing” for two years prior to being placed on the ballot. Our changes to the bylaws last February clearly outline the duties of each office. Please review those as you consider running for office.

We increased the term of office for the President-Elect from one year to two years because this is such an important position and we want the President to provide sufficient mentoring to the next President to make it a smooth transition. I can tell you that four years on the board is not burdensome. I ran for re-election because I believed that after two years, I had just effectively learned the management of the organization and wanted to be able to contribute further to the organization.

Board members participate in two face-to-face meetings each year: one at the annual conference and one late in the summer to visit the site anticipated for a future annual meeting to assure that the venue is appropriate prior to signing a contract. Board members arrive prior to the opening of the conference to do pre-conference business and stay an extra half-day beyond the annual meeting do post-conference business and plan for future conferences. In addition, board members have frequent telephone conference calls to assure the business of the organization is well organized and running smoothly.

Once again, thank you for allowing me to serve as your Secretary. Running for office is your opportunity to influence the future of this wonderful organization. Please consider contributing to the leadership of the organization.

Look at the Call for Nominations now!

ELECTION 2007: POSITIONS TO BE FILLED

Nominations are being solicited for leadership positions in the Southern Nursing Research Society (SNRS). Self-nominations are welcome and encouraged. Eligible nominees must be members of SNRS and must agree to have their names placed on the ballot. Responsibilities for offices are summarized below. Newly elected officers begin their terms of office at the close of the 22nd Annual Southern Nursing Research Society Meeting in February, 2008.
Nominations must be submitted on-line and include:
1. A completed Nomination and Consent Form.
2. A completed Candidate’s Statement of 250-300 words prepared by the nominee regarding actual or potential contributions to SNRS. This statement will be included with the official ballot that is e-mailed to the SNRS membership.

**President-elect (2008-2010)**
Prepare to assume responsibilities of the President; serve as chair of the Bylaws and Policies and Procedures Committee; ensure that policies and procedures are current and reflect the actions of the Board and membership; and perform other duties as delegated. The President-elect will assume a two-year term as President beginning at the close of the SNRS 2010 Annual Conference.

**Secretary (2008-2009)**
Serve as Secretary of the Governing Board and Executive Council; ensure that proceedings of meetings of the Society, Governing Board, and Executive Council are accurately recorded; ensure that designated files of Society reports, membership lists, bylaws, minutes and other documents and their amendments are maintained according to policy and procedure; serve as liaison to the Nominating Committee; and perform other duties as assigned.

**Governing Board Member-at-Large (2008-2009) Two Positions**
Provide administrative leadership for activities of the Society such as setting goals and priorities, coordinating activities and future directions, and establishing major administrative policies governing the affairs of SNRS. Board members taking office this year will assume responsibility for either the Awards Committee or Communications Committee.

**Nominating Committee Members (2008-2009) Two Positions**
Participate in the preparation of a slate of consenting eligible candidates for annual and special elections and assume responsibility for coordinating the distribution of the official ballot to members.

Go to the Nominations and Consent Form