Dear OADN Chapter and Affiliates:

Welcome to the Year of the Nurse and Midwife! As you may know, the World Health Assembly, the governing body of the World Health Organization, declared 2020 the International Year of the Nurse and Midwife, in honor of the 200th anniversary of Florence Nightingale’s birth. This focused celebration will provide a platform to recognize past and present nurse leaders globally, raise the visibility of the nursing profession in policy dialogue and invest in the development and increased capacity of the nursing workforce.

OADN is also planning ways to celebrate and has established the theme: **The Year of the Nurse - Advancing the Social Mission of Nursing!** OADN is excited to focus on this work as we have already formed a Social Mission Task Force that is researching the integration of the social mission in the ADN programs. As a **CALL TO ACTION** for this initiative and to emphasize the importance of the ADN pathway, OADN is asking you to share your program’s work so we can highlight your program! In a few short sentences: 1) Describe clinical settings that students provide nursing care to underserved populations and 2) Provide specific examples of key content related to the social determinants of health.

The planning is in full swing for the OADN National Convention November 6-8, 2020 in Indianapolis this fall. The convention theme will be **Vision 2020: ADN Educators Leading the Way.** The convention will focus on the important and unique contributions of associate degree educators. One preview is that there will be an all-day workshop: “Next Gen Learning for the Next Generation NCLEX” provided by NCSBN’s Dr. Phil Dickinson and Dr. Tim Bristol. Dr. Dickison will lead the way with the foundation of Next Gen and the need for learning and Dr. Bristol will devote time to guiding the audience in the development of learning activities. **YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THIS WORKSHOP!** OADN will highlight the many unique ways that ADN educators, practitioners, and administrators are leading change in their programs, schools, and communities. Do you have an idea to share on this theme? Go to [www.oadn.org](http://www.oadn.org) and complete an application to submit an abstract for the convention by February 28, 2020.
2020 Call for Abstracts is now available. Click here for instructions. Submissions due 2/28/20.

MEMBERSHIP

As our CEO, Donna Meyer, shared in her January update, our membership has grown 58% since May 2018. This is very important to support the ADN pathway to assure healthcare access will not be compromised within our country. We must continue to grow our membership to ensure policy makers, the public, and others within healthcare understand that ADN education provides quality programs that focus on national standards and academic progression. Quality is very important which is one reason we support and encourage national accreditation for our programs. What can you do to help our membership grow? If you know a school or individual who is not a member of OADN, reach out to them and share the benefits of an OADN membership and why you chose to join. OADN can advertise on social media, in brochures, on our website, and all the right places; however, that personal one-on-one touch is better than any amount of money spent on advertising. We see how our patients respond to a personal touch. Can you reach out to one person or program and invite them to join our amazing organization?

The OADN Board and staff are also willing to travel or be available via technology to participate in state meetings. We want to hear from you and see how we can assist our members. In the next two months we will be in Oregon, Washington, South Carolina, and California.

OADN ADVOCATING FOR YOU

As you are aware OADN continues to advocate on behalf of associate degree nursing education in a variety of ways. Much of this is completed through the OADN Board of Directors’ meetings that are held monthly via conference call or face to face. February 11 and 12 we will be meeting in Atlanta. These are very important meetings as well plan the advocacy work. Listed are just a few of the upcoming meetings that will provide the OADN voice.

Community College Baccalaureate Conference Seattle, Washington  
American Organization of Nurse Leaders Nashville, Tennessee  
Nurses on Board Coalition Washington, DC  
American Organization of Community Colleges Washington, DC  
National Nurse Educator Summit Seattle, Washington  
American Red Cross National Nursing Committee Washington, DC
OADN continues to provide feedback to the Future of Nursing 2020-2030 Study Committee. OADN submitted additional written comments on the role of associate degree nursing programs and community colleges addressing the social determinants of health and health equity. Click here to find OADN’s full written testimony.

OADN WELCOMES NEW STATE AFFILIATE

OADN is excited to announce our newest state affiliate, the great Midwest and Sunflower state of Kansas. We welcome the 61 individual members and the nine programs!

FREE EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS

The OADN APIN Task Force in partnership with ACEN and NEPIN is offering two more accreditation webinars. The first three which focused on accreditation, candidacy, outcomes were extremely successful and can be found at https://www.acenursing.org/events/webinars/ (Scroll to the bottom for recorded webinars.)
February 5 at 3 p.m. EST: How to Maintain ACEN Accreditation
February 26 at 3p.m. EST: The Nuts and Bolts of Substantive Change. Per ACEN Policy.

Click here to register.

We hope you have a very successful semester. Feel free to contact us any time with questions and/or feedback. We enjoy hearing from you! If you have news or ideas, to share from your state or programs, we want to hear that too. Please send us an e-mail and keep us informed.

Thank you for your continued support of OADN.

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