Report of the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science (CANS), 2016

Members of Leadership Council who meet in monthly sessions: Marti Rice, Chair; Holli DeVon, Chair-Elect; Donna McCarthy, Councilor at Large (January-October); Judy Erlen, Councilor at Large (October – present); Nancy Fahrenwald, Councilor of Finance and Records; Patricia Underwood (American Nurses Foundation representative); Wendy Budin (President of Eastern Nursing Research Society (until April, 2016)); Rosanna DeMarco (President of Eastern Nursing Research Society (April-present)); Sue Rawl (President of Midwest Nursing Research Society); Cindy Munro (President of Southern Nursing Research Society (until February, 2016)); Nan Smith-Blair (President of Southern Nursing Research Society (February – present)); Marie Lobo (President of Western Institute of Nursing (until April, 2016)); Charlie Winters (President of Western Institute of Nursing (April-present)); Anna Alt-White (Sigma Theta Tau International representative); Yvonne Bryan (Liaison, National Institute of Nursing Research).

The Leadership Council focused on our Goals for 2016 which were based on the Key Strategies of the Strategic Plan (2014-2017). Among our accomplishments:

1. Membership increased by 20% with over 750 members.
2. The institutional membership category was revised to include a two level option (Tier 1 -$1500 and Tier 2 - $2000) and a retired member category was added.
3. A listening session moderated by the Partnership Task Force was held in March to determine interest in forming a collaborative network of nursing organizations that have research arms as part of their mission.
4. Dr. Judy Erlen was elected as Councilor-at-Large; Drs. Donna McCarthy and Angela Starkweather were elected to the Nominations Committee.
5. The Science Committee developed a draft of national nursing science priorities. Members of the Science Committee wrote two commentaries published in the July/August and September/October 2016 issues of Nursing Outlook; soliciting feedback from readers.
6. A needs/wants survey was sent to members during the summer. Results will be used to revise the Strategic Plan as well as develop Goals for 2017.
7. A new CANS website was launched. Information about the budget, annual reports from all Standing Committees are available on the website.
8. The 2016 State of the Science Congress (SOS) was very successful. In honor of the 15th Anniversary, CANS and its partners (ANF, ENRS, MNRS, SNRS, STTI, and WIN) funded a $15,000 grant that was awarded at to Dr. Shannon Gillespie from the Ohio State University. Three synthesis papers were selected for presentation (of 38 applications received).
9. The Outstanding Nurse Scientist Award was presented to Dr. Barbara Given from Michigan State University and the Brilliant New Investigator Award was presented to Dr. Feng Vankee Lin from the University of Rochester.
10. The Co-Chairs of the Planning Committee for the Advanced Methods (formerly Special Topics) Conference to be held October 4-5, 2017 are Dr. Lorna Finnegan and Dr. Barbara Polivka. The topic for the conference is Pragmatic Trials and will include workshops on the second day.
11. Editors of journals with a research emphasis have formed a Special Interest Group within the Council.