

FRANN Newsletter - 4th Quarter 2018

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**National
Association of
Neonatal
Nurses**
Front Range Chapter

Chapter News

Thank you for electing me to be your Front Range Association of Neonatal Nurses President! As secretary/treasurer for the past 18 months I have enjoyed meeting many of you and learning from you. I have only been a neonatal nurse for 3 1/2 years, and I am just getting to know the neonatal nursing community that exists here in Colorado.

I don't come to this position with any special knowledge, skills, or experience to lead FRANN. Instead, I have a strong desire to bring together the neonatal nursing community so that we can support one another, learn from one another, and advocate together for our patients and our profession. I have a willingness to put forth the time and effort this will require.

*It is **you all** who have the knowledge, skills, and experience to guide me and your other FRANN officers, Leslie, Adrienne, and Stephanie, as we work to make **your** nursing community stronger. Please, take the time to let us know what you want from your organization by completing the needs assessment survey (link in this newsletter),*

emailing us at frontrangeneonatalnurses@gmail.com, or speaking with us in person at events or in our workplaces. We look forward to hearing from you!

Jessica Little

FRANN President



Your new FRANN officers are:

Jessica Little - President

Leslie Francis - President-Elect

Adrienne Isaacs - Secretary

Stephanie Peruzzi Ciarkowski -
Treasurer

FRANN 2019 Needs Assessment - Let us know what you want to see from FRANN in the upcoming year!

FRANN Facility Liaison Program!

Can you print a PDF copy of this newsletter (which will be sent to you) and hang it in your unit? If so, you should consider being a FRANN Facility Liaison!

The FRANN Facility Liaison is a volunteer position within the Front Range Association of Neonatal Nurses, with the goal of outreach and increasing awareness of FRANN activities. Goals:

- Distribute information about meetings, educational opportunities and social events to your co-workers
- Educate staff on benefits of becoming a FRANN member
- Inform FRANN of nursing accomplishments for local recognition.

This position will improve engagement and participation in FRANN, and will improve communication within FRANN as well as the NICU community in Colorado.

If you are interested please email FRANN!



Education Corner





FRANN LECTURE SERIES

It was great to see so many of you at our November event, Immuno-Nutrition: The Role of Human Milk Feeding on the Microbiome & Immune System Development with Terry

Johnson, APN, NNP-BC, CLEC, MN

Thanks to Prolacta Bioscience for sponsoring this event!

Our next event will be in February 2019. Topic and location TBD.

National News



The 34th Annual NANN Conference had a great turnout and very impressive participation by Colorado neonatal nurses! Here are a few highlights:

-**Susan Meier, DNP, APRN, NNP-BC** received the **Navigator Award**, which is presented annually to a NANN member who consistently demonstrates the power of mentoring. She was also re-elected to her position as Secretary/Treasurer of NANN.

-**Elizabeth Welch-Carre, EdD, MS, APRN, NNP-BC; Tracy Wasserburger, RNC, MSN, NNP-BC; and Kristin Howard, DNP, APRN, NNP-BC** were highlighted as members of the **NANNP Council**.

-**Kristin Howard, DNP, APRN, NNP-BC** presented a poster entitled "**Should I Stay, or Should I Go? Retaining Expert Level Senior NNP Workforce at the Bedside: Recommended Solutions and Guidelines**" which summarized 5 NANNP recommended accommodations for senior level nurse practitioners. She helped to

create and publish these recommendations as part of the NANN Emerging Leader Fellowship program!

- **Christi Olsen**, outgoing FRANN President, was highlighted for her participation in the **NANN Nurse in Washington Internship** program.



Your incoming NANN President is:

Joan Rikli, MBA MSN RN CPNP-PC NE-BC

Joan Rikli received her BSN from UCLA in 1977 and her MSN in parent-child nursing/PNP from University of Michigan in 1996. After her first year of obligatory med-surg nursing, Rikli became a neonatal staff nurse at the University of Michigan and from there ventured into leadership roles at a variety of hospitals. Rikli has served as the Director of Women's and Infant Services and NICU for the past 4 years. She also sits on the West Michigan Board of Directors for the March of Dimes and recently chaired her local March for Babies.

People came to NANNaheim from all over the world! Notice the strong representation from Colorado!



Call for Volunteers

If you are interested in volunteering on a local level, please email us at frontrangeneonatalnurses@gmail.com



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