



## **NACNS Committee Updates**

As we wrap up the 2023 Annual Conference and transition into a new Board of Directors cycle, it is a great time to reflect on the accomplishments of our Committees over the last year.

### **Affiliate Advisory Committee**

The Affiliate Advisory Committee has finalized its Affiliate Toolkit after many months of work. This document is an invaluable resource providing guidance to our existing Affiliates and those considering the creation of a new group. Additionally, the response rate to for Affiliate Annual Report submissions was the highest in five years. This data allows the committee to better understand the needs of our Affiliates and collaborate with other committees based on this information.

### **Conference Planning Committee**

The Conference Planning Committee made great strides in diversifying the presenters at the Annual Conference to include more pediatric, women's health, and ambulatory presentation tracks in addition to adult-gerontology. The Committee also successfully incorporated 12 pharmacology CNE into the main conference!

### **Continuing Education Committee**

In July of 2022, the work of the Continuing Education Committee culminated in the launch of CNS EDGE, NACNS' new learning management platform. EDGE offers a centralized location for all webinars and course offerings, providing easy access for NACNS membership. The Committee has also been working on the development of a new AG Review Course.

### **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee**

The Committee has reviewed DEI education module and reported findings. A subcommittee has also been formed to construct its webpage and the submitted proposed content for review. This will allow the NACNS community to learn more about the group's work and initiatives. They have also collaborated with various committees regarding promoting diverse nominations, education for members, and DEI discussion at NACNS annual conference.

### **Graduate Education Committee**

The Graduate Education Committee has been working to create the new Katie Brush Critical Care CNS Scholarship, which launched in March. The group has also completed the online CNS Program list, and collaborated on the creation of a process to update the CNS program list and preceptors.

### **Legislative/Regulatory Committee**

The Legislative/Regulatory Committee has successfully drafted and finalized a Position Statement on Clinical Nurse Specialist Full Practice Authority, after a period of member review. The group has also been working on a Position Statement on CNS Prescriptive Authority, and supported several bills and pieces of legislation.

### **Membership Committee**

In January, the Committee successfully launched the new Transition to Practice Membership for students allowing them to continue to access full membership benefits for one year following their program graduation. The group is also working to launch International and International Developing Country Memberships, which are a reflection of the international work of NACNS and collaboration across the globe. A new Legacy Status was also created, a recognition of commitment to the role of the CNS and membership of more than 20 years with NACNS. This status will now be awarded by NACNS regardless of membership level (for those looking to retire) and recognized at the Annual Conference with a badge flag designation and an acknowledgement.

### **Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee had a successful election cycle this year, and saw increased participation from eligible voters, 18% of eligible voters participated in 2022 up from 13% in 2021. They also created a strong ballot with multiple nominations for the open board positions, and began work with the DEI Committee to increase and maintain diversity in the NACNS Board positions.

### **Professional Development Committee**

This group completed a Toolkit to assist CNSs who are re-entering or expanding their practice. Part I of the toolkit will now be presented as three case studies. The case studies will help CNSs review pharmacology resources for three areas of CNS practice: Acute Care, Ambulatory Care, and Pediatrics. These on-demand webinars are currently in development for NACNS EDGE. Professional Development also completed a Toolkit to assist CNSs Advocate for the CNS Role. This resource will soon be launching on the NACNS website.

### **Research, EBP, and Scholarship Committee**

The 2022 Census was completed in the fall, results are currently being compiled. The Committee also developed a Research Toolkit, and reviewed seven submitted research studies.

### **Website and Listserv Committee**

The Website and Listserv Committee plans to update the NACNS website with photos of real CNS's to replace the stock photos. The committee is also working to finalize dedicated NACNS committee pages to highlight members and their current projects and committee charges. A standard of conduct for all online activity for NACNS members was created, as well as a member guide to navigate the newly launched Communities platform. The Committee is finalizing newly designed web content for the DEI Committee and the NACNS Advocacy Toolkit, to be launched soon.