



Newsletter

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Growing. Stronger. Together

A new year is upon us and with new beginnings comes new opportunities. The MN NACNS board would like to share with you our theme for 2017 and encourage you to consider how you can participate. Our theme for 2017 is Growing. Stronger. Together.

Growing focuses on recruitment of CNS students and affiliate members. We have two CNS programs left in the state of MN and we desire to fill these programs with students. We also want to grow our membership numbers in MN NACNS. One common observation is we have many members come and go. We would like to have CNSs join our affiliate and remain members throughout their CNS careers. If you have let your membership lapse, please consider joining.

Stronger refers to professional development as well as strengthening our chapter. For professional development, the MN NACNS 2017 conference planning committee is working diligently. Please plan now to attend by reserving October 27, 2017 on your calendars. We are also working to strengthen our leadership involvement as an affiliate. The board is proposing the formation of two chapter workgroups which we hope will be a great way to engage CNSs and CNS students who want to

increase their involvement but feel unable to commit to the conference planning committee or board membership. We also need to continue to have CNSs serve as members of the board to assure our chapter continues to exist.

Together is important because there is power/strength in numbers. The last few years have seen great improvements in our webpage but technology continues to change and with it comes new challenges. One of these challenges has been communication. The board is committed to assuring all CNSs and CNS students who would like to have the ability to receive communications from our affiliate receive them. We would also like to explore ways to enhance our networking across the state.

As you think about your role in MN NACNS, please consider the level of commitment you can have and how you can participate. Your involvement, whether it be committing to membership, attending the conference, volunteering on a workgroup, etc. makes a difference. There is much work to do and it takes all of us to move an organization such as this forward. I am excited to be working with such a great group of nursing professionals and can't wait to see where this year will take our team. Here's to a great 2017!

-Kristin Negley, MN NACNS President

Call for Workgroup Members—Please respond by 3/21/17

If you are interested in participating or leading one of these workgroups please email your name and contact information to the chapter email info@mnnacns.org

- 1) **Education** - This workgroup will be tasked with developing and coordinating two educational opportunities for our chapter in 2017. These opportunities will occur outside of the annual conference.
- 2) **Communication** - This workgroup will be tasked with seeking out opportunities to enhance the communication among membership. The group is free to explore options such as list serves, enhancement of email



MN NACNS affiliate invites you to MN Night at Ribalta in Atlanta GA

Please join us for dinner on Friday, March 10, 2017 at Ribalta. Let's meet in the lobby at 6:20 and walk to the restaurant for our 6:30 reservation. Please email your name and number attending to Kris3719@aol.com

Minnesota Affiliate of the National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists 2017 Annual Meeting and Conference “Growing Stronger Together: Influence of the Clinical Nurse Specialist”

Time: 8:00 am to 5:30 pm

Location: To Be Determined (Twin Cities Region)

Podium Speakers: Please consider submitting a proposal to speak about a project you have completed or a topic of interest to you at the upcoming MN NACNS Conference and Annual meeting. The Conference planning committee is looking for speakers who will fit the theme of this year's conference and will help those attending learn and grow as individuals and Clinical Nurse Specialists. Proposals will be reviewed based on the following criteria:

- Aligns with the theme of the conference

- Includes clear objectives and proposed duration of presentation

- Articulates methods, outcomes, and evaluation of practice change if describing a project

Acceptance will also depend on availability of time on the agenda. If time limitations prevent acceptance of your proposal for oral presentation, please indicate if you would be interested in offering your material as a poster presentation. Additional information will follow if you are selected as a speaker.

Speaker Deadline: April 3, 2017

Word limit: 300 words

Send speaker proposal to: Derby.Kelly@mayo.edu

Posters: In addition to speakers the conference planning committee is also seeking posters. These can be original posters to showcase work you have done or posters that you have presented locally or nationally. Because of the acceptance of new and previously viewed posters there will not be strict limits on size or subject matter. The purpose of the poster display and discussion is to share the work of the Minnesota NACNS group with each other. Please submit an abstract for your poster and every effort will be made to accommodate as many posters as possible. Additional information will follow if your poster is accepted.

Poster Deadline: September 5, 2017

Send poster proposal to: Messner.Penny@mayo.edu