**PREFACE**

This historical book contains AzNA activities, member recognition and relevant data about the association. Members of the Archives committee are Barbara K. Miller, PhD, RN, Chair; Jean Craig Stengel, PhD, RN, Secretary; Geraldine (Gerry) Greaves, RN, BSN, MA, and Jeannine Dahl, EdD, RN. In 2016, LoAnn Bell, MS, RN and Donna Adams, DNSc, RN joined the Archives Committee. All members collected data and reviewed written content.

Sources for this section of the historical book include data from the Arizona Nurse, AzNA Today, The American Nurse, AzNA Board Minutes, Chapter Annual Reports, Continuing Education Accredited Approver Unit Newsletter, Nurse.com, ASU College of Nursing & Health Innovation Journal and Arizona State Board of Nursing Regulatory Journal. At times direct quotes were used.

Robin Schaeffer, RN, MSN, CNE, Executive Director, and Debby Wood, Office Manager, assisted in the research, compilation, and review of the data. Wendy Knefelkamp, Communications Manager, reviewed and formatted this data and pictures. Debbie Blanchard, Administrative Assistant, provided names and credentials of committee members. Members of the staff were always available to answer questions and assist with tasks.
AzNA continued to have an excellent staff to facilitate activities of our professional organization. **Robin Schaeffer, RN, MSN, CNE**, Executive Director, has played a major role implementing AzNA’s philosophy and mission. Along with the Board of Directors, **Robin** has planned, organized and conducted activities of the association. AzNA’s competent and caring staff assisted Schaeffer to achieve the goals of the association.

In 2015-18, AzNA had 3 full time staff, **Debby Wood, Wendy Knefelkamp** and **Debbie Blanchard**. Each of the staff provided numerous support activities which members were not always aware.

**Debby Wood**, as the Office Manager, was staff liaison to the Board of Directors, preparing board meeting minutes and also served as primary staff for Arizona Nurses Foundation and AzNA Political Action Committee. **Debby** prepared monthly bank account reconciliation, journal entries, and financial reports for AzNA, ANA-Idaho, PAC, and AzNF. **Debby** provided support for the Finance, Bylaws, and Nomination Committees; in addition **Debby** was a major resource for historical written data for the Archives Committee. **Debby Wood** coordinated all facets of conventions, managed building maintenance and provided oversight for the four state continuing education program (MSD).

**Wendy Knefelkamp**, as the Communications Manager, maintained the membership database and ANA monthly reports as well as provided support for websites, mailings, events and programs. **Wendy** provided content creation, design, branding and analytics related to communication; she coordinated the *Arizona Nurse* with the publisher, worked with the editor and peer reviewers, reviewed and edited copy as well coordinated *AzNA Today*. **Wendy** also created brochures, marketing materials and programs; she maintained the websites for AzNA, AzONE, AzAC, AzNA Engage and ANA-Idaho. **Wendy** was a great asset to the Archives Committee by formatting the Committee’s written data and publications. **Wendy** provided staff support for PAC endorsements on election years.
Debbie Blanchard, as the Administrative Assistant, provided administrative support for membership, the executive director, continuing education, and office operations.

Each of the staff assisted in the general order of the office. Robin Schaeffer and each of the staff responded to members, nurse nonmembers, as well the public.

THE STAFF RECEIVED A STANDING OVATION FROM THE AUDIENCE AT 2015 CONVENTION FOR THEIR EXPERTISE, TALENT AND TIME WITH THE PLANNING, ORGANIZING AND EXECUTING OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE CONVENTION.

In addition to the staff, consultants benefited AzNA’s projects and programs with their expertise. Mary Griffith, RN, MSN, the legislative expert along with Rory Hays, JD, lobbyist kept members informed regarding legislation impacting nurses, the nursing profession, and public health. Carol Moffett, PhD, FNP-BC, CDE, FAANP, Continuing Education (CE) Director coordinated and participated in CE reviews. AzNA has accreditation from the American Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation to be a nursing continuing education accredited approver and provider. From 2014 through 2016 Amy Charette, RN, MS took over as Lead Nurse Planner and organized and collected data to integrate the Continuing Education program with the Western Multi-State Division which includes the states of Idaho, Utah, Colorado and Arizona. In April 2017, Susan Gonda, RN, BSN, MSN, DNP, became a staff member of AzNA as the lead Nurse Planner and Nurse Peer Review Leader for Continuing Education at the Western Multi-State Division.
In the August 2015 *Arizona Nurse*, 68(3), p.1, Carol Stevens, PhD, RN, AzNA President, reported the updated mission statement: “Advancing the nursing profession and promoting a healthy Arizona”. Stevens further explained that the new mission statement demonstrates “our efforts to broaden our scope, not only advancing our profession as we have done for many years, but also to reflect our inclusiveness of the communities we serve”. The AzNA logo also has a new appearance which is consistent with the mission statement and strategic goals.

**2015-2017 STRATEGIC PLAN**

**MISSION:** Advancing the nursing profession and promoting a healthy Arizona

**PROMOTE A SAFE AND HEALTHY WORK ENVIRONMENT**

A. Foster the goal of optimal nurse staffing for safe patient care

B. Support a culture of workplace safety and a healthy work environment

C. Promote healthy nurses

D. Promote ethical decisions in the practice setting

**ADVANCE PROFESSIONAL AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

A. Strengthen nursing practice, professionalism and leadership

B. Mentor new leaders for a strong future

**ADVOCACY, PUBLIC POLICY, & PRACTICE**

**DEVELOP COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

A. Promote a healthier Arizona

B. Collaborate with partners to enhance synergy

**ENGAGE MEMBERS**

A. Strengthen advocacy and professional development resources

B. Grow membership through strategic initiatives

C. Increase awareness of member benefits

Core Values: Respect, Service, Diversity, Integrity, Collaboration
MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Through the years, the staff and AzNA members have used many resources to keep the membership aware of the activities of the association. Electronic communication became the major resource for the activities of AzNA’s Board of Directors, chapters, and committees.

WWW.AZNURSE.ORG ALSO PROVIDED INFORMATIONAL DATA ABOUT:

- Arizona Nurses Foundation
- Continuing Education
- AzNA Bylaws
- Elections
- Public Policy information including the Hotline, lobby activities, and the Nurse’s List of Bills
- Membership
- Advocacy
- Job search and applications

AzNA utilized social media including Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, LinkedIn and Instagram. AzNA’s parent organization, The American Nurses Association (ANA), also provided a plethora of resources that were available to every nurse at www.nursingworld.org.

ARIZONA NURSE

M. Shawn Harrell, RN, MS, Editor, 2014-2019

The Arizona Nurse, as the official publication of AzNA, was sent quarterly to all RNs and APRNs in Arizona and published by the Arthur L. Davis Publishing Agency, Inc. The publication, since December 2013, became the official publication of the Arizona Nurses Foundation (AzNF) which is a charitable arm of AzNA. The purpose of The Arizona Nurse is to communicate with AzNA members and non-members in order to:

1) advance and promote nursing in Arizona, 2) disseminate information and encourage input and feedback on relevant nursing issues, 3) stimulate interest and participation in AzNA and 4) share information about AzNA activities.

The publication continues to be sent to all RNs in Arizona.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Robin Schaeffer, RN, MSN, CAE, 2014-

Robin Schaeffer earned her CAE (Certified Association Executive), the highest credential available in the association industry. Less than 5% of association professionals have earned the CAE.

Robin Schaeffer, RN, MSN, CAE was appointed to the Maricopa County Workforce Development Board, serving 2014-2017. This is the workforce development division of the Human Services Department of Maricopa County. The purpose is to offer high-value, no-charge specialized services for area businesses and to provide career seekers with complimentary employment resources in obtaining or retaining employment. Schaeffer reported in the Arizona Nurse, August, 2014 “This is a great fit with the healthcare workforce initiative of the Arizona Action Coalition”.

Robin has been a mentor to interns from various schools of nursing through the years including those earning higher degrees in nursing.

In October 2014, due to an ICU nurse in Texas being diagnosed with Ebola after caring for a patient with Ebola, three major news station personnel visited the AzNA office to interview the executive director for reliable information. Robin gave facts and balanced reasoning to the media over the next 6 days. AzNA’s website was updated daily with the most recent local and national information. As a result, AzNA became the only nursing group to be appointed to the Council on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response; Robin joined a state-wide council of 20 members created through executive order by Arizona Governor Jan Brewer.

PRESIDENTS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEES

“THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS THE CORPORATE BODY COMPOSED OF OFFICERS ELECTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP. THE BOARD SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY DELEGATED TO IT BY ITS MEMBERSHIP INCLUDING THE DUTIES AND POWERS AS DEFINED IN THE BYLAWS.”

In the past, all board members were elected during the same year, serving congruent two-year terms. During the September 2015 Convention, new bylaws for board members were passed by the members: “the President, Secretary and Director of Governmental Affairs shall be elected on odd years; the Vice-President and Treasurer shall be elected on even years.” The term continues to be for two years.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN 2014-2015:

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During the 2015-17 years, membership for the following committees was:

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**
Carla Clark, PhD, RN, CNML; Andrea Utley, RN; Kevin Meek, RN, BA, BSN MHI; Victoria Voit, RN, MSN; Kara Mangold, RN-BC, MS, CCTN; Crystal Bennett, RN; Barbara Shaw Snyder, RN

**BYLAWS COMMITTEE:**
LeAnne Prenovost, MSN-Ed, MBA, MHA, RN, CNE, (Chair), Tammy Hostetler, MS-NED, RN-BC; Abigail Marley, MAN, FNP-C; Christina Pennington, MSN, RN, NP-C; Alice Sisco, RN, BSN, CCRN; and Board Liaison, Selina Bliss, PhD, RN, CNE

**APPOINTMENTS/NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:**
Laura Blank, RN, MSN, CNE, CNS; Jason Bradley, MSEd, RN, BSN, CCRN, LPC; Linda Sharp, (2015-6), MSN-Ed, RN; Pat White, MSN, PMHNP-BC

### 2013-15 PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE
The following are on-going targeted issues, in no special order, that meet the criteria for the AzNA Public Policy Agenda:

- BSN @ 80% by 2020
- Evidenced Based Practice
- Delegation of nursing tasks
- Nurse staffing levels
- Workplace safety
- RNs in elementary and secondary schools
- Border Health
- Informatics
- Informed Consent and Palliative Care
- Nurse Residency Programs
- Direct reimbursement to qualified nurses for nursing service
- Proactive enforcement of Provider Non-Discrimination clause of the Affordable Care Act
- Proactive enforcement of the Network Adequacy clause of the Affordable Care Act
- Separate cost of nursing services for facility bed rate
- Voluntary Continuing Education
- Collection of nursing supply and demand data
- APRNs as in-network providers
THE 2014-2015 PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Members reviewed legislative bills and analyzed their influence on nurses, nursing practice, and public health. Members were:

Selina Bliss, PhD, RN, CNE, RN-BE; Diana Cox, MSN, RN, PMHNP-BC, MBA-HSM; Judi Crume, BSN, RN; Amy Franciscus, JD, RN; Denice Gibson, RN, MSN, AOCNS; Angie Golden, RN, DNP, FNP-C; Mary Griffith, RN, MN; Kelly Grogan, RN; Vicki Hansen RN; Karen Holder, PhD, RN, FAAN; Ray Kronenbitter, RN, MSN, PCCN; Scarlett Kronenbitter, RN; Denise Link, PhD, NP, FAAN, FAANP; Melanie Logue, PhD, DNP, APRN, CFNP, FAANP; Duane Paige, RN, BSN; Christine Pasquet, RN; Merrie Rheingans, DNP, APRN, CPNP; Robin Schaeffer, RN, MSN, CAE; Megan Staub, BSN, RN, PCCN; Carol Stevens PhD, RN (officio, AzNA President); Douglas Sutton, H. EdD, MPA, APRN, NP-C, ACNS-BC; Tomi St. Mars, RN, MSN, CEN, FAEN; Sandra Thompson RN, MS, NE-BC; Pat VanMaanen RN, MS; and AzNA lobbyist, Rory Hays, JD

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE (2014-18)

Members were: Barbara K Miller, PhD, RN, Jean C. Stengel, PhD, RN, Geraldine (Gerry) Greaves, RN, BSN, MA, and Jeannine Dahl, EdD, RN. In 2016 Donna Adams, DNSc, RN and LoAnn Bell, MS, RN joined the committee. Mary Killeen, PhD, RN assisted in obtaining data from various sources for our manuscripts (2015-6).

CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE (CE)

The CE Committee reviewed and evaluated applications for continuing nursing education credit in accordance with American Nurses Credentialing Center criteria.

Members were: Patty Wilger, MS, RN; Becky Bell, MSN, RN, CLC, CLE, CCBE; Christine Pasquet, MSN, RN; Jackie Mertes, MSN, MA, RN; Janet Coyne, MSN, RN; Beth Bazevage, MSN, RN; Selina Bliss, PhD, RN, CNE, RN-BE; Jodye Begley, BSN, RN; Andie Denious, MS, RN; Katherine Jorgensen, MSN/ MBA, RN-BC, RNC-NIC; Nancy Webber, MSN, RN; Marti Schlagli, MSN, RN, CHPN; Roni Collazo, RN, PhD; Donna Adams, DNSc, RN; Barbara K. Miller, PhD, RN; Amy Charette, MS, RN; Amy Fitzgerald, MHL, BSN, RN, CPP; Cyndie Koopsen, RN, BSN, MBA, HNB-BC, RN-BC, HWNC-BC; Carol Moffett, PhD, FNP-BC, CDE, FAANP; Betty Parisek, EdD, MSN, RN; Pat Priniski, BSN, RN; Cheryl Schmidt, PhD, RN, CNE, FAAN; Gail Smith, RN, BSN, BA, MA; Linda Tinker, MSN, RN, CHSE; Kathy Watson, MS CPNP, RN; Joy Whitlatch, EdD, MSN, RN, and Terry Woods, MSN, RN, ICCE/CCCE CD (DONA), CCPD
THE ARIZONA ACTION COALITION (AzAC)

Established in March 2012, the AzAC guides the implementation of recommendations in the Institute of Medicine’s *Future of Nursing Report*. The significant projects included:

- completing a self-study of Arizona’s current nursing climate
- aligning nursing curriculum with nursing practice expectations
- obtaining a grant to support the establishment of an Arizona Healthcare Workforce Center

Board members are: Robin Schaeffer, MSN, RN, CAE, Dawna L. Cato. PhD, RN, Pamela Randolph, MS,RN, FRE, Marie Fredette, CAE, Hannah Farfour, DNP, RN, AGNP-BC, Carla Clark, PhD, RN, CNML Rita Haman, DNP, MSN Ed, RN, Pauline Komnenich, PhD, RN, Tomi ST. Mars, MSN, RN, CEN, FAEN, Sandy Severson, BSN, MBA, CPHQ, CENP, FACHE

The group’s Campaign for Action Five-Year Celebration occurred in January 2016. These nursing leaders from throughout Arizona were photographed at their first diversity mentorship workshop meeting.
In the November 2015 issue of the Arizona Nurse, ‘The President’s Message’ describes the association’s accomplishments achieved by the membership.

“Reflecting on the Past & Looking Ahead to the Future”
By Carol J. Stevens, PhD, RN

As I embark on my second term as President of AzNA, I reflect on the many accomplishments that AzNA has made to advance our profession. Two years ago, we embarked on a journey called Race to Relevance as a way to become more relevant and responsive to our members. As a result, we reduced the size of the Board of Directors from 13 to 5 while engaging many more members in other activities, restructured committees and how we do the work of the association, evaluated our member market in order to create more robust membership recruitment and engagement, and enhanced our ability to reach out to nurses through technology and social media. Such restructuring has made AzNA more nimble, more responsive and more relevant to nursing and nurses in AZ today.

Over the last two years, I have seen much energy and passion from nurses across the state in areas of leadership and professional development, engagement and partnership with others to promote safe and healthy work environments. For example, many AZ nurses have served on national panels such as the ANA Scope of Practice and Code of Ethics panels. Nurses have also participated in the planning of AzNA’s Biennial Convention, Symposium, and Public Policy Day. Az nurses are also at the table discussing critical topics such as patient safety, public health, infectious diseases, immunizations and the nursing workforce to name a few. I can’t emphasize how much these efforts not only enhance our profession but strengthen it.

In looking ahead for the next two years, there are two major issues that require our attention and our advocacy. The first is the upcoming legislation on APRN Full Practice Authority. The bill that will be introduced into the next session of the Az Legislature is critical for allowing nurses to practice to the full extent of their education and training. This is our opportunity to play a central role in transforming the health care system and I encourage all of you to participate. You do not need to be an APRN to advocate for change, change that will impact
accessibility, quality and a value-driven environment for our patients and all citizens of AZ. I encourage you to attend Nurse Lobby Day in January, meet with your Legislators, write a letter of support and/or provide testimony. You can make a difference!

The second issue is hospital nurse staffing and how do we work together to promote hospital nurse staffing to be more healing for patients and more satisfying for nurses? We have heard the stories, “I am unable to provide the care I want to; I have little time to teach my patients, I am lucky to get a lunch break”, yet we have also heard of innovative staffing strategies where bedside nurses are involved in staffing decisions and have a voice in developing staffing plans and budgets. Without a doubt, hospital staffing is a challenge, but I believe we can use sources and evidence such as ANA’s Principles for Nurse Staffing as tools to ensure that we have optimal staffing throughout AZ hospitals and as such, optimal patient care. I encourage you to be engaged in these exciting and very important discussions.

TODAY IS A GREAT DAY TO BE A NURSE. AS I LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING AZNA AS PRESIDENT FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS, I EMBRACE THE CHALLENGES AHEAD AND THE EXCITEMENT OF ALL WE CAN ACCOMPLISH TOGETHER.

AZNA CONVENTIONS, PROGRAMS AND GRANTS

The 2015 Biennial Convention was held September 23-25 at the San Marcus Resort in Chandler. Former Governor Janice K. Brewer was a guest speaker and lauded the support of AzNA members for the expansion of the Arizona Medicaid program.
In 2015, the Arizona Action Coalition (AzAC) was awarded a 2-year Robert Wood Foundation State Implementation Plan Grant. Robin Schaeffer, MSN, RN, CAE, Executive Director, explained the need for the grant, “Arizona lacks a consistent reliable, valid and integrated system for capturing healthcare workforce data.” The goal of the grant is to plan a sustainable infrastructure and central repository for workforce data.

The data will provide information not only for the workforce data. The intent of the grant was to identify an infrastructure for a centralized state-wide healthcare worker data repository to predict workforce pipeline needs.

The Arizona Nurses Foundation plays a major leadership role in this grant. The grant-writing team included AzNA members, Robin Schaeffer, MSN, RN, CAE, Carla Clark, PhD, RN, CNML, Tanie Sherman, MBA, RN, Adriana Perez, PhD, ANP, Pam Randolph, RN, MS, FRE, and Ed Jones (community partner from Greater Valley Area Health Education Center).

In the Arizona Nurse, August, 2015 issue, Tillie Chavez, MSN, RN, Sharon McKee, RN, MSN, DHA and Adriana Perez, PhD, ANP wrote an article explaining mentoring as one strategy to implement the grant’s second goal, “Diversity of RN Workforce for the Future of Nursing”. A pilot mentoring plan was created for the purpose of utilization statewide. The mentees would be from the Bilingual Nursing Program at Phoenix College. Mentors would be recruited from the Hispanic, Philippine, and Black Nurses Associations in the Phoenix area. The pilot, running August 2015-May 2016, was analyzed to determine if the program would continue statewide. The pilot program was successful. The group was continuing to explore a permanent model.
CONTINUING EDUCATION (CNE)

The following excerpts are from Robin Schaeffer’s, MSN, RN, CAE, (Executive Director of AzNA) report in the Arizona Nurse, May 2017, Vol 70, 2, p 1.

In 2013, a 3 year partnership was formed between the American Nurses Association (ANA) and 5 Western states to pilot a new business model that would consolidate back-office operations and maximize state-board advocacy and member engagement. In my role as Western Multistate Division Leader (WMSD) I have had the pleasure of leading an innovative and progressive team of state nurses association leaders from Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho and Utah.

Our first product was the creation of the WMSD Continuing Education Unit. By downsizing to one ANCC CE accreditation unit (vs. five) with one central operating hub and shared staff, we have been able to save each state $12,000/yr.

The 3 year WMSD business pilot was completed in December, 2016 and proved so successful financially and operationally that your AzNA Board of Directors has given the green light to work with 3 other states (CA, ID, UT) to create a permanent and sustaining business structure. This means that your membership dollars will go farther and be spent wiser.

Robin Schaeffer, RN, MSN, CAE, AzNA Executive Director, serves as the Executive Director for WSMD. Amy Charette RN, MS, was the Nurse Peer Review Leader for the WMSD until October 2016. In 2017 Susan Gonda DNP, MSN, RN became the Nurse Peer Review Leader and Lead Nurse Planner.

APRN ADVOCACY EFFORT

Carol J Stevens, PhD, RN, reported in her President’s message (Arizona Nurse, February, 2016) that “in a historic merger of collaboration, The Arizona Nurse Practitioner Council, The Arizona Chapter of the American College of Nurse Midwives, The Arizona Association of Nurse Anesthetists, and Arizona Clinical Nurse Specialists formed a collaborative partnership called the Arizona Coalition of Advanced Practice Nurses.

This group joined the Arizona Nurses Association to share resources and embark upon a historic journey towards Full Practice Authority legislation for four Advance Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) groups”.

MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP CHAPTERS

2015

The following are excerpts from chapter reports in the 2015 Convention Program.

Chapter 30

President, Kathy Wruk, RN, and Board of Directors: Crystal L. Jenkins, MHI, RN, Vice President, Kerry Gerle, MSN-L, RN, Secretary, Lynn M. Untermeyer, MSN, RN, IBCLC, Treasurer, Directors: Maureen A. Buhl, PhD, MSN, RN, and Debbie Kohm, MSN, RN, ACNS-BC

Chapter 30 sponsored the following activities during 2013-2015: the National Health Institute and 5k/ Half Marathon in Las Vegas with 20 members volunteering to host a water station, Promise of Nursing, AzNA membership for a new RN, scholarships to nursing students and CE for members

AzNA Greater Phoenix Area, Chapter 1 (GPAC) www.aznagpac.org

Chapter president, Catherine Mohammed, MN, RN, and Board of Directors: Kerrie Zakaras, RN, BS, WCC, Vice President, and Interim Secretary, Sue Rhoads, RN, MBA/HCM, MSN/Edu, Director of Communications, Jeff Zakaras, RN, BSN and two open director positions.

Chapter 1 sponsored scholarship awards twice annually to nursing students and held Board meetings quarterly, several conferences and networking meetings.

Chapter 6 (Nurse Educators Special Interest Group)

Chapter president Roni Collazo, RN, PhD. (2015-16) During the past two years, the chapter presented three single day conferences and two scholarships to faculty members for Continuing Education programs. Chapter 6 members continued to support the Promise of Nursing symposium.

2017 Chapter Board Members

Chapter 1 (Greater Phoenix) Catherine Mohammed, MN, RN, President, Kerrie Zakaras, RN, Vice President, Sue Rhoads, RN, Treasurer, Jeff Zakaras, RN, BSN, Director

Chapter 2 (Tucson) Laurie Quiroz, RN, President, Sandra Triplett, BSN, RN, Vice President, Christine Pasquet, MSN, RN, Secretary and Patricia Goldsmith, RN, Treasurer

Chapter 5 (Prescott) Katie Windsor, MSNEd, RN, CNE; Ann Wilford, MSN, RN; Pamela Short, MSN, RN; Jodie Williams, MSN, RN; Kimberly Wohead, BSN, RN, Michele Sartin, BSN, RN

Chapter 6 (Educator) Heidi Sanborn MSN, RN, CCRN, Laura Blank, MSN,RN,CNS, CNE, Vice President, Selena Bliss, PhD, CNE, RN-BC, Carol Stevens, PhD, RN, Treasurer, Susan Gonda, MSN, DNP RN-BC, Membership, Directors: Cheryl Roat, RN; Pam Fuller, EdD, MN, RN; Amy Johnson, RN

Chapter 7 (Yuma Rio) Jason Bradley MS, RN CCRN, President, Elizabeth Lee, RN, Treasurer, Norma (Heather) Clark, RN, Directors Emily Adams, RN, Carol Delafontaine, RN Georgianna Midaugh, RN, Jackie Hixon, RN

Chapter 8 (Nurse Informatics) Katie Crane,
RN, President and Board members Judy Reaves RN, Valerie Cook, MSN, RN, Sandra Ekimoto, MBA, MSN, RN

Chapter 9 (Nurse Practitioners) Dale Ann Dorsey, MSN, RN, President; Angie Golden DNP, RN, Vice President; Sue Scott, NP, RN, Treasurer; Shelley Vaughn, Membership; Gloriajean Nelson, MBA, RN, Secretary; and Paula Christenson-Silva, MS, RN, FNP, ANP-BC, Amy George, RN

Chapter 18 (Border Health) Marilyn Morris McEwen, RN, President; Elizabeth Reifsnider, PhD, MSN, RNC, Secretary; Fabiana Bowles, MSN, RN, Treasurer; Gloria Hager, RN, Membership; and Carol Baldwin PhD, RN, FAAN, Director

Chapter 30 (East Valley) Kathy Wruk, RN, President; Robin Kirschner, RN, DNP, CNE, EdD, NEA-BC, Vice President; Kerry Gerle MSN, Secretary; Tami Calvin, MSN, BC; Directors: Kathy Matson, MSN, MHA, RN; Maureen Buhl, RN and Lynn Untermeyer, RN

ARIZONA NURSES FOUNDATION

The Promise of Nursing Annual Luncheon is the major fundraiser for the Foundation. Johnson & Johnson’s Campaign for Caring is a $25,000 sponsor. Hospitals and nursing schools sponsor tables and send nurses to the event.

THE 2015 ANNUAL SPRING EVENT WAS HELD AT THE ARIZONA BILTMORE RESORT WITH OVER 300 NURSES HONORED FOR THEIR CHALLENGES IN NURSING PRACTICE.

Jean Watson, PhD, RN, AHN-BC, FAAN, was the keynote speaker who inspired the participants.
The Arizona Nurses Foundation continued to provide scholarships twice a year to nursing students who were accepted for enrollment or currently enrolled in nursing schools and committed to nursing practice in Arizona.

The available scholarships were:

- $500 for AND students
- $1,000 for BSN and RN-BSN students
- $2,500 for Masters/Doctoral students (preference given to graduate students who are committed to working at least 50% in academia)
- $499 for the BSN Kaplan NCLEX Review Course.

The following AzNA and community members served on the Board of Trustees for the Foundation at some time during 2014-2018: Anne McNamara, PhD, RN, Chair 2015-6 and in 2015 to present; Sharon Rayman MS, RN, CCTC, CPTC, Scholarship Chair, (2015-7) Elected Trustees: Rhonda Anderson, RN, DNSc, FAAN, FACHE, Pat Mews, RN, MHA, CNOR, Carol Stevens, PhD, RN, and Judi Crume, PhD, RN. Carol Kleinman, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, Elected Trustee (2015-6), Community Member, Wayne Alcott and AzNA Executive Director, Robin Schaeffer, MSN, RN, CNE, CAE.

AzNA POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (AzNA-PAC)

The Political Action Committee works to endorse candidates that are sympathetic to the principles of AzNA’s Public Policy Agenda.

PAC Committee 2015-2017: Kellie Engen, RN, BSN; Donna Adams, DNSc, RN; Jayme Ambrose, DNP, RN; Caryn Bajo, RN, MSN; Mary Griffith, MN, RN; Collen Hallberg, MSN,RN; Lesly Kelly, PhD, RN; Scarlette Kronenbitter, RN; Mary Page, RN, MSN; Tanie Sherman, RN, MS; Pat Mews RN; Paula Lingeman, RN; Jasmine Bhatti, RN; Robin Schaeffer, RN, MSN, CAE; and Debby Wood (staff).
AzNA MEMBERS MAKING MOVES IN NURSING EDUCATION

Teri Pipe, PhD, RN, Dean of Arizona State University, College of Nursing and Health Innovation was named one of the 20 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Executive Nurse Fellows. Dr. Pipe was also selected as an honoree for the 2014 Phoenix Business Journal Health Care Heroes Awards.

Debera Thomas, DNS, ANP, FNP, Dean of the School of Nursing at Northern Arizona University (NAU) since 2008 and in April 2015 was selected to serve as interim dean of the College of Health and Human Services at NAU.

In 2015 the ASU College of Nursing offered the 5th annual “Mary Killeen Visiting Scholar for Educational Excellence” in Phoenix. The 2015 Visiting Scholar was Jean Giddens, PhD, RN, FAAN, Dean and Professor at Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Nursing. Dr. Giddens’ presentation focused on concept-based teaching and learning in nursing education.

In 2015 Melanie D. Logue, PhD, DNP, APRN, CFNP, FAANP was named dean of Grand Canyon University (GCU) College of Nursing and Health Care Professions.

Mary Koithan, PhD, RN-C, CNS-BC, FAAN, associate dean of professional and community engagement with the UA College of Nursing was named director of the new Integrative Nursing Faculty Fellowship program in the College of Nursing.

Higher nursing education was available throughout the state; the BSN, Masters and Doctorate degrees were offered by Arizona State University and University of Arizona. The BSN and Masters were offered by Grand Canyon University, Northern Arizona University, University of Phoenix, as well as on-line Colleges. Maricopa Community Colleges (9), Pima and Yavapai Colleges offered the ADN or AAS.
The American Nurses Association (ANA) recognized the important role of RNs with coordination of quality care and thus promoted and published Gerri Lamb’s book (*Care Coordination: The Game Changer*) which describes the historical perspective on nursing and quality care. In her book, Gerri Lamb, PhD, RN, FAAN provided models and tools for improving care as well as the role of the nurse and the expectations of reducing hospital stays. Lamb was lauded by the ANA for her expertise in coordination care.

In January Nurse.com, Angela Golden, RN, DNP, FNP-BC, FAANP, was depicted tending to a small child. The article focused on Nurse Practitioners and their role in health care reform. Debra Wood of Nurse.com interviewed Angela Golden, RN, DNP, FNP-C, FAANP. The interview of Nurse.com, (p.16) was published after a successful collaboration with the White House Joining Forces program helping nurse practitioners understand the needs of returning veterans; the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) accepted an invitation to partner with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on the Million Hearts campaign to decrease heart attacks and strokes by 2017.

Also in January Adriana Perez, RN, PhD, ANP-BC, an assistant professor and co-director of the Hartford Center of Gerontological Nursing Excellence at Arizona State University, participated in a national nursing call with U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary, Kathleen Sebelius. Perez was one of four nurses to share her personal experiences in conducting out-reach and enrollment for health insurance under the Affordable Care Act and spoke about the importance of healthcare coverage and new options. Perez was also president of the Phoenix Chapter of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses.
In April, Joanne Clavelle, RN, DNP, NEA-BC, FACHE became the senior vice president and chief clinical officer for the Scottsdale Lincoln Health Network (SHLN). Clavelle served as the senior system nursing executive for the SHLN hospital clinics and ambulatory sites. Clavelle’s plan was to create a system infrastructure for Magnet designation, nursing professional education, nursing practice, nursing research, nursing clinical informatics, home care and care coordination with her colleagues.

In the May/June, The American Nurse published articles on programs and strategies for better health for nurses. One of the articles featured an interview with David Hrabe, RN, PhD and Bernadette Melnyk, RN, PhD, FNAP, FAAN, FAANP, dean of the College of Nursing at the Ohio State University (OSU). Hrabe and Melnyk teamed up with Wellness & Prevention, Inc., a Johnson & Johnson Company, to present workshops for nurses to enhance their health behaviors. Since 2011, OSU nurses, faculty and staff have participated in the program. Melnyk and Hrabe also conducted Nurse Athlete workshops nationally.

In June, Nurse.com recognized the year’s Gem program winners in the Mountain West region. Maria Quimba, RN, MA, MBA, MSN was the regional winner in the category ‘Advancing & Leading the Profession’. Quimba was the Assistant Dean, Professional Studies, at Grand Canyon University, Phoenix. The Gem Program awards were held in various cities throughout the United States and honor 6 regional winners who were exceptional nurses from the various specialties and nursing practice.

Katherine Kenny, DNP, RN, ANP-BC, CCRN, FAANP was appointed Primary Care Leadership Faculty Advisor by the National Medical Foundation. Also in 2014, Dr. Kenny was inducted as a Fellow of the Association of Nurse Practitioners and served as a member of the Professional Issues Panel charged with revising the ANA Code of Ethics for Nurses.
In October, **Barbara Durand, EdD, RN**, Dean Emerita, College of Nursing & Health Innovation, ASU (1993-2004) was recognized as a “Living Legend” at the American Academy of Nursing.

**Donna Velasquez, RN, PhD, FNP-BC, FAANP** was appointed into the Western Academy of Nurses.

At the October 2014 Student Nurses Association of Arizona “Coffee with Experts Auction”, a student invited **Elaine Clayton, BSN, RN**, a correctional nurse, which was an opportunity for student nurses to spend time with an expert in a specific field. The students learned from Clayton that many nursing skills were needed to provide adequate health care for prisoners. Clayton stated that the ANA provides standards for correctional nursing practice which demonstrates how our professional organization gives support for all nurses. Clayton’s article in the February 2015 edition of the *Arizona Nurse*, stated that “it is time to make the invisible field of correctional nursing a visible option for nurses looking for an interesting and challenging position caring for a population of patients in great need.”

**Susan Phillips, RN, MSN, PMHCNS-BC** authored “Working With Abusive Bullying or Violent Patients and Families”, in *Person and Family Centered Care* (Sigma Theta Tau. June, 2014). The book was named the AJN Book of the Year for the Nursing Management and Leadership area.

**2015**

**Jill Arzouman, RN, MSN, ACNS-BC, CMSRN**, president of the Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses and clinical nurse specialist in surgical oncology at University Medical Center, Tucson was quoted in the article on Informatics in Nurse.com (2015), stating, “All nurses nurses use the electronic health record in their daily practice”.

**Cheryl Roth**
Cheryl K. Roth, PhD, WH-NP-BC, RNC-OB, RNFA was featured in the January/February edition of the American Nurse. Cheryl co-authored an article “Developing Protocols for Obstetric Emergencies” in the October/November 2014 issue of Nursing for Women’s Health. The article was praised because it provided clear protocols for obstetric emergencies to be used by health care providers when responding to a pregnancy health crisis.

Jennifer Mensik, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN was featured as “Leader to Watch” in the official publication of the American Nurse Executives, Nurse Leader, December issue. Jennifer served as the Executive Director of On Nursing Excellence and the Institute for Staffing Excellence and Innovation as well as faculty for Arizona State University College of Nursing and Innovation. In September, Mensik was appointed to ANA’s Reference Committee for a two-year term beginning in January 2016.

Patricia VanMaanen, MS, RN and Deanne Lewis, MS, RN BC, were appointed by the American Nurses Association (ANA) Board of Directors to the ANA Political Action Committee in July.

Matthew J. Gallek PhD, RN, CNRN, received a joint appointment in the Department of Surgery at University of Arizona College of Medicine and College of Nursing. Gallek is a Certified Neuroscience RN and a 2012 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Nurse Faculty Scholar. The purpose of his research was to investigate the influence of genetics/genomics on patient outcomes and significance to nursing care and practice in the management of patients suffering from brain injury.

Kevin Meek, RN-BSN, BA, MHI was made the CNO of Dignity Health Arizona General Hospital in Laveen.

Fran Roberts, PhD, RN was named the inaugural Kate Aurelius Visiting Professor in Integrated Care by Mercy Maricopa Integrated Care and the University of Arizona College of Medicine - Phoenix. Fran stated, “This is an opportunity to introduce a more efficient system of care to future physicians who are critical to integrated care.”
Amy Franciscus, JD, RN, past Chair of AzNA Public Policy Committee, was chosen to participate in “Emerge Arizona.” This program provided the opportunity to learn about political influences, fundraising, public speaking, and encouraged women to run for office and get elected.

Dawna L. Cato, PhD, RN joined Abrazo Health/Tenet as Market Director of Professional Development. This position was responsible for building the capabilities of healthcare professionals within the organization and supported Abrazo’s RN Clinical ladder and the Nurse Residency/Nurse Fellowship programs.

Lamont Yoder, RN, MSN, MBA, NEA-BC, FACHE was named CEO at Banner Gateway Medical Center and Banner MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Gail Hock, RN, MS, PHCNS-c, was the recipient of the 2015 Cele Cohen Public Health Nursing Award presented by the Arizona Public Health Association for her outstanding contributions to public/community health nursing. The Cele Cohen Award was originally established to recognize the contributions of Cecelia Cohen to the Arizona Public Health Association’s Nursing Section.

Tomi St. Mars, RN, MSN, CEN, FAEN, Chief of the Office of Injury Prevention at the Arizona Department of Health Services was one of 25 nurses in the US to be selected as a Public Health Nurse Leader by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, a two-year leadership program to strengthen the abilities of senior public health nurses.

Anne McNamara, RN, PhD, was appointed the American Nurses Credentialing Center Board of Directors for a 2 year term in January 2016.

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Marylyn McEwen, PhD, PHCNS-BC, FAAN, President of AzNA Chapter 18, Border Health Nurses (Enfermera de Salud Fonteriza) and the Gladys E. Sorenson Endowed Professor for Diabetes Research and Education at the University of Arizona, College of Nursing, was honored with the Ruth B. Freeman Award from the Public Health Nursing Section of the American Public Health Association. Marylyn was noted for her distinguished career in public health education and research.

Carol Dobos, PhD, RN-BC, NEA-BC, retired from Phoenix Children’s Hospital where she was the Director of Professional Development. Carol had her article, “Courage in Everyday Nursing Practice”, published in the American Nurse Today. The article depicts examples from her career of over four decades.

Carrie J. Merkle, PhD, RN, FAAN, a University of Arizona associate professor, received the Distinguished Nursing Lectureship Award from the Western Institute of Nursing. Her program of research was focused on the role of injury and inflammation in a variety
of contexts, including endothelial cell biology, breast cancer and aging, stress, and wound healing, and shared risk factors for breast cancer and cardiovascular disease.

Jane M. Carrington PhD, RN, a University of Arizona assistant professor, was inducted as a Fellow of the Western Academy of Nurses. Dr. Carrington conducted a 3 year study funded by the National Institute of Health, National Institutes of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering to increase patient safety by enhancing nurse-to-nurse communication.

2016 FINALISTS FOR THE NURSE OF THE YEAR AWARDS:

Cheryl Roth, PhD, WH-NP-BC, RNC-OB, RNFA, for Advanced Practice; Heidi Sanborn, RN, MSN, CCRN and Therese Speer RN, MSN, CNE for Education; Cindy Beckett, PhD, MS, RNC/OB and Lesly Kelly, PhD, RN for Evidenced Based Practice and Research; Guadalupe Ortega, RN,BSN for General Medical/Surgical; Robin Schaeffer, RN, MSN,CNE, for Nursing Leadership/Administration Management and Rising Star Amanda Foster, RN, BSN.
2016 MARCH OF DIMES AWARDS

Advanced Practice: Cheryl Roth PhD, WH-NP-BC, RNC-OB, RNFA, EdD, RN
Evidenced Based Practice and Research: Cindy Beckett, PhD, MS, RNC-OB
Northern Arizona Healthcare: Lesly Kelly, PhD, RN
Education: Heidi Sanborn, MSN, CCRN; Therese Speer, MSN, CNE
General Medicine/Surgical: Guadalupe Ortega, BSN, RN
Legend in Nursing: Robin Schaeffer, RN, MSN, CNE
Arizona Rising Star: Amanda Foster, BSN, RN

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For the past 12 years Carol O. Long, PhD, RN, FPCN, FAAN, has worked with nurses across the globe. In 2014, Carol spent time with two large organizations in New South Wales, Australia. During that period, Carol met Christine Lancaster, a Master’s prepared palliative care nurse, and learned how palliative care was integrated into long-term care settings in New South Wales. Carol also met nursing staff, older adult families, care staff and researchers searching for more effective and efficient nursing care for older adults with dementia.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

2015
Jean Craig Stengel

2017
Anne McNamara
Carol Stevens
PUBLICATIONS BY AZNA MEMBERS


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IN MEMORIAM

Daphne Ethel Morris, 93, a life time AzNA member, passed in 2012. Daphne was an original members of the Archives Committee in 1997 until her retirement in 2004. Daphne was born and raised in Phoenix and graduated from St Joseph’s Hospital School of Nursing, earned a BSN from San Francisco College of Nursing and a Masters in Nursing Education from St. Louis University. She entered the United States Navy as a navy nurse in 1943 and served through 1946 during WW11. She returned to Phoenix and was an instructor in St. Joseph’s Hospital until 1950 when she joined the Congregation of Sisters of Mercy in Burlingham, California and was given the name Sister Mary Brenda Morris. As a Sister of Mercy she was a teaching supervisor of Pediatrics at St Mary’s Hospital in San Francisco, and the Assistant Administrator and Supervisor of Pediatrics as well as an Assistant Professor of Nursing at the University of San Francisco. She returned to Phoenix and was the Director of Nursing at St Joseph’s School of Nursing until it closed. Daphne Morris was then appointed to the State Board of Nursing where she was lead investigator for the board until retiring in the mid-1980s. Daphne is survived by a sister, Margaret Morris and numerous nephews and nieces.

Georgia P. Macdonough passed at the age of 88 in April 2014..
Georgia earned a nursing diploma from Brooklyn Hospital Training School in 1947, a BSN at Adelphi University in 1948. In 1963 Georgia came to Arizona and became the school nurse at Desert View Elementary. After completing her MA in Education at ASU, Georgia became the first School Nurse Consultant with the Arizona Department of Health Services. She subsequently completed the Nurse Practitioner Program at the University of Colorado. Georgia led study tours to Russia, China, and Africa and taught nursing classes at both ASU and the University of Arizona. Georgia began volunteering with the Red Cross in 1959 and throughout the years assisted victims in over 50 national disasters. In 1995 Georgia received the American Red Cross Ann Magnusson Award for outstanding contributions. She was a long-time volunteer at the Beatitudes Campus of Care. Georgia Macdonough served as President of the School Health Association and was President of AzNA from 1979-1982.

Raymond Paul Kronenbitter, MS, RN passed away February 7, 2016 and nursing lost a powerful voice; Ray was a dedicated and active member of AzNA. Ray served on the Public Policy Committee from 2003 until 2009 and then chaired the committee when he was elected to the Board of Directors as Director of Government Affairs. He was well known by legislators in his district, visiting them at the annual Nurse Lobby Day. Ray also served on AzNA’s Political Action Committee, organizing fund raisers and interviewing candidates for endorsement. Ray received the Life Member award
in 2013 for his commitment and active participation in AzNA. Ray passed away during the 2016 legislative session. His widow, Scarlett Kronenbitter, RN, (AzNA member) said “Ray would have been in the middle of the effort to pass SB1473 (Registered Nurses Advanced Practice). Ray loved his country and was a career Marine from 1976 to 1996. He also loved nursing and practiced at Yuma Regional Medical Center from 1998 till 2012. He was an active volunteer for the Regional Center for Border Health based in Summerton, AZ, working to improve the quality of life for those living along the US-Mexican border. In March 2016, the AzNA Board of Directors created the Ray Kronenbitter Advocacy Scholarship which will be used to send one AzNA nurse annually to the ANA Advocacy Institute (ANAI). Ray was a graduate of the first ANAI cohort.

In 1991 the AzNA membership awarded Life Membership to ‘B’ for her commitment and participation to the Association mission and goals. In 1997 ‘B’ was one of the original members of the Archives Committee, and actively participated until her retirement in 2010 due to failing eyesight. Through many years ‘B’ was responsible for the Christmas tree ornaments. ‘B’ graduated with her diploma at Ancker Hospital in St. Paul MN in 1942. As a Registered Nurse ‘B’ joined the Army and was stationed in Iran and Italy until 1946. Steffl also earned a Masters in Public Health degree and in 1959 joined the College of Nursing faculty at ASU. ‘B’ authored the “Handbook on Gerontological Nursing, which was widely acclaimed by Universities. ‘B’ spent a sabbatical with a World Health Organization conducting health assessments in post-war Vietnam. She received the Governor’s Certificate of Merit for Service from the Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging for her life’s work. In 2007 ASU College of Nursing honored her legacy by founding the Bernita Steffl Professorship in Geriatric Nursing. Bernita is survived by a sister, nephews and nieces.

Andie Denious, MSN, RN, passed away September 18, 2016.
Andie was a long time active member of AzNA serving on the Board of Directors and for many years on the CE committee. Andie was the manager of the state’s immunization program at the Department of Health Services. After her retirement she continued to work part-time for the Department and The Arizona Partnership for immunization. Andie was known by all as gracious, warm, smart and classy. She always kept up to date with modern technology and the news in both healthcare and the nursing profession.