As I begin to write this message, I realize that it is the last time to submit a President’s Message for the Update. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for entrusting me to fulfill this position. It has been a wonderful and challenging opportunity for growth and learning. I believe SOHN is organized and runs smoothly based on the membership participation. It has been with the activities of all the Board members that we have been able to accomplish much over these two years.

We had a successful 43rd Congress and Nursing Symposium in New Orleans – “Big Ideas in the Big Easy”. It was from the diligence of the Planning Committee that we were stimulated, educated and challenged in ORL nursing educational, clinical, and research topics.

During my term of office I wanted to highlight the work that is done by the members. SOHN has many awards to help recognize the talents and activities of our membership. It is through the many activities of so many that we are able to accomplish and continue the growth of the organization. I have strived to recognize and honor many members. Please continue to recognize your colleagues that provide service to the organization. We should all recognize the work of our colleagues. Here is a list of some of the awards. Most of the applications and information about the awards are on-line.

**Sohn Clinical Excellence Award** is to recognize and reward SOHN nurses who have consistently demonstrated excellence in the delivery of skilled and compassionate care to the ORL-Head and Neck Patient.
N Nomination Deadline: July 1

**SOHN Honor Award**
Each member would be able to receive points for accomplishments within the Society.
Application Deadline: July 1

**Midwinter Board Meeting Guest Attendee**
An opportunity to see the inside workings of the SOHN Board. Sponsored in part by the Council of Past Presidents.
Application Deadline: November 1

**NIWI Nurse in Washington Internship**
Scholarship provides funding for a SOHN member to attend this three day internship in Washington, DC.
Application Deadline: November 1

**Outstanding Service Award**
The Outstanding Service Award was founded to be the highest service award the Society can bestow. Its purpose is to recognize and express appreciation for special contributions of service by members.
Deadline: December 30

**Friend of SOHN Award**
Established in 1983 the Friend of SOHN Award is the vehicle for recognizing and expressing appreciation for special contributions to SOHN by non-members.
Deadline: December 30

**Literary Award**
The Literary Award will recognize and encourage excellence in otorhinolaryngic (ORL) nursing publication. Writing for this scholarship award is one opportunity to bring expertise to nurse colleagues and to advance the practice of ORL nursing.

**New Author Award**
The New Author Award will recognize and encourage the contributions of an author publishing for the first time in a peer-reviewed journal. Writing for this award will facilitate professional growth and dissemination of information pertinent to the ORL specialty.
• Educational and Research Poster Awards
To recognize excellence in educating ORL nurses through the use of posters at the annual congress. Awarded at Annual Congress
Deadline: April 1

• Lectureships
  o Lois Moore-Rogers Pediatric Otolaryngology Lectureship
  o Cynthia Mabry Otolaryngic Allergy Lectureship
  o Kalynn Quinn Hensley Head & Neck/Laryngology Lectureship
    Deadline: January 31

• Scholarships
  o Allied Health To BSN Application
  o RN To BSN Application
  o Graduate Level In Nursing Application
    Deadline: July 1

• Chapter Excellence Award
  The Award is based on chapter activities throughout the year beginning July 1 of the previous year and ends June 30 of the current year. Application submissions should be submitted to Headquarters by July 1.

Again, thank you for a successful two years. Chester Hilton, President-Elect has prepared to take the reins over this past year and continue moving SOHN forward. I hope that you give him the support and encouragement that I received during these last two years. He is committed to carrying on the Mission and Vision of our organization with new ideas. I hope that you continue to provide your participation and membership in this organization. Ultimately, we are all working to improve ORL patient care through our efforts with the organization.

Carolyn Waddington
Carolyn Waddington, MS, RN, FNP-C, CORLN
SOHN and ENT-NF President

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Thanks to You for a Successful 43rd Congress!

It takes many people to create a successful Congress. The 43rd Congress, "Big Ideas in the Big Easy" was no exception. This year the thank you list is long! However, the Planning Committee deserves a “thank you” and a pat on the back. A special thank you goes to Michele Farrington, BSN, RN-BC, Congress Chair, Maggie Chesnutt, MSN, FNP-BC, CORLN, Co-Chair, and Sarah Holdsworth, MSN, APRN, Assistant Chairperson. The Congress Education Program Committee was dynamic, organized, and committed to ensure the 43rd Congress reflected what you, the membership, wanted based on your input through Special Interest Group meetings; evaluations (local, regional, annual meetings); and the national educational needs assessment. They also identified the best possible speakers for the topics and skills you wanted. The Planning Committee started last November to plan for the 43rd Congress. Throughout this past year, they personally contacted speakers, helped to ensure the ANCC contact hour forms were completed correctly, and served as a coordinator for each day of the Congress. The VIP’s, National Education Committee, and volunteers who served as Moderators/Coordinators worked with them to facilitate the smooth running Congress.

A special thank you goes out to Deena Hollingsworth, MSN, FNP-BC, CORLN, Coordinator of the Comprehensive ORL and Head-Neck Nursing Course and who also jumped in at the last moment to speak when a speaker was unable to present. Maria Colandrea, DNP, NP-C, CORLN, CCRN, FAANP and her outstanding faculty also deserve a special thank you for writing a grant to fund the Scoping Course, as well as offering this popular, successful course which had not been offered for several years. Thanks also to Troy DeRose, CRNP, RNFA, CORLN and Maureen Murphy, CRNP, RNFA for offering the Suturing Course for a second time at Congress. Karen Ulmer, MSN, RN, CORLN went above and beyond to prepare a presentation for the Pharmacology Pre-Conference when a scheduled speaker was unable to attend.

Our President, Carolyn Waddington, MS, RN, FNP-C, CORLN, deserves a special thank you for her vision and support before, during, and after the Congress. Sandra Schwartz, MS, RN, CORLN SOHN’s Executive Director was responsible for hotel, catering, audio visual, special events and on-site arrangements. We could not look half as good without our Administrative Secretary, Cory Parker who works diligently all year round, often behind the scene. It takes a TEAM to put a quality program together. I am so proud of our SOHN Team. Thank you and kudos to all who helped.

The Congress Education Committee Meeting has already begun to plan for the 44th Congress to be held in Boston, Massachusetts, September 11-14, 2020. We met in Orlando on November 15 and 16. Your recommendations and constructive feedback helps the committee to strive for excellence in designing and planning Congress. So, thanks to the participants for taking the time to evaluate the sessions attended and sharing comments. Furthermore, many personal comments and suggestions were received at Congress which were used to help in planning. Results of the Special Interest Group meetings, education needs assessment, and evaluations of other educational offerings throughout the year were reviewed for topics of interest and recommendations for speakers. The Learning Outcomes for the 43rd Congress were all rated as 4.9 out of 5 which is an excellent rating. The individual speaker evaluations were compiled with an overall mean of 4.9 as well.

SOHN continues with the Green Initiative and provided access to speaker handouts on the SOHN web site. Don’t forget to check out the SOHN web site for any additional handout turned in after Congress.

Lastly, I encourage and challenge you to consider presenting at the 2020 SOHN Spring Seminar Series which will be held on April 23 and 24 in conjunction with COSM in Atlanta, Georgia. Day One features the 34th Annual Pediatric ORL Nurses Meeting and Day Two focuses on Adult ORL Issues. Any member who is thinking about presenting at any SOHN educational program next year can contact me personally at wheeler1200@sbcglobal.net or 765-366-6609.

Again, the 44th Annual SOHN Congress & Nursing Symposium will be held September 11-14, 2020 in Boston, Massachusetts. Three Lectureships are available which have a monetary award through the ENT-NF. Check the lectureships out at www.SOHNurse.com. The deadline for applications for the Kalynn Quinn Hensley Head-Neck/Laryngology, the Cynthia Mabry Otolaryngic Allergy and the Lois Moore Rogers Pediatric Lectureships is January 31, 2020. It is a great honor to receive a lectureship and we love to bestow this honor on our members.

Sara Wheeler, PHD, RN, PMHCNS-BC (retired)
SOHN Education Director
SOHN Congress Highlights

2020 SOHN Board of Directors

Maggie Chesnutt (l), Charles E. Moore MD (c), Anne Bigelow (r)

SOHN Chapter Presidents

Daisy Award Founders, Recipients and Nominees

International Attendees

ENT-NF Raffle - Anne Bigelow and Ann McKennis

International Attendees
SOHN Congress Highlights

Ribbon Cutting at SOHN Exhibits

SOHN Exhibition Area

SOHN Exhibition Area

SOHN President’s Reception

Stepping Forward for the Foundation

Passing of the Gavel from Carolyn Waddington to Chester Hilton
Election Results

Congratulations to the following members. They will begin their term of office on January 1, 2020.

**Treasurer**
Anne L. DeLeo, CRNP, CORLN

**Board Members**
Troy J. DeRose, MSN, RN, CRNP, RNFA, CORLN, ANCC-C, ACGNP, FNP
Scott Henderson, BSN, RN, CORLN
Lisa Lever, BSN, RN, CORLN

**Nominating Committee Members**
Bryan A. Facione, MS, ACNP-BC, CORLN
Jennifer Rodil, MSN, RN, CORLN

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Awards

**Outstanding Service Award** - Maggie Wallace

**Presidential Citation Award** - Wendy S. L. Mackey

**Kalynn Quinn Hensley Head and Neck - Laryngology Lectureship**
*Human Papilloma Virus Overview for Head and Neck Nurses*
Katherine V. Bell

**Lois Moore-Rogers Pediatric Otolaryngology Lectureship**
*Welcome to Boogie Wonderland: Cases from a Pediatric Sinus Clinic*
Jana L. Bradley

**Literary Award** - Maria Colandrea

**New Author Award** - Deborah Strike

**Honor Award** - Teresa Baker, Suzanne Beshore, Cheryl Brandt, Krista Buser, Margaret Colwill, Cindy Dawson, Nina DeSell, Jackie English, Deborah Farragher, Karlene Fuller, Lisa Gagnon, Tamara Gillispie, Sharon Jamison, Wendy Mackey, Carol Maragos, Christine Reger and Erin Ross

**Midwinter Guest Board Attendee** - Lisa Lever

**Poster Competition Winners**
*Funded by the Ear, Nose and Throat Nursing Foundation*

**Evidence Based Practice** - Jacqueline Adams, Megan Bagonis and Michelle Lewandowski

**Research** - Cheryl S. Brumbaugh, Theresa Mayes, Sarah Vitole, Melissa Buchert, Meredith Tabangin and Charles Myer, IV

**Educational** - Alessandra Quillin and Jaymie Giuffre

**1st Time Award** - Amanda Huff and Emily Ramirez

**Chapter Excellence Awards**
Southeastern Michigan Chapter
Atlanta Regional Chapter
Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter

**Chapter Anniversaries**
Connecticut Chapter - 5th
Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter - 25th

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Congratulations to our Newest CORLNs!

- Ashley M. Acker
- Brenda L. Cheatum
- Jessica G. Fisher
- Lauda M. Harmon
- Lisa L. Hill
- Lee Jung Kim
- Roseanne Krauter
- Ashley E. Kujava
- Michelle D. Panganiban
- Antela M. Perez
- Maria Colandrea
- Lisa DiPilato
- Margarete Englisch
- Jacqueline S. English
- Kristine Estheimer
- Anne M. Gadia
- Margaret Gannon
- Grace G. Hyun
- Carrie Jamison
- Susan Keeley
- Christy Kretzer
- Lisa S. Lever
- Susan F. Rudy
- ToniAnn M. Savage
- Jaclyn Wirkus
- Deborah R. Woods

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Attention International Nurses!

Dear International Nurse Members,

We invite you to contribute an article for publication in the SOHN Journal that describes the healthcare system in your country, or an important health policy issue in your country. Our SOHN membership would enjoy—and benefit from—learning more about healthcare policy and advocacy around the world.

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to help broaden the knowledge of SOHN members, and to see your work published in your professional journal! We hope that you will seriously consider sending in an article. We are very excited to hear from you!

You can send your article submission, or any questions you may have, to Suzanne Beshore, Health Policy and Advocacy Committee Chairperson for SOHN, at sbeshore@sbcglobal.net Thank you for your consideration of our request. We hope to hear from you soon!
The Ear, Nose and Throat Nursing Foundation (ENT-NF) was founded in 1997 to enhance the care of the ear, nose and throat patient, by advancing the art and science of nursing through education and research funded by donations from individuals, corporations and healthcare providers. Donations will be used for educational programs designed to enhance care delivery and prevention of disease for the otolaryngology population; support research initiatives to improve the health of patients with ear, nose and throat disorders; and to provide educational programs to increase the knowledge of healthcare professionals interested in ear, nose and throat nursing care.

Your support in assisting ENT-NF to enhance the care of ear, nose and throat patients is sincerely appreciated. Please make checks payable to ENT-NF and mail to: ENT-NF, 207 Downing Street, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168 Or donate online at www.sohnnurse.com (Your contribution to ENT-NF is tax-deductible.)

Thank you for your support!!

Time to Highlight Healthcare Advocacy and Achievements in Your State!

As the end of the year approaches, I am asking for everyone’s help in educating SOHN membership on your state’s legislative efforts and successes in 2019 that are related to health policy, advocacy and nursing practice. Your contribution will be included in the annual “Highlights from the States” article in the SOHN journal. This is your big chance to shine a light on the priorities and achievements of healthcare advocates in your state and to see your name printed in the journal! We just need a brief paragraph. You can make an individual contribution, or get together with nursing colleagues for a group effort!

Not sure what is happening in your state? A visit to the American Nurses Association or your State Nursing Association’s website should provide you with the information you need. While you are there, if you are not currently a member, sign up! Or, join their email list so you can begin receiving notices of upcoming events of interest to nurses in your state as well as information regarding the issues and efforts your state’s nurses are involved in.

You can submit your paragraph at any time between now and January 7th, 2020. Please send paragraph submissions and/or questions to Suzanne Beshore, HPAC Chairperson, at sbeshore@sbcglobal.net. The sooner the better!

If you are not already a member, please consider joining SOHN’s Health Policy and Advocacy Committee (HPAC). We encourage nurses to increase their knowledge of health policy; and to lend their influence to policy issues that impact healthcare, patients, nurses and the nursing profession. Your involvement could lead to better health, and better healthcare, for your state and for your country!

Thank you for helping to celebrate the power of Nursing, Suzanne Beshore RN, BSN, MS, CORLN
Join a SOHN Committee Now

The Committees of SOHN form the foundation of the organization. Please review the following descriptions of the committees and their functions. Plan to volunteer to serve as a member of the committee of your choice. All of these committees are led by experienced, enthusiastic nurses who welcome your participation. Please send an email to sohn1@earthlink.net with the committee(s) you are interested in joining.

National Education Committee:
The National Education Committee promotes the educational growth of SOHN with a focus on Professional Education as well as Community Education. Nurse Planners assist the Director of Education in the development, implementation and evaluation of educational programs, local/regional, and national. Other nurse members serve as program chairpersons, on planning committees, as room moderators and coordinators and on the professional exhibit group. Commitment and enthusiasm is prerequisite. Sense of pride, satisfaction and accomplishment guaranteed. Nurse Planner Defined by ANCC, “A registered nurse who is responsible for planning, developing, implementing and evaluating continuing education activities. For an accredited provider, the Nurse Planner must be prepared at the graduate level, with one degree – baccalaureate or graduate – in nursing.”

Health Policy and Advocacy Committee:
The focus of the Health Policy and Advocacy Committee is to keep abreast of new legislation and regulations affecting nursing practice, education, and research. The committee supports legislation and legislative activities on both the state and national level. It provides a venue to introduce nurses to the regulatory and legislative process and mentorship as one becomes politically active.

Membership Enhancement Committee:
The Membership Enhancement Committee promotes the professional growth of individual members, as well as, enhancing the organization and development of chapters. This committee assists with recruitment, recognition, and retention activities.

Practice and Research Committee:
The Practice and Research Committee identifies and prioritizes practice issues and develops/reassess standards of practice and guidelines. The committee also promotes research in otolaryngologic and head and neck nursing. This research will expand the body of nursing knowledge, provide a solid base for our practice and ultimately advance the profession of nursing. Members are selected based on their strengths and expertise in otology, general ORL and head-neck nursing and will be assigned specific activities to advance SOHN’s practice and research goals.

NCBOHN Update

From the NCBOHN Board...

The annual CORLN Luncheon once again was held at the annual congress. This event was sponsored by the National Certifying Board for Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses (NCBOHN). CORLNs from across the country celebrated their certification status. NCBOHN President, Sharon Jamison, reported that we now have 213 CORLNs. The names are proudly listed in the August edition of the Update. CORLNs are invited to contribute two exam questions. If you are a CORLN, who forgot or were unable to attend, please email questions to SOHN Headquarters, Attention: NCBOHN sohnnet@aol.com. Thank you in advance for your participation.
Cynthia Mabry Otolaryngic Allergy Lectureship (ENT-NF)
The Cynthia Mabry Otolaryngic Allergy Lectureship was established in 1999 to honor Cynthia’s memory (1937-1999). Cynthia was a chapter president, active member of SOHN and well respected for her expertise in otolaryngic allergy. Application Deadline January 31. Cash Award & Certificate

Kalynn Quinn Hensley Head & Neck/Laryngology Lectureship (ENT-NF)
The Kalynn Quinn Hensley Head & Neck/Laryngology Lectureship was established in 2001 to honor the memory of a very special patient who was cared for by many of the SOHN nurses in Houston, Texas. Kalynn was diagnosed with Recurrent Respiratory Papillomatosis (RRP). She required frequent surgical procedures to maintain her airway. She lost her fight for life in 2000 as a young adult due to pulmonary disease progression to cancer. Application Deadline January 31. Cash Award & Certificate

Lois Moore-Rogers Pediatric Otolaryngology Lectureship (ENT-NF)
The Lois Moore-Rogers Pediatric Otolaryngology Lectureship was established in 1996 by Dr. Gerald Healy and the Department of Otolaryngology at the Children’s Hospital Medical Center in Boston. Dr. Healy established this award to honor Lois who worked in Pediatric Otolaryngology for 18 years. Lois has been a long time member of SOHN and active in the Pediatric Special Interest Group. Application Deadline January 31. Cash Award & Certificate

Annual and Midwinter Board Meeting Guest Attendee
Apply for the opportunity to attend the SOHN Board of Directors’ Annual or Midwinter Board Meeting and see the inside workings of the Society. Sponsored in part by the SOHN Council of Past Presidents. Application Deadline July 1 and November 1

Are You Continuing Your Education?
The Ear, Nose and Throat Nursing Foundation offers $1,000-$1,500 scholarships to SOHN members in the following categories: Allied Health to BSN ~ RN to BSN ~ Graduate Level in Nursing. Application Deadline July 1

Research Study Grant/Evidenced-Based Grant (ENT-NF)
The ENT-NF has established a fund to help nurses develop and/or participate in ORL clinical nursing research, and has made a commitment to nursing research. Research Grants up to $2,000. Application Deadline January 31. Cash Award & Certificate

Clinical Excellence in ORL Nursing Award (RN & LPN)
The SOHN Clinical Excellence Award recognizes and rewards SOHN members who have consistently demonstrated excellence in the delivery of skilled and compassionate care to the ORLHead and Neck Patient. Nomination Deadline July 1. Cash Award & Certificate

Congress 2020 Poster Competition (ENT-NF)
SOHN Poster Guidelines and Poster Application are available on the SOHN website home page www.sohnnurse.com APPLY NOW! Posters will be displayed and available for viewing during Congress. Posters will reflect various administration, education, clinical practice, educational and research topics of interest to ORL nurses. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your knowledge with other ORL nurses. There are monetary rewards for outstanding posters at Congress. Application Deadline April 1. Cash Award & Certificate

For more information please contact SOHN Headquarters at 386-428-1695 or via email at sohn1@earthlink.net

Award Nominations
SOHN is soliciting nominations for the Outstanding Service Award and the Friend of SOHN Award for 2019. The Outstanding Service Award recognizes a member who has demonstrated outstanding contributions to the Society. The Friend of SOHN Award is the mechanism for recognizing and expressing appreciation for special contributions to SOHN by non-members. For additional information, please contact National Headquarters. Nominations must be received by December 30th.
Seven online education courses for ORL nurses are being offered with discount prices for SOHN members. Course instructors are esteemed SOHN members and experts in the specialty.

Courses offered:

- Hearing Loss Evaluation and Management (Victoria Albano)
- Otology (Deena Hollingsworth)
- Nose, Sinuses and Oral Cavity (Erin Ross)
- Pediatric Otolaryngology (Wendy Mackey-Course Coordinator)
- Benign Head and Neck Disorders (Barbara Carter)
- Overview of Head and Neck Cancer and Treatment Modalities (Tara DiFabio & Penelope Fisher)
- Specific Head and Neck Cancer Treatment and Nursing Implications (Penelope Fisher)

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Certification Examination in Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nursing

Spring 2020 Testing Period
Application Deadline: April 15, 2020
Testing Begins: May 16, 2020
Testing Ends: May 30, 2020

Fall 2020 Testing Period
Application Deadline: September 9, 2020
Testing Begins: October 10, 2020
Testing Ends: October 24, 2020

Eligibility Requirements
1. Currently licensed as a Registered Nurse in the United States or the equivalent in other countries.
2. Recommended at least three years of experience in otorhinolaryngology and/or head-neck nursing practice.
3. Completion and filing of an Application for the Certification Examination in Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nursing.
4. Payment of required fee.

Application Fees
SOHN Members $325
Non-SOHN Members $425

Additional information is available from Professional Testing Corporation
ptcny.com/test-sponsors/ncbohn/

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