

## ET Nurse Day — April 21, 1993

Every patient loves their ET Nurse. Everyone needs to know why! National Office is offering three prizes for Promoting ET Nurse Day contest. (First Prize: Paid Conference Registration; Second Prize: 1994 WOCN Membership; Third Prize: Half a Double Room Rate to the Conference Hotel). Mideast Region offers recognition for winners also. Please check which category you are most interested in entering.

- Most Creative       Most Community Oriented  
 Most Educational       Most Politically Advancing

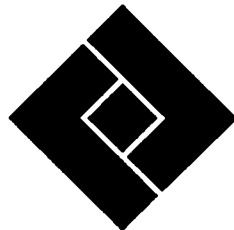
Clip this postcard and return to Phyllis Pope-Brown (address below) and additional information will be sent back to you. Please mail by February 21. If you know what you want to do for your entry, please send your completed entry materials to:

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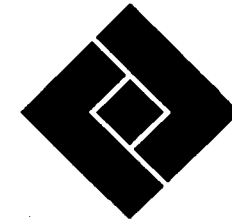
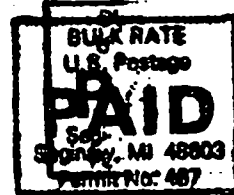
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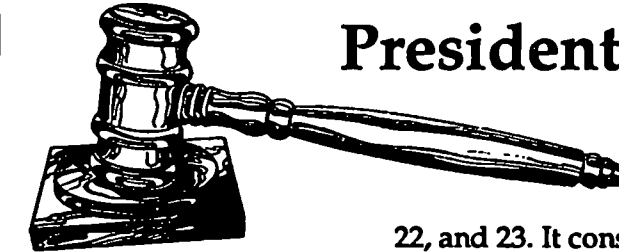
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## President's Message

LaGuna Beach, CA—The WOCN semi-annual meeting was held on January 21, 22, and 23. It consisted of a WOCN Board meeting on the 21st, a brainstorming all-day session on restructuring WOCN on the 22nd, and an educational session on the "Change Process" on the 23rd. Those attending from the Mideast Region were Deanna Peters, Karen Granby (WOCN Secretary), Barbara Montgomery (WOCN Government Affairs Chair), Paula Erwin-Toth, Kelly Jaszowski and me. It was an important meeting for our Region, since one of the main topics was "Regional Structure Change".

I am happy to report that it was proposed that the Regions and Affiliates stay the same with a few minimal changes. One of the changes that will be proposed at the House of Delegates will be opening the boundaries of the Regions. That means you could join the Region of your choice. It is thought that this would better meet the needs of the membership geographically.

The other proposed change will be to delete the trustee position. It is believed that members can and should represent themselves. Each member would vote. This will give the membership a more accurate vote to direct the organization in the way he/she wants to go. Members would vote on any issue that the House of Delegates votes on presently, i.e. bylaw changes and major issues. The voting would be done by mail. The members can be kept informed through the WOCN newsletters, "Hot Topics" and other mailings. WOCN National Office has improved their computer systems to the point that in the near future we will be able to be a part of their computer system in order to directly access information via our personal computers. All members of the Board of Directors (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and four Directors-at-Large will be accessible to all members) as well as all committee chairs. We will still have our Regional and Affiliate meetings for discussion of the issues as well as a proposed "Forum for Discussion" at National WOCN meeting. It is felt that with every member voting that the organization will be able to more accurately serve the membership.

The rest of the proposed structure change (streamlining of national committees) stands as reported in the WOCN News. It was reported that the trial period for the committee structure has gone extremely well. The committees are functioning well and the membership should see results of their activities by National Conference 1993. The committees are focusing on "products" for the membership.

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**Excellence in Writing Award:**  
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**ET Nurse of the Year Award:**  
Paula Toth  
(See previous listing)

**Delegate Chair:**  
Sharlene Kennedy

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Terri Boyd  
Kelly Jaszarowski  
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**Alternates:**  
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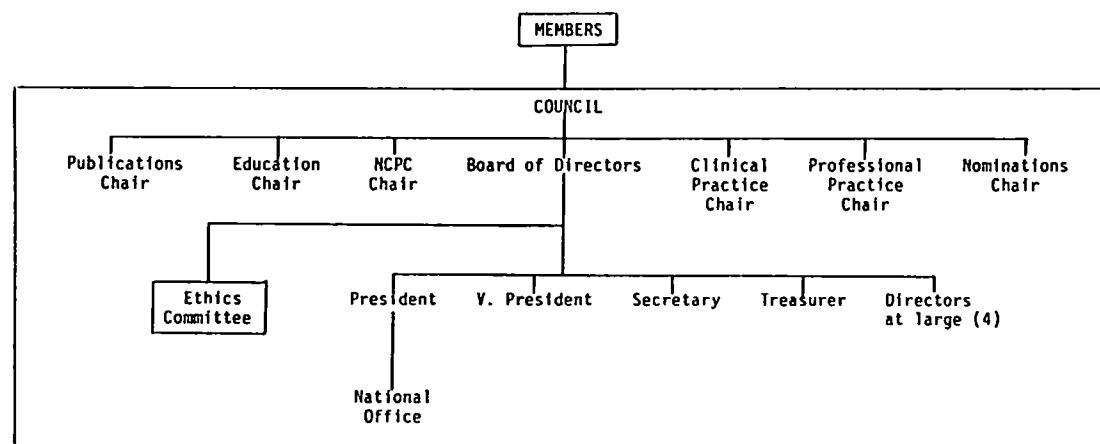
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MIDEAST REGION (MER)  
WOUND, OSTOMY, CONTINENCE NURSES SOCIETY  
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

K. Granby

- professional practice
  - national conference planning
  - nominations
- a.3.) Conference planning.
- intermediate and advanced levels
  - skills labs
  - interactive programs
  - all business on Sat/Sun - condensed times
  - education sessions Mon-Thurs.
- a.4.) Needs assessment.
- what we want from National
  - "clinical experts" for the wound care series for nursing staff education
- a.5.) Shift in organization away from focus on process. new focus is on products to positively affect the practitioner and consumer.
- a.6.) There will be a one year trial of new committee structure. (see attached chart)
- the Board will consist of 8 people
  - Members can directly access any committee chair or Board member
  - Committees will be defining qualifications, areas of authority and structure
- a.7.) Questions and answers.
- Q: Is a smaller group better for long-term planning? How does this streamlining make us more effective? How does it differ from what we have? (E. Pryor)
- A: An 8 member Board will establish and administer policy. 14 people on council may vote. Currently we have 21 voting members.
- Q: How will chairs be chosen? (J. Cline)
- A: Qualifications will be decided in June. Those interested can apply to Kristi. Watch newsletter for further information.
- Q: What are Directors at large? (M. Erlich)
- A: They will:
- provide national member perspective in decision making
  - provide clinical/professional issue input

ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE



# Committee Reports

## Nominations

Once again, the MER mail vote was successful. We had 45% of the membership cast their vote! Unfortunately, thirty-five ballots were returned without return addresses on them. These were not included in the vote. Our newly elected representatives are:

- President-Elect:**  
Paula Erwin-Toth (OH)
- Secretary:** Carol Hepp (MI)
- Regional Trustee:**  
Kally Jaszarowski (IN)
- Trustee:** Terri Boyd (MI)
- Delegate Chair:**  
Sharlene Kennedy (MI)
- Delegates:**  
Terri Body (MI)  
Kelly Jaszarowski (IN)  
Allyn Davies (OH)  
Martha Saulman (IN)  
Louanne Wehle (KY)  
Juanita Jenkins (WV)  
Barbara Blaylock (OH)  
Paula Erwin-Toth (OH)
- Alternates:** Judy Werner (MI)  
Sharon Ballard-Krishnan (MI)  
Juanita Yuenger (OH)

I would like to congratulate each and every one of these newly elected representatives! There was a tie for first alternate between Judy and Sharon. The tie will be broken when there is a need to replace one of the delegates.

I would also like to encourage each and every one of you to keep these representatives informed as to your opinions regarding the new structure change. You cannot be truly represented unless you take your responsibility seriously and keep your representatives informed.

At this time, I would also like to thank each of you for the

support and encouragement you have provided me. Your belief in me has resulted in my new position—Regional Trustee. While in this role, I cannot be a MER Committee Chair. Thus, Terri Boyd (MI) has been elected by the Board to fulfill this vacancy. Please, join me in welcoming her. Also, please join me in welcoming her replacement as committee member—Bonnie Oetman (MI). Do not forget the other committee member Pay Wysss (IN).

Nominations are always open! If you think you might be interested in a position, either contact the person already in that position or a member of the Nominations Committee. We need people who are willing to make a commitment. Without you, we could never have been as successful as this region has!!—*Kelly Jaszarowski*

## Ad FundRaising Report

Fourteen ads have been sold this year for a total of \$1100.

### New Members (continued from pg. 6)

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# Committee Reports

## Public Relations

The Public Relations Committee met at the Hyatt in Lexington, Kentucky to decide on ET Nurse Day Awards for 1992. The winners were:

**Most Community Minded:**

Sharlene Kennedy, Michigan

**Most Politically Oriented:**

Linda Hoelzle, Ohio

**Most Creative:**

Juanita Jenkins, West Virginia

**Most Educational:**

Martha Saulsman, Indiana

It was decided that letters to new members needed to be changed and updated. Political proclamations from each state will once again be obtained for ET Nurse Day-1993. Martha Saulsman has volunteered to write a new letter regarding ET

Nurse Day to encourage members to participate. There was discussion on a portable display board to use at meetings to promote our specialty.

Once again, ET Nurse Day Awards was won on the national level by Mideast Regional members. Second place went to Sharlene Kennedy of Michigan and third place to Linda Hoelzle, Ohio. Congratulations ET's! Begin NOW by thinking about what you want to do for ET Nurse Day-1993. (*Always the third Wednesday of April-April 21st*)

Even more important—apply on both the national and regional levels. I know many of you support your specialty but let others know how you do it.—*Phyllis Pope Brown*

## Cleveland Area News

The Visiting Nurse Association of Cleveland sponsored a "Nightmare on ET Street" program on September 23. This well attended program provided five or six unusual case presentations with lively discussion and slide illustrations. Plans for the spring meeting are pending—*Cheryl VanHorn*

## Southeast Michigan News

The September meeting was held at Providence Hospital in Southfield by Rosemarie Van-Ingén and Sister Woodward. The speakers were excellent and Richard Cook, Ph.D. kept us all very interested.

The January meeting in Flint was hosted by Sharlene Kennedy and Louise Kashubosky. A business meeting was conducted followed by discussion of the new proposed organizational change. Dr. Gary Cesar spoke on Diabetic Foot Ulcers.

The next meeting will be at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing (*date to be announced*).—*Judy Werner*

## Treasurer Report

Income from June 1, 1992–January 10, 1993 was \$11,189.32. Expenses from June 1, 1992–January 10, 1993 were \$12,248.13. Checkbook balance as of January 10, 1993 was \$19,832.44.

## Finance Report

The committee met at Regional Meeting in October. The books were audited for fiscal year 1991–92 and were found to be in order.—*Sharlene Kennedy, RN, CETN*

### MIDEAST REGION (MER) WOUND, OSTOMY, CONTINENCE NURSES SOCIETY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

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| e. Fundraising - A. Davies  | We made \$479.75 from silent auction, and approximately \$2,000 for the day. Allyn suggested we form committee to man booth with representatives from all states.   | Remember to bring items for next year! Volunteers:<br>E. Lee - MI<br>D. Best - OH<br>L. McCubbin - IN<br>KY, WV still needed. |
| f. Membership - C. Floruta  | MER has 345 members. Will not publish directory this year due to changes in WOCN. The Dropper will publish all address changes and new members. National directory will be published annually. National directory currently only publishes one phone number.  | Remember to add changes to your directory! MER supports publishing both phone numbers. Joy to pursue.                         |
| g. NIWI - L. Harlan/S. Duda   | 5 people applied for NIWI March 1993. B. Huck, E. Lee will be sponsored by MER. B. Blaylock, D. White and L. Hoelzle will be alternates.  | Send applications to Linda/Sandy for NIWI '94.  |
| h. Research - J. Cline  | State chairs needed for WV, Ind., KY GAC.<br><br>Committee members recognized. Committee goals reviewed:<br>- Facilitate research<br>- Include research in Dropper<br>- Provide consultation on research in MER, possible funding and critiquing<br>- Assist with proposal guidelines<br>- Educate at conference<br>- Provide topics for research<br>B. Pieper has been inducted into FAAN. | May include lecture on using research at WVA '93 conference.<br><br>Congratulations Barbara!                                  |
| i. Written Committee Reports - (condensed by C. Hepp) GAC (L. Harlan) | Report on file:<br><br>• to develop project chairs for NIWI, phone trees, state coalitions<br>• to log history, events, projects<br>• develop list of contacts in each state to clarify issues of reimbursement   |   |
| Nominations (K. Jaz)  | • 305 ballots mailed<br>• candidate information included with ballot<br>• ballots without return addresses were voided  |   |

### MIDEAST REGION (MER) WOUND, OSTOMY, CONTINENCE NURSES SOCIETY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

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| j. Delegate Report - K. Granby | Congratulations to delegates for a job well done.<br>Issues:<br>1. Region nominated M. Spencer for honorary membership - she was unanimously accepted.<br>2. Name change: MER proposed 'WOCN'. Delegates voted to represent MER by percentage of members in favor of three proposed names: OWCN, WOCN, IAET.   | Letter from Marilyn shared with membership.<br><br>HOD results: WOCN.<br><br>Joy presented Karen with a certificate thanking her for her contributions to MER. |
| 10. Mail Vote - K. Jaz         | Voting results filed with secretary:<br>President-elect: P. Toth<br>Regional Trustees: K. Jaszarowski<br>Trustee: T. Boyd<br>Secretary: C. Hepp<br>Delegates (9): T. Boyd, K. Jaszarowski, A. Davies, S. Kennedy, M. Saulman, L. Wehle, J. Jenkins, B. Blaylock, P. Toth.<br>Alternates: J. Werner, S. Krishnan, J. Yuenger.   | Joy presented Kelly with a certificate thanking her for developing the mail vote. National office is looking at MER as a model for mail vote.                  |
| 11. Delegate Chair - K. Jaz    | Voting ensued for delegate chair. Those eligible:<br>A. Davies - declined<br>S. Kennedy<br>B. Blaylock<br>P. Erwin Toth<br>K. Jaz - declined   | To be announced.   |
| 12. Unfinished Business        | 1992 Executive Working Session Report:<br>a.1.) Priority products for '92-93.<br>• expand WOCN newsletter<br>• develop "hot topics" to disseminate information<br>• complete nursing specialty reimbursement manual<br>• produce wound care video series<br>• annual conference to emphasize full scope on all days<br>• needs assessment survey<br><br>a.2.) Six committees being tested.<br>• publications<br>• education<br>• clinical practice |  |

## Educational Opportunities

### ENTEROSTOMAL THERAPY NURSING CERTIFICATION

The eligibility requirements for the specialty certification examinations were discussed and finalized.

- Currently licensed as a registered nurse
- A) At least 2,000 hours (1 year full-time) experience in specialty AND completion of an enterostomal therapy nursing education program OR specialty nursing track accredited by WOCN before or after required experience is attained OR
- B) A baccalaureate degree AND at least 4,000 hours (2 years full-time) experience in specialty area.

### APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR WOCN ADVANCED DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP

You must meet the following criteria to be considered eligible for financial assistance and application review:

- Currently seeking a baccalaureate, master's, or doctoral degree in nursing;
- Provide proof of graduation from a WOCN-accredited ETNEP;
- Provide proof of Board Certification in Enterostomal Therapy Nursing;
- Provide proof of current and active membership in the WOCN;

- Provide proof of current enrollment or acceptance into an NLN-accredited nursing program (full or part-time) verifying, by letter, of either junior or senior year status;
- Provide proof of a 3.0 grade point average (GPA) in all academic work undertaken;
- Provide proof of current or previous employment as an ET nurse;
- Have at least two years of ET nursing experience within the past five years;
- Provide proof of current RN licensure.

### WOCN SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION FOR ET NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM (ETNEP) AND SPLIT OPTION PROGRAMS

Scholarships are awarded to deserving and dedicated individuals who are interested in working in this specialty field and improving nursing care as outlined in the WOCN philosophy and scope of practice. Scholarship applicants must meet all admission requirements set forth by the ETNEP and must submit the scholarship application form prior to the following deadlines:

**Award Period**  
 January 1 – February 28  
 March 1 – May 31  
 June 1 – August 31  
 September 1 – December 31

**Deadline for Application:**  
 November 15  
 February 15  
 May 15  
 August 15

### CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION

The next exam will be held on Saturday, June 5, 1993. The deadline for application is April 15, 1993.

If a candidate lives over 300 miles from a testing site, special arrangements may be made if an additional \$75 is submitted at least eight (8) weeks before the testing date.

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## Outstanding ET Nurse Award

**Pre-requisites:**

1. Nominee must be a member of the Mideast Region WOCN for a minimum of two years.
2. Nominee must attend at least one WOCN meeting a year (either Mid-East Regional Meeting or National Conference).
3. Nominee must be board certified in ET Nursing.

**Deadline:**

**September 15, 1993**

The award will be presented to the winner at our Annual Regional Conference. Send nominations to:

Paula Erwin-Toth  
Cleveland Clinic Foundation  
9500 Euclid, KK-506  
Cleveland, OH 44195

The Selection Committee is comprised of a WOCN member from each state in our region. The Selection Committee is not appraised of the names or agency affiliation of nominees until the selection is completed.

The nominee must meet 80% of the following criteria: Briefly describe the nominees qualifications for the award and provide examples based on the criteria.

1. Demonstrates excellence in the full scope of ET Nursing practice.
2. Devotes at least 50% of professional practice to providing direct care to patients with dermal ulcers, stomas, wounds and incontinence.
3. Shares knowledge by providing professional and community education via one on one education, seminars and symposiums.
4. Promotes the speciality of ET Nursing by actively participating in professional, political and/or community organizations.
5. Actively promotes the growth and development of ET Nursing by providing peer support, preceptoring and recruitment.

**OUTSTANDING ET NURSE AWARD APPLICATION**

**Nominee:**

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

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**Submitted By:**

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## "Nurses Help One Another"

by Kathy Sinnett, RN

When Kate Walters decided to start her own nursing agency, she knew that she could provide better care for the patients than they were presently receiving. What she didn't know was just how many obstacles were going to appear on her path.

They took many forms . . . the state regulations, tax regulations, the banking, accounting, staffing and employee issues . . . And then there were the many hats she wore — janitor, typist, visiting nurse, travel agent, accountant. You name it — she did it. And pretty well at that. But, sometimes, she realized as she performed all of these jobs, that it would have been helpful to have someone show her the ropes as she was getting started. It would have saved a lot of hassle. What she needed was a "good old boy's club" for nurses. And she found one.

It was called the National Nurses in Business. She contacted the national group, spoke with a few people, and in 1990 decided to help form a local group. To-

gether they share what it's like to wear all of the hats, and how they can help each other. They realize that there is strength in numbers, even as each of the parts is separate.

The local group meets bi-monthly in the Michigan League for Nurses office in Livonia. At these meetings, they network, have a general topic for discussion and occasionally a presentation on some aspect of running a business. To maximize the sharing, they are presenting a workshop on April 23, 1993 at the Livonia Marriott. The workshop is to help others in the health care professions investigate the potentials for stepping out on their own, or gaining more control where they are now. That's called entrepreneurship or intrapreneurship.

Call it what you like, and if you want more information about the organization, call Kate Walters at (313) 673-9820. For a brochure about the conference, direct that call to Michigan League for Nursing at 1-800-242-0189.

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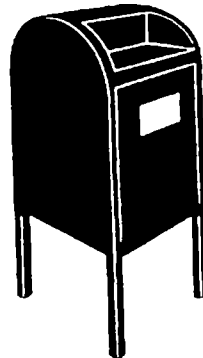
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## Nurses Get Chance To Explore Options

(Detroit) — Nurses today are leaving the hospitals in large numbers but not all are hanging up their caps. Instead, many are hanging out their shingles and entering private practice and private industry as owners of their own businesses.

On April 23, 1993, many of these nurses are getting together for a one-day workshop to share their knowledge of the opportunities that await the frustrated or dissatisfied nurse, or future nurse entrepreneur. Other health care workers are also invited.

As Kate Walters, RN, successful nursing agency owner and acting president of the local branch of the National Nurses in Business Association says, "We want to help our fellow nurses reach their potential, whether it is in an existing job or moving out on their own. We've done it, know what has to be done, and feel that it is our responsibility to help others along the way. As nurses, we often see ways to improve patient care but don't know what to do about it. This one-day workshop is our attempt to answer the questions and provide the information many need".

"Many of the attendees of our previous workshops have gone on to make changes in their present positions and develop alternative careers on their own," she points out. "The most important thing though is that we are able to set people on a path to make their own lives more fulfilling".

The Health Care Entrepreneurship workshop will be held April 23, 1993 at the Livonia Marriott. The workshop is co-sponsored by the Michigan League for Nursing. For more information or a brochure, call 1-800-242-0189.

## In Memory of

It is with deepest regret that we must report the death of Pat Freeman, RN, CETN. For all who knew her, the loss is deeply felt. Past was a truly remarkable person. During her life she never slowed down, showing expertise and caring for everything she did and everyone she touched.

She and her husband raised 8 children, and if that didn't require enough energy, she went to Nursing School after her children were born and graduated in 1972. Pat started at Sparrow upon graduation and shared her talents with us until retirement in 1989. (People are still talking about that party!)

She began as a staff nurse on what is now the Surgical Specialty Unit—did some floating to ICU—and worked as a charge nurse and assistant head nurse. She went back to school and became an Enterostomal Therapist working in Nursing Education. The "Bag Lady," as we fondly called her, touched so many of our lives, from the patients and families to all her co-workers. She received

the YMCA's Diana Award in 1982 in recognition of her outstanding clinical skill and dedication to her patients. She had so much to give and she just kept on giving; not only in her nursing, but in her sewing, gardening, woodworking . . . the list goes on and on.

Each of who knew Pat has special memories with her name on them. She was a star that burned brightly, continually lighting the way for so many people. We'll miss the smiles. We'll miss the wonderful person. But due to her tremendous impact on people and life, Pat will always be with us. Thanks Pat!

Pat Freeman was delegate, trustee, secretary, and treasurer at various points in the Mideast Region. Suggested donations are to either:

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PO Box 10203  
Lansing, MI 48901-0203  
(The group financially supports ET nursing education in the area)

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## WOCN Membership Statistics

<b>1/4/93 Current Members</b>	
<b>Breakdown by Membership Category</b>	
Active	2360
Associate	286
Retired Active	88
Retired Associate	1
Student Nurse	4
Honorary	6
Honorary Life	17
Industry/Commercial	76
<b>Total</b>	<b>2836</b>

<b>Non-Renewals</b>	
<b>Breakdown by Membership Category</b>	
Active	103
Associate	107
Retired Active	16
Retired Associate	0
Student Nurse	0
Honorary	2
Honorary Life	10
Industry/Commercial	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>248</b>

<b>Region 1</b>	<b>New England</b>
Active	121
Associate	21
Retired Active	6
Retired Associate	0
Student Nurse	0
Honorary	1
Honorary Life	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>149</b>

<b>Region 2</b>	<b>Northeast</b>
Active	370
Associate	57
Retired Active	18
Retired Associate	0
Student Nurse	0
Honorary	2
Honorary Life	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>448</b>

<b>Region 3</b>	<b>Mid-Atlantic</b>
Active	131
Associate	16
Retired Active	4

Retired Associate	0
Student Nurse	0
Honorary	0
Honorary Life	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>152</b>

<b>Region 4</b>	<b>Mid-East</b>
Active	307
Associate	30
Retired Active	9
Retired Associate	0
Student Nurse	2
Honorary	1
Honorary Life	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>351</b>

<b>Region 5</b>	<b>South-East</b>
Active	374
Associate	35
Retired Active	17
Retired Associate	0
Student Nurse	0
Honorary	0
Honorary Life	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>430</b>

<b>Region 6</b>	<b>North-Central</b>
Active	120
Associate	16
Retired Active	2
Retired Associate	0
Student Nurse	0
Honorary	0
Honorary Life	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>139</b>

<b>Region 7</b>	<b>Mid-West</b>
Active	262
Associate	22
Retired Active	6
Retired Associate	0
Student Nurse	0
Honorary	0
Honorary Life	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>291</b>

<b>Region 8</b>	<b>South-Central</b>
Active	192
Associate	21
Retired Active	5
Retired Associate	0

Student Nurse	0
Honorary	0
Honorary Life	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>221</b>

<b>Region 9</b>	<b>North-West</b>
Active	91
Associate	11
Retired Active	4
Retired Associate	0
Student Nurse	0
Honorary	2
Honorary Life	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>109</b>

<b>Region 10</b>	<b>Rocky Mtn.</b>
Active	75
Associate	5
Retired Active	3
Retired Associate	0
Student Nurse	0
Honorary	0
Honorary Life	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>84</b>

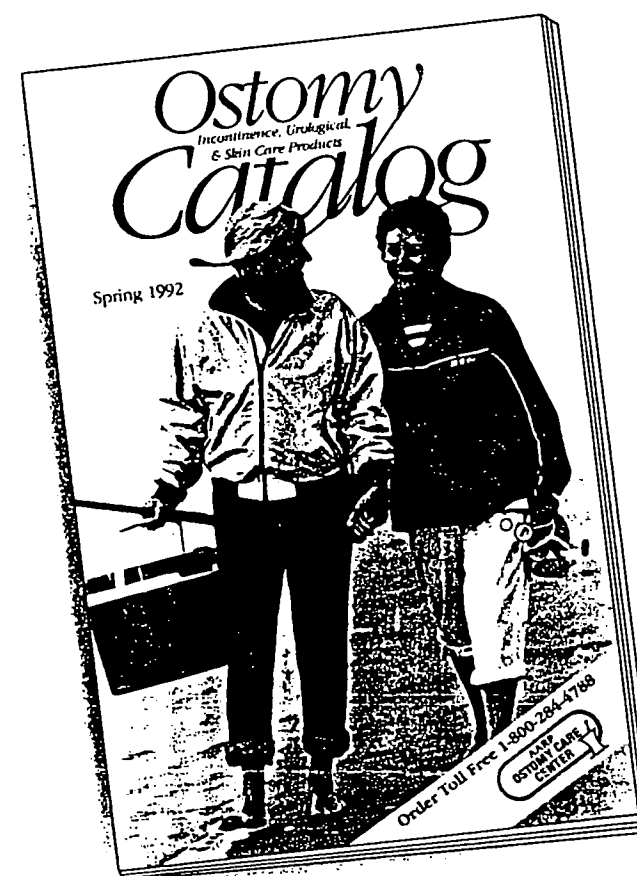
<b>Region 11</b>	<b>Pacific Coast</b>
Active	286
Associate	42
Retired Active	12
Retired Associate	1
Student Nurse	2
Honorary	0
Honorary Life	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>349</b>

<b>Region 12</b>	<b>International</b>
Active	31
Associate	6
Retired Active	2
Retired Associate	0
Student Nurse	0
Honorary	0
Honorary Life	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>

<b>Breakdown by Title</b>	
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ET	618
CETN	1521
MSN	149
BSN	870
LPN	22

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MID EAST REGION (MER)  
WOUND, OSTOMY, CONTINENCE NURSES SOCIETY  
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

DATE Saturday, October 16, 1992 TIME START 10:00 am  
TIME FINISH 12:25 pm  
CHAIRPERSON: Joy Cline, President RECORDER: Carol Hepp, Secretary

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	RESOLUTION
1. Call To Order - J. Cline		
a. Sign-in	a. Members signed in.	
b. Quorum	b. Quorum determined by G. Altizer.	
c. Additions to Agenda	c. Delete 9.a. Add j Delegate report K. Granby, 13.a. D. White industry competition.	
d. Adoption of Agenda	d. Motion to adopt agenda as revised by E. Pryor. Seconded by S. Krishnan.	Motion carried.
3. Parliamentarian - G. Altizer	Limit discussion to 10 min. Can vote to extend time. Exception, 30 minute limit on item 12. 20 minute limit on item 13.a.	
4. Recognitions - J. Cline		
a. Certificate	a. Thanks to Sue Brady for continuation as Parliamentarian in the past.	Certificate presented.
b. Past President	b. J. Hawly, E. Pryor, K. Granby recognized.	
c. 1st Attendees	c. First time attendees recognized.	Coraages awarded.
6. Secretary Report - C. Hepp	Minutes were published in Dropper. No corrections received. Motion to adopt minutes as written by C. Mikols. Seconded by O. Cameron.	Motion carried. Certificate presented to C. Hepp for service as Secretary.
7. Treasurer's Report - C. Hepp (for S. Kennedy)	Balance 10/14/92 \$19,955.93 reported. Full report in Dropper.	
8. Regional Trustee - D. Peters	September Scholarship Recipients: M. Whitehead - Ohio S. Chandler - Kentucky M. Herbeck - Ohio K. Wickham - Michigan J. Szor - Ohio  No applications for advanced degree scholarships.	Let Deanna know if interested in pursuing advanced degrees. Certificate awarded to Deanna for 4 years service to MER.

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9. Committee Reports		
b. Continuing Education - E. Pryor	b. No report - deferred to A. Polk.	Ethel has resigned as chair certificate.
	1. A. Polk: 90 ET Nurse attendees	
	2. N. Martin: 93 conference	
	Charleston, WVa Oct. 22, 23, 1993	
	K. Jeter will present.	
c. Excellence in Writing Award - J. Cline	c. This is fourth year for award, \$100/year funded by B. Bollinger.	
	6 submissions:	Award given to Bob Trout. B. Oetman accepted award for Bob.
	<u>Trout, R et al</u> : Collaborative atmosphere: Rectal pouching in the burn center. JETN 1992; 19:24-27	
	<u>Lackey, T. et al</u> : Portrait of Practice: Developing a systematic approach for the management of pressure ulcers. Decubitus 1992, Vol. No. 2 57-60.	
	<u>Pieper, B.</u> : Persons who have stomas: Violent injury vs disease. JETN 1992; 19:7-11.	
	<u>Toth, P. and Spencer H.</u> : A survey of patient perception of quality of care. JETN 1991; 18:122-125.	
	<u>Pieper, B.</u> : A study of persons undergoing out-patient gastrointestinal radiography; JETN 1992; 19:54-58.	
	<u>Davies, A.</u> : Children with Ostomies: Parents helping parents. To be published.	
d. ET Nurse Day Awards - P. Brown	L. Hoelzle and S. Kennedy received National ET day awards.	
	MER Awards: MI - S. Kennedy - most educational OH - L. Hoelzle - most political WVa- J. Jenkins - most creative Ind- M. Saulman - most community oriented	Plaques awarded to winners.

# Committee Reports

## Research

The Mideast Region's Research Committee has completed its first year. It formulated the following goals:

- Facilitate education about the research process for members.
- Provide research consultation to members.
- Recognize regional members for their research accomplishments.
- Provide research funding for research studies done by regional members.
- Maintain a list of research studies being done by regional members.
- Compile the results of research surveys done in the region.
- Work cooperatively with other regions' Research Committees.

Committee members developed preliminary methods to meet each goal. This year, the goals will be prioritized to focus the work of the committee. Any suggestions for the Research Committee should be sent to Barbara Pieper, Chairperson. Committee members are: Christine Cheneworth, Paula Erwin-Toth, Darcey Savo, Evelyn Lee, Lena McCubbin, Louanne Wehle, Allyn Davies, Karen Granby, Penny Hergenroeder, Cheryl York, Bob Trout, Carol Mikols, Rebecca Roberts, Ethel Pryor, Sue Sinovic, Barb Blaylock, and Joy Weltz— *Barb Pieper*

## Upcoming Events...

WOCN 25th National Conference  
July 10-15, 1993  
San Antonio, Texas

UOA 31st Annual Conference  
August 4-7, 1993  
San Diego, California

Regional Conference  
October 21, 22, & 23, 1993  
Marriot, West Virginia

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**ARTICLE XI - ELECTIONS**

**Section I - Time and Place:**

Election of officers and Trustees shall take place at the Annual Regional Membership Meeting. Election shall be solely from those persons nominated as set forth in these By-Laws.

**Section II - Voting Qualifications:**

Only active members in good standing shall be entitled to vote.

**Section III - Election of Officers:**

The Offices of President-Elect, Secretary, and Regional Trustee shall be voted upon singly in the above order on even years. The office of the Treasurer shall be voted upon the odd year. Nominations shall remain open until each preceding office has been filled. The person receiving a majority of the votes for each office shall be declared elected to such office.

**Section IV - Election of Trustees:**

After the election of officers, one Trustee shall be elected on even years, and two Trustees shall be elected on odd years. Nominations shall remain open and may be made from the floor prior to holding the election for Trustees. The one nominee to be elected on even years and the two nominees to be elected on odd years, receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected. In the event of a tie, the person to be declared elected shall be determined by the toss of a coin by one of the "tellers"; said toss of the coin to be in the presence of both tying candidates.

**Section V - Election of Delegates:**

Delegates shall be elected each year.

**Section VI - Secret Ballot:**

Voting for officers and Trustees shall be by secret ballot and after declaration of election, all ballots shall be destroyed.

**Section VII - Membership Voting:**

Each active member is eligible to vote at site of voting or by absentee ballot for the election of officers and delegates. No vote shall be cast by proxy.

**Section VIII - Tellers:**

Prior to voting by secret ballot, the Nominating Chair shall appoint three persons as Tellers who shall distribute, collect, and tally the ballots and who shall determine that final vote. No Teller shall be a candidate for office or shall be personally interested in the question upon which the vote by secret ballot is cast.

**ARTICLE XI - ELECTIONS**

**Section I - Voting Qualifications:**

Only eligible members shall be entitled to vote. No vote shall be cast by proxy.

**Section II - Method of Vote:**

Election of Officers, Trustees and Delegates shall take place by MAIL ballot. Election shall be solely from those persons nominated as set forth in these By-Laws.

**Section III Election of Officers:**

The offices of President-Elect, Secretary, and Regional Trustee shall be voted upon singly in the above order on even years. The office of the Treasurer shall be voted upon the odd year.

**Section IV - Election of Trustees:**

One Trustee shall be elected on even years, and two Trustees shall be elected on odd years.

**Section V - Declaration of elected office:**

The candidate receiving the highest number of votes for each elected office shall be declared elected. Tie votes shall be broken by the drawing of lots.

**Section VI - Tellers:**

The Nominating Chair shall appoint three persons as Tellers who shall tally the ballots and determine the final vote. No Teller shall be a candidate for office.

Mail vote requirement.

## President's Message (continued from page 1)

I believe that WOCN is a pacesetter organization. I am very impressed with our organization. I believe our success is due to the high commitment of our members. As with any democratic organization, the *majority* should rule. I believe this has been a problem with our organization in the past, and I believe the individual membership vote will correct this problem.

I did learn alot about our National Office during this session. I had an opportunity to meet all the people who work for us, and the changes and improvements are phenomonal. I believe we are seeing much better service from National Office and will continue to see improvement. The persons working for us are obviously very talented and are ready and able to assist us in accomplishing our goals. We have to remember that we run our own organization and that National Office is there to assist us.

I am excited about our region staying together, and I look forward to moving forward with our regional goals. There have been some changes in committee chairs. Linda Haezle is the new Public Relations Chair and Margaret (Peg) Valmassoi is our new Historian. We are in the process of replacing Phyllis Brown as Trustee. Phyllis, much to our regret, found it necessary to resign due to other professional and personal commitments. We have an opening for Continuing Education Chair. Please call me if you are interested in this position. The Continuing Education Chair should have excellent communication and organizational skills.

Congratulations to the Bluegrass Area ET Nurses in Lexington on a great 1992 Regional Conference! Also, congratulations to the new officers and delegates that were elected. This could be the last year that we will have delegates, so our delegates could be historically significant.

1993 is the 25th birthday of WOCN, and National Conference in San Antonio will celebrate! A birthday party is being planned, as well as a "walk down memory lane" in the exhibit area. If you have historical materials that you would be willing to loan for us to exhibit, please contact Rosemarie VanIngen.

We are busy in West Virginia planning for a great 1993 (October 21, 22, 23) Regional Conference in Charleston, West Virginia. Mark your calendars!! We promise you quality education plus alot of fun. We will be at the Marriott in Charleston and rooms will be \$74 plus tax. Registration for the meeting will be \$40.

Our region will be functioning at "full level" since we now know that we will remain intact, so please call if you are interested in helping with committee work. We need committee members! It is a wonderful way to contribute and one of the great benefits to you is the networking with your peers.

I hope this letter finds each of you healthy and happy. Please call me anytime. I love hearing from you! I will do my best to arrange for speakers to come to your local groups to further explain the proposed structure changes if needed—just give me a call! I am going to try and arrange to do a video of me explaining the structure change and answering questions to our West Virginia group. If I accomplish this goal, I will be able to send local groups copies of the video—*Joy Cline*

## Annual Conference & 25th Anniversary!

Mark your calendars for the Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society 25th Anniversary Annual Conference July 10-15, 1993 in San Antonio, Texas at the Marriott Rivercenter Hotel & Convention Center. The theme for this year's conference is "Building on the Past, Designing the Future". Four concurrent tracks are scheduled:

- Professional Practice
- Wounds
- Ostomy
- Incontinence

Key topics included are:

- Non-Invasive Bedside Urodynamics
- Incontinence in the School Age Child
- Diabetes Mellitus
- Effects on Wound Repair Process

- Peripheral Vascular Assessment
- Historical Perspective on Stoma Construction Techniques
- "Seating Devices"
- Bioethical Issues in Clinical Care
- A return of the "Skills Labs"
- Nightmares on ET Street
- 25th Birthday Party . . . and much, much more!

For more information, contact the WOCN National Office at (714) 476-0268.

# National Board Meeting Highlights

- Deanna Peters was appointed to Professional Practice Committee and Education Committee
- Proposed Annual Conference Dates (*not confirmed*)
 

1994	June 19-24	Baltimore
1995		Denver
1996		Seattle
1997		Minneapolis
1998		Philadelphia
- Standards ready for distribution:
  - Urinary Incontinence
  - Dermal Wound; Pressure Ulcers
- Continent diversions to be developed (*call Deanna Peters if know of a resource*)

## Proposed Organizational Structure

- Proposed Areas
  - Mideast is primarily within area #2.
  - Representatives would be elected in even number years. Each representative would serve for two years and no more than two consecutive terms.
  - Directors must be active member of WOCN in good standing for two years prior to election and must be in compliance with the conflict of interest statement.
  - The geographic areas are for purposes of relating a director to represent them. Any director may be contacted with concerns from any area or state.
  - Regions *may* choose to remain as they are now if want to.

- Every attempt was to divide areas according to member distribution.
- Number of directors will be voted on at House of Delegates.

— Deanna Peters

## Nominations Sought

Nominations are currently being accepted for the office of President and Vice-President of the WOCN. The election for these positions will take place as an all mail election with the results announced at the Annual Conference in San Antonio in July. This is our first all mail election so the Nominations Committee is striving to offer the membership at least three candidates for each office. The qualifications are as follows:

### Article V, Section II of the WOCN Bylaws:

"Any active member in good standing shall be eligible for nominations to any elective office of this corporation provided he/she shall have served at least one term as a member of the WOCN Board of Directors or of his Regional Board of Directors at any time prior to any elective term of office. No WOCN officer may concurrently hold a regional office".

The House of Delegates have voted to change our bylaws to allow for candidates to run for office by submitting their picture and professional profile to the Nominations Committee. This information will then be sent in a voters pamphlet to each voting WOCN member along with a ballot. There is no longer any need to campaign, have a campaign manager or have any financial liability.

If you are eligible and willing to consider this important commitment, please contact your Regional Nominations Chairman, the WOCN Central Office, or the Nominations Chairman. Please consider involvement in your professional organization by serving in one of these important offices.— *Lorrie Riffel, Nomination Chairman*

## Congratulations!

Marilyn Whitehead just completed her Master's of Science degree in Nursing from Andrews University (August 1992). She will be attending Harrisburg Area Enterostomal Therapy Nursing Education Program in October of 1992 and is currently employed at Kettering Medical Center, Kettering, Ohio.

Congratulations to Bob Trout who was selected as the Mideast Region winner for the Excellence in Writing award.

## BY-LAW'S REPORT

ROSEMARIE VAN IRGEN B.S., C.E.T.N.

OCTOBER 15, 1992  
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

Proposed By-Law changes are as follows:	Proposed By-Law	Rationale
Present By-Law		
ARTICLE I NAME The name of this Conference shall be the Mideast Region, a Division of the International Association for Enterostomal Therapy, Incorporated.	ARTICLE I NAME The name of this Conference shall be the Mideast Region, a Division of the WOUND, OSTOMY, and CONTINENCE NURSES society. (W.O.C.N.)	To identify us as a nursing organization with a scope of specialty practice- Wound care, Ostomy care, and Continence care.
None	ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP 9. STUDENT NURSE MEMBER - A Student Nurse member shall be any full-time student who is studying to become a registered nurse. (This shall include Associate Degree, Diploma program, or Bachelor of Science Degree students.) A student nurse member shall have all of the privileges of membership except those of making motions, voting, and holding office and shall be required to pay 50% of the established dues.	To offer Student Nurses membership in our professional organization.
ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS Section II - Quorum: A quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting held by Mideast Region members shall consist of fifty percent (50%) of those active members attending said meeting. After the meeting has opened for business, a diminishing number of voting members shall not effect the quorum, (providing that not less than fifteen (15) active members are present.	ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS Section II - Quorum: A quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting held by Mideast Region members shall consist of fifty percent (50%) of those eligible members attending said meeting. After the meeting has opened for business, a diminishing number of eligible members shall not effect the quorum, (providing that not less than fifteen (15) eligible members are present.	Active Members, Retired Active Members, Honorary Active Members & Honorary Life Members, all have voting privileges and are eligible to vote.
ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS Section V - Order of Business: The order of business at Regional meetings shall be as follows: 1. Roll call of members 2. Reading and adoption of minutes of preceding meetings 3. Reports of committees 4. Reports of officers 5. Old and unfinished business 6. New business 7. Election and installation of officers. Election of meeting committee members (only at the annual Regional membership meeting) 8. Good and welfare 9. Adjournment	ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS Section V - Order of Business: Delete	Belongs in Operational Manual.
Section VI - Voting: Each active member shall have one vote.	Section V - Voting: Each eligible member shall have one vote per issue at Regional Meeting. No vote shall be cast by proxy.	Housekeeping.
ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES Section V - Committees: The standing Committees shall be as follows: A. Membership: It shall promote the growth of the membership of the Region and it shall submit a list of active members as of September 1 of each year to the President of the Region. B. Continuing Education: It shall plan and promote programs to achieve the educational purposes of the Region, assist and advise the Mideast Annual Program Subcommittees, and forward all reports to the I.A.E.T. Continuing Education Committee. 1. Mideast Annual Program Subcommittees It shall be appointed annually and shall assess the educational needs of the professional community and the Regional membership in order to plan, coordinate, and evaluate the annual Mideast Regional Conference. C. Publications: It shall develop and be responsible for the publication of newsletters. D. Nominations: It shall submit the names of nominees for officers, trustees, and delegates to the membership at least (30) thirty days prior to the annual meeting. E. Budget and Finance: The Treasurer shall be Chairperson and the Budget and Finance Committee shall: 1. Submit an annual budget to the Board of Trustees. 2. Recommend account procedures. 3. Advise as to investment of funds.	ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES Section V - Committees: The standing Committees shall be as follows: A. Budget & Finance B. Bylaws C. Continuing Education D. Government Affairs E. Membership F. Nominations G. Public Relations H. Publications I. Research	Housekeeping.
ARTICLE X - NOMINATIONS Section I - Nominations: Nominations for officers and Trustees shall be made by the Nominating Committee, not to preclude any nominations from floor by any member in good standing. Section II - Qualifications: No person shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee unless such person shall have agreed in writing to serve if elected, and no person shall be nominated from the floor unless such person is present and orally consents to serve if elected, or if not present, has agreed in writing to serve if elected. Section III - Presentation of Nominations:	ARTICLE X - NOMINATIONS Section I - Nominations: Delete Section II - Qualifications: No person shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee unless such person shall have agreed in writing to serve if elected, or if a write-in on the ballot will agree in writing to serve if elected. Section III - Presentation of Nominations:	Mail vote requirement. Mail vote requirement. Housekeeping

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13. New Business

a. Private Practice -  
D. White/W. Stiffler

- These 2 ET Nurses in private practice shared a problem they encountered recently relating to manufacturers providing free educational offerings. This leads to conflict in decreased utilization of ET nurse in contracted agencies.
- Communication to and from the manufacturer was shared. They have agreed to ET nurse involvement to enhance educational process prior to setting up the programs.
- There is a growing marketing practice of manufacturers without the benefit or input of ET nurses. We have a right to control our practices.

Motion to continue discussion for 10 more minutes by B. Blaylok. Seconded by D. Best.

Motion carried.

- The ET nurse can give an unbiased view. Manufacturers may present a 'one product does it all' focus. Participants feel they have the big picture after one inservice.

•We should strive to give CEU's for our inservice offerings.

- There are ethical issues of reps looking at patients and medical records.

•Development of wound track was behind this issue.  
•Need to collaborate with manufacturers but remain in control of our practices.

14. Delegate Chair Results -  
K. Jaz

S. Kennedy elected; she is absent so unable to decline. B. Blaylok and P. Toth tied. A tie breaker was accomplished; P. Toth will chair if S. Kennedy declines.

Motion to destroy ballots by A. Lamb. Seconded by R. VanIngen.

Motion carried.

15. Announcements

J. Cline

a. History books are here for your review.  
b. P. Toth will be new YR/VOA chair. She is also on Board of UOA.

K. Granby

c. Since name change to WOCN and open membership, we have increased membership to 2800.

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P. Toth

d. MER banner needs redoing in new colors with new logo.

Will discuss at spring Board meeting. Joy presented Paula with a certificate thanking her for dedication as president-elect.

Sr. Consolata

e. Thanks to A. Lamb for the old banner. H. Dressler's mother made the original.

16. Adjournment - J. Cline

Motion made by E. Pryor to adjourn. Seconded by K. Jaz.

Motion carried.

## Questionnaire Results Are In

With a 20% return (*out of 50*) from the Replacement Mattress Questionnaire, the results have been tallied and are as follows:

1. Length of experience with replacement mattresses (RM)—60% 2-3 years; 40% 0-1 year
  - 1a. If greater than five years, have you had to replace? Yes, 10%.
2. How many brands did you try? 10% tried 2; 30% tried 3, and 30% tried more than 3.
3. In what areas were RM tried? 40% Oncology; 30% ICU; 20% Ortho; and 20% Neuro.
4. Did you replace all areas of the hospital? 70% said Yes; 10% said No.
5. Did patients complain about unavailability of eggcrates after your change? 50% said No; 30% said Yes.
6. Patient perception of comfort? (with 1 meaning good and 5 meaning poor) 60% said 1 and 30% said 2.
7. What is the heaviest weight patient you have had on RM? 30% 200-250 lb; 30% 250-350 lb; 20% 350-400 lb; and 10% Other
8. Do the RM's retain shape after use by heavy patients? 80% said Yes; 10% said No.
9. Does the RM absorb odor? 90% said No.
10. Does the RM cover retain liquid? 10% said Yes; 80% said No.
11. Do you use overlays with RM's? 30% said Yes; 50% said No.

12. Have you increased your use of specialty beds since change? 10% said Yes; 70% said No.
13. Do you use for: Prevention (20%); Treatment (20%); Both (50%)
14. Have you received any reimbursement for use of RM's? 10% said Yes; 40% said No.
15. Your level of satisfaction with RM's? (1 meaning good and 5 meaning poor) 30% - 1; 40% - 2

### Comments:

- Inservices are essential
- Knitted fitted sheets are essential
- We saved a quarter million dollars the first year after discontinuing use of foam overlay.
- We did not expect more than 3-5 years of service from this product.
- RM's do not negate the need for turning, repositioning, suspending, etc.
- Only pressure reducing—not pressure relieving.
- We only purchased three Advance 2000's and it's a logistical nightmare.
- Our doctors want them for everyone, not just those who fit trial criteria.
- At first, people still wanted eggcrates—usually out of habit (*Doctors and nurses order out of habit*).
- There have been isolated problems with patients 350-400 lbs.
- We wanted brand X but had to get brand Y due to better contract pricing.
- We had a problem with first set of mattresses but company determined the problem and replaced all the mattresses.
- We did not replace OB and Psych the same day.
- We purchased Advance 2000 for a few areas.
- Use in home care.
- Once we explained, patients did not complain about lack of eggcrate.
- Patients can't believe how comfortable they are.
- Heaviest patient reported was 500 lbs; this mattress reportedly retained its shape.
- One mattress brand retained liquid.
- Overlays still used only if patient greater than 300 lbs.
- Overlays with RM was not at suggestion of ET nurses.
- We have decreased use of specialty beds.
- Unsure of reimbursement
- Reimbursed in home care.

# Committee Reports

## Fundraising

Thanks to everyone who helped to make our national and regional fundraising efforts a success! Please note the following reportable income from our conferences:

### National Conference

Raffle .....\$425  
 Christmas, cards, etc. ....\$1412  
 Total .....\$1837

### Regional Conference

Raffle .....\$140  
 Auction .....\$501.25  
 Jewelry, etc. ....\$1973  
 Total .....\$2614.25

(Thanks to Sharlene and Barb M. for their extended efforts in jewelry sales even after conference)

A fundraising committee comprised of volunteers from each state was formed to assist with supplying the labor force for our fundraising booths at both conferences. Thanks to Dorothy Best, Evelyn Lee, Sara Klucas, and Lena McCubbin for volunteering. I will be contacting you closer to national conference.

At the national conference in San Antonio, we will sell our jewelry. Can't believe we won't be successful with 1000 women in one place to shop!! Look forward to seeing you all there. Bring your money! — *Allyn Davies*

## Gov. Affairs

The Governmental Affairs Committee met at the annual Mideast Region meeting in Lexington, Kentucky with seven members in attendance. The purpose of this meeting was to identify projects and designate a chairperson for each committee. The following committees and chairpersons were identified:

**Log and History of GAC:**  
 Olga Cameran & Sherri Krishnan  
**Phone Tree:**  
 Esther Aszodi  
**State Chair-Coalition:**  
 Wyanne Stiffler  
**Policy & Procedure:**  
 Sandy Duda  
**NIWI Candidate Criteria:**  
 Linda Harlan

*Long-term goals were defined:*

- Clarify reimbursement issues in each state.
- List contact people of each state for membership to contact.
- Update membership in health care and nursing issues both regional and national.
- Network with NIWI graduates.

The Mideast Region will send two ET nurses of the NIWI program. The program is from March 14-17, 1993. The nurses selected to attend this program are Bernice Huck and Evelyn Lee, from from Michigan.— *Sandy Duda & Linda Harlan, Co-Chairs*

## Membership

Membership totals are as follows:

Active	302
Retired	9
Agency	0
Associate	31
Honorary	1
Honorary Life	<u>2</u>
Total	345

From June 1992 to the present, letters that have been mailed:

Welcome to New Members:

Active	15
Associate	<u>4</u>
Total	19

Congratulations to ETNEP Graduates:  
 4

## New Members ...

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- to council
- evaluate membership input
- participate in strategic planning
- communicate to members and chairs

- Q: What is term of office? (E. Pryor)
- A: Staggered terms 2-2 years, 2-3 years. They will represent 4 geographic areas based on population.
- Q: How will I know who to vote for from different areas? (C. Hepp)
- A: Each member votes for 1 person from each area. There will be a mail vote with biographies of candidates enclosed.
- Q: How do we get information from Regional to National now? (M. Erlich)
- A: Each member has a voice with the mail vote.
- Q: What happens to HOD at National? (E. Pryor)
- A: This will be a charge of the delegates this year at HOD.
- Q: In 1994, will individuals be able to vote on all things council decides? We need a way to have a forum to discuss issues. (E. Pryor)
- A: All voting will be by mail after conference.
- Q: Will there be a minimum number to vote - what if a certain % doesn't respond? Or is it a majority of those who vote? (L. McCubbin)
- A: We need to address what will be a quorum.
- Q: How will this facilitate business? Turnaround time may be lengthy. (B. Blaylock)
- A: It takes years now.

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- Motion made by E. Lee to extend time 10 more minutes. Seconded by O. Cameron. Motion carried.
- Q: Is there a plan to draft a letter to institutions to make them aware of changes, organization name and our role? (S. Sage)
- A: Card was sent, press release was done.
- Q: Was this structure change modeled after another organization? If so, can we contact them for information? (P. Toth)
- A: Structure based on feedback from Regional Presidents/leaders and compared to other organizations.
- Q: Will we still have our Region and that close-knit feeling? (P. Toth) How does this impact Regions? (J. Cline)
- A: New name will be chapter. ET nurses can meet in groups and decide how/when/who should meet as a chapter. MER will need to decide whether we want to stick together or break apart. It is up to us what we want to do: National is not dictating a Regional restructuring. We can decide what meets our needs in this area.
- Q: How do we express to leaders what we want? (R. VanIngen)
- A: Watch WOCN News for further updates from National leaders. J. Cline, K. Granby, P. Toth, D. Peters and one other MER member are attending leadership conference in January and want to hear from you. They are also available for local meeting discussion to answer questions.
- A: Make decisions at area meetings and communicate with Joy.
- Q: In the four geographical areas, will there be officers? (B. Boylan-Lewis)
- A: No - they are not regions. These 4 geographical areas hope to represent cultures. The name will probably not be a "Director."

Detach and Mail ... Updated Information is Appreciated ...

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(check all that apply)

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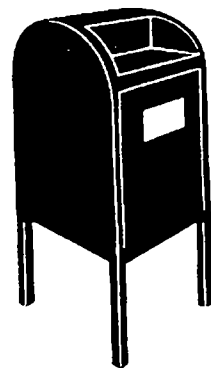
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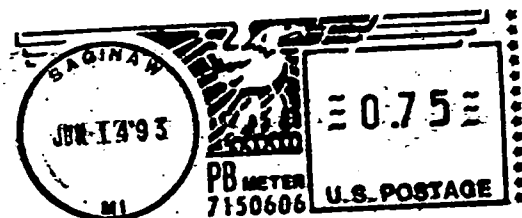
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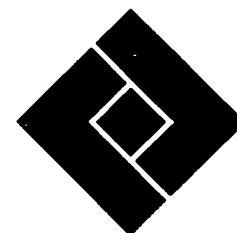
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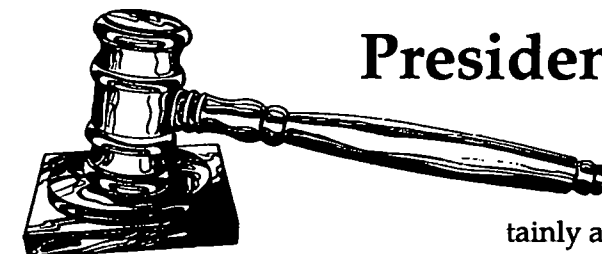
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## Presidents Message

The recent Spring board meeting at the Dillon House in Fremont, Ohio was certainly a success. The old, historical town, the beautiful Spring day and the stately atmosphere was the perfect setting for the Board to conduct business and enjoy a brief retreat.

Deanna Peters elegantly presented highlights of the proposed WOCN structure change. There are many aspects of the proposed change to consider—membership vote, new committee structure, deletion of regional trustee position and the impact of the change on our region. This proposed change IS NOT A DONE DEAL! Please study the issue and let your delegate chair, Sharlene Kennedy or one of your delegates know how you feel. The proposal will be voted upon at the House of Delegates in San Antonio in July. Please feel free to call me, Deanna or any of your officers if you need help understanding the proposal as it is complex.

The semi-annual membership meeting will be on Sunday, July 11th at 9:30 am. A continental breakfast will be provided. I hope as many people as possible will attend. If you cannot attend, please, please, please—call one of your delegates and let them know how you feel about the proposed change.

Terri Boyd, Nominations Committee chairman, is busy recruiting members who wish to run for regional office. The offices of Treasurer and two Trustees are open this Fall. Please contact Terri if you are interested. I highly recommend your getting involved. To hold office is rewarding in many ways—networking, peer support, a chance for leadership development and a change to represent and impress your work agency in a positive fashion. It gets your agency's name out and your agency is interested in your developing leadership skills. Talk to your boss—he/she may surprise you!

We are looking for ET Nurse of the Year nominees. We have so many deserving persons in our region. Please nominate someone today. Contact Paula Toth for further information. Paula is also in charge of Youth Rally—contact her if you have a youth that you wish the Region to sponsor to Youth Rally this summer.

This is the 25th anniversary of the WOCN. The Region will have a table in the Exhibit Hall celebrating the anniversary. Please stop by and visit. RoseMarie VanIngen has been working very hard preparing the exhibit. I'm sure you will find it quite interesting.

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## Presidents Message (continued from page 1)

Remember, conference this year is different in that it is at a conference center. We will be at different hotels and the meetings and exhibits will be at a different building (a convention center). It will be very hot and we will be walking distances outside to travel from place to place. Dress comfortably! I plan to take sandals, cotton sun dresses, shorts, etc. However, do take a sweater to carry for air-conditioned rooms.

Please submit your ET Nurse Day activities, both nationally and regionally. It is NOT hard to win! It is rewarding to win and it will look great on your resumes and the prizes are not shabby either. For tips on how to win, you may call me. I have been a winner twice nationally.

Barbara Blaylock is our new Continuing Education chair. Cincinnati ET's have agreed to host our '94 Regional Conference. Our Regional Conference in West Virginia this year will be October 21, 22, and 23 at the Charleston Marriott. Kathaleen McCormick and Katherine Jeter are the featured speakers on Friday. Beverly Hampton will be the Saturday morning speaker. We have lots of excitement and fun planned for you and it will be a beautiful time of the year to visit West Virginia.

I look forward to seeing you in Texas and at the Fall meeting in my home state. The WOCN and the MidEast Region are "perking". We have no room for stagnation in the decade of the 90's. Come and grow with us! Do not wake up some morning and find yourself left behind.—Joy Cline

## ET News

**Kentucky ET Nurse**—The Louisville, Kentucky ET nurses are currently enjoying a lovely spring and the many functions of the Kentucky Derby Festival. The March meeting was hosted by Millie Krainski and Mary Puckett at Baptist Hospital East. The program emphasized medical photography and members displayed their respective photography equipment, photographs, etc.

Millie was chosen to represent the Kentucky ET nurses at the Kentucky Nurse Day Banquet in May. Congratulations, Millie!

May 3rd, the Kentucky chapter United Ostomy Association requested an ET night. Members divide into groups according to ostomy types and a lively and informative discussion is held with questions and concerns addressed by ET nurses. Kathy Nugent, formerly with Caretenders has accepted a position with Smith-Nephew-United. She will represent them as their Field Specialist in wound and skin care. We'll miss her and wish her much success.

**New ET nurses in our area** are Lynn Gibson employed by Clark County Hospital and Mary Puckett at Baptist East Hospital.

Several local ET nurses will be attending the June National Conference in Texas.

The next group meeting will be hosted by Pam Stilger and LuAnn Wehle, Alliant Health Care on May 19th.—Brenda Goodson & Pat Grizzle

**MidMichigan ET Nurses**—The MidMichigan ET's and ostomy nurses met at Lansing Sparrow Hospital in April. Bob Trout and Bonnie Ostman hosted this event. An informative lecture was given by Dr. D.K. Johnson on incidence of ileal conduits and other alternative diversions.

**Greater Dayton ET Nurses** — In January 1993, the ET Nurses of Dayton, Xenia, Piqua and Lima began having bi-monthly meetings. January's meeting was planned by Kay Rickey and included an educational session on acute and chronic wounds given by Peggy Felice, RN, ET of

DeRoyal Industries, Inc. In March, the meeting was hosted by Adrian Miller and Karen Granby at Miami Valley Hospital. The next meeting is May 20th at St. Elizabeth's Hospital which is being hosted by Paula Botting and Jane Beerck.

The goals of our meetings include: networking and sharing, problem-solving of clinical problems and administrative issues in acute care, long-term and home-care settings. A long-range goal is the presentation of educational programs for the greater Dayton nursing community.

Each meeting has been well attended by 10-15 ET Nurses and there has been a lot of enthusiasm and support for continuing these bi-monthly meetings.—Karen Granby

# Committee Reports

## Government Affairs

As health care reform evolves, we as health care professionals, will most certainly be affected. Our organization will need to be ready to dispense any new information and respond to our congressional representatives on a state and local level.

As of right now, we need people who would be willing to serve as representatives in their respective areas of all the MidEast Region. Would you be willing to put your name on the phone tree to help dispense information to ET nurses in your area?

Please contact us and put your name on the phone tree to help us be prepared to spread the word and promote nursing and ET nursing. Call Sandy Duda (work # (216) 431-3553; home # (216) 933-7357) or Linda Harlan (work # (614) 454-4381; home # (614) 872-3962).

Nurse in Washington Internship program was held March 14-18. Evelyn Lee (MI) and Bernice Huck (MI) were selected by the MER Board to attend this program and will serve on the GAC Committee and chair the committee at a future date. The MER Board will select two active ET nurses to attend this nurses program. Please contact Linda Harlan at (614) 454-4799 or Sandy Duda (216) 431-3553 regarding criteria for eligibility and expectations to be an attendee.

ET nurse consultants were selected by the GAC co-chair, Sandy Duda, to represent each

state of the region. These ET nurses will serve as consultants to the four DMERC Regions (effective 11/93) regarding health insurance codes (ostomy) and coverage for supplies—please see the of ET nurse consultants. Feel free to contact one of these ET nurses from your state if questions arise.

More information will be coming via the newsletter after the national conference. Anyone interested in attending the National GAC Committee meeting is welcome on July 10 from 8:00-12:00 Noon in San Antonio, Texas. Meeting location to be posted.—*Sandy Duda and Linda Harlan*

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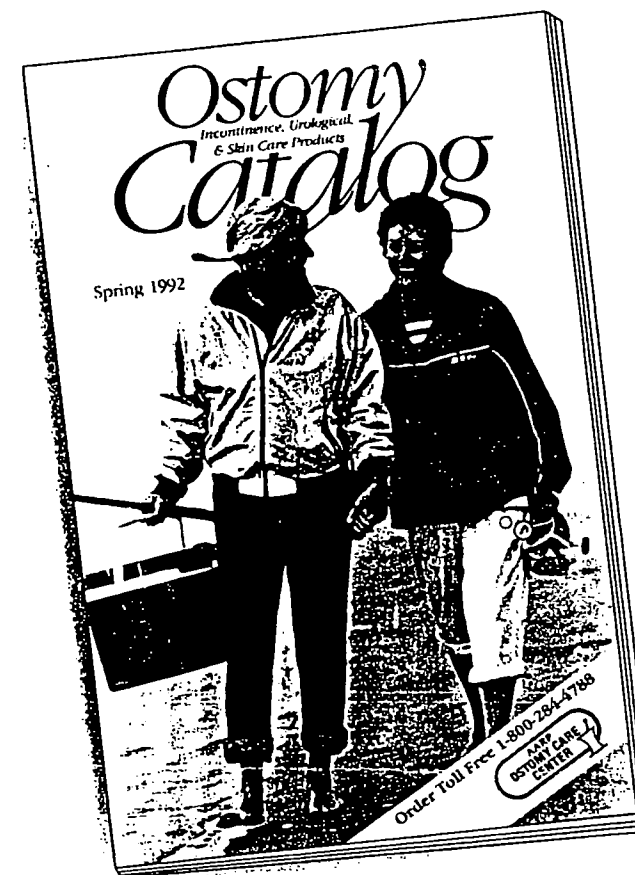
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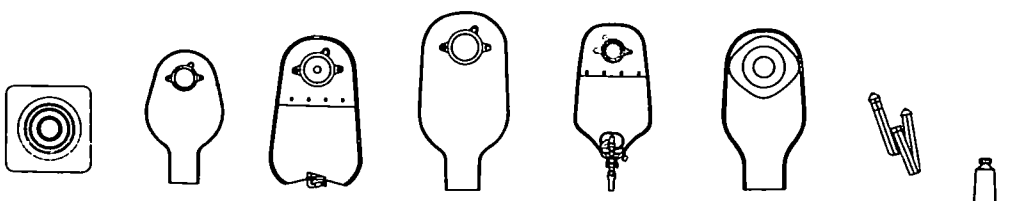
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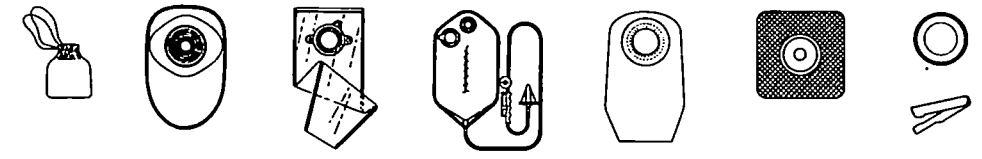
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**Nominations**

The Nominations Committee has been active in finding candidates for National office. Deanna Peters, from our region, is running for WOCN president. Good luck Deanna. The mail ballots for national election are out and very professionally done.

Now is the time to start thinking about what you can do

for your region. There will be openings for treasurer and trustee. Please contact me if you are interested in running, or know of someone who would like to run but is too shy to call.

The vote will again be by mail. Please support the candidates by sending in your ballot.—Terri Boyd

**Newsletter Ads**

Newsletters and applications for ads in our newsletter will be going out the first of June. Deadlines for submitting ads will be August 15 for the 93-94 year.

Please copy the application and personally seek ads from your local DME's and representatives.—Sharlene Kennedy

**Research**

Many ET Nurses in the MidEast Region are involved in research. The Research Committee would like to highlight these nurses and their projects. This sharing may facilitate studies among members of our Region.

Carol Mikols (West Branch, MI) is in the planning phase for a study "A Comparison of Skilled Nurse Assessment of a Patient at Risk for Pressure Ulcers in the Home Setting with the Braden Scale." She plans to have a home visiting nurse use a brief skin admission assessment tool, similar to but not as long as the Braden Scale. This assessment will be compared to the Braden Scale administered by wound care nurse experts.

Christine Cheneworth (Detroit, MI) has been studying "Could a Foam or Foam-Type Mattress Reduce Pressure and Yet Provide More Comfort Than a Regular Hospital Mattress?" She collected data from 77 persons who underwent cardiac catheterization and were required to lie flat for eight hours. The surfaces she examined were the Soft Care Overlay, Pressure Guard Two, Ultrafoam, Advance 2000, and a regular hospital mattress. Data analyses are in progress.

Louanne Wehle and Millie Krainski (Louisville, KY) are working on a study "Staff Nurses Attitudes Towards Ostomy Patients." They plan to assess nurses' attitudes toward persons with ostomies.

Barbara Pieper (Detroit, MI) has begun a study "Nurses

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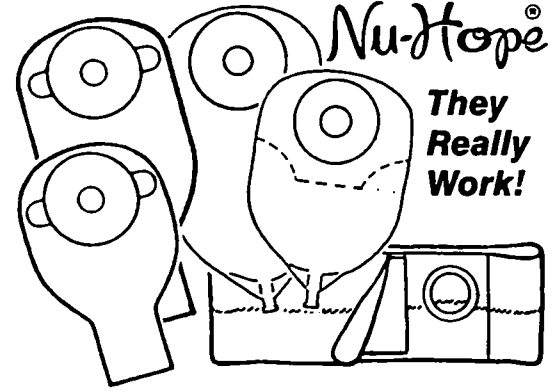
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## Research

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Knowledge of Pressure Ulcer Prevention". She developed a true-false test from the AHCPR guideline on prevention and prediction of pressure ulcers. It will be administered to 200 nurses. The results will be used by the Pressure Ulcer Committee to develop context and teaching strategies for pressure ulcer prevention.

Please let the Research Committee know what studies you are working on so that we can share this information with the membership.

Research has been identified as a component of the ET Nurses' role. It is often helpful to know what research ET nurses are doing. This knowledge may provide one with a person to collaborate. The Research Committee would like to make members in the MidEast Region aware of research studies in our area. If you are currently working on a study, no matter what phase, please complete this area below and mail it to me. As information is sent to me, I will prepare it for publication in our newsletter.—*Barbara Pieper*

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**Send to:** Barbara Pieper  
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## Membership

Our region has received twenty new members: sixteen Active, 2 Associate, 1 Student, and 1 Retired Active. Welcome letters and new packets were mailed to all. The following listing includes the names of graduates and new members waiting to receive a welcome phone call from any ETN in the area—*Crina V. Floruta*

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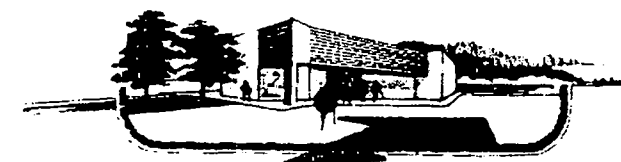
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**Continuing Education**

The Continuing Education Committee Annual Regional Meeting is to be held October 21-23, 1993 at the Marriott Hotel in Charleston, West Virginia.

Main Speakers for Friday are Kathleen McCormick on "Development of AHCPR Guidelines" and Katharine Jeter on "Implementation of Guidelines and Incontinence". Beverly Hampton, Chair, National Continuing Education Committee will be speaking on "Development of Continuing Education Programs and Completion of CEU Applications" at the Saturday session.—*Barb Blaylock*

**1992/93 Delegates**

Although I thanked all of the delegates at the MidEast Regional Annual meeting in October 1992, I would again like to thank them for their contributions as delegates. Your 1992/93 delegates were: Barbara Blaylock (OH), Allyn Davies (OH), Kelly Jaszarowski (IN), Sharon Krishnan (MI), Amy Polk (KY), Robert Trout (MI), Judy Werner (MI), and Karen Granby (OH).

At the 1992 House of Delegates (HOD) meeting in Las Vegas, our region nominated Marilyn Spencer for honorary membership in the then IAET and we were able to vote for her acceptance as an honorary member. Paula Toth eloquently spoke about Marilyn's accomplishments and her tremendous impact on ET Nursing both within the U.S. and worldwide.

The major issue at the 1992 HOD meeting was the proposed name change from IAET to WOCN. The MidEast Region primarily supported an amendment for the name change to OWCN, with additional support for WOCN and lastly, no name change. Throughout the name change debate, your delegates consistently voted according to our regional membership's directives.

In October 1992, all of the regions' delegates were sent ballots to vote upon five WOCN by-law changes (results were published in the February/March 1993 WOCN newsletter). The key point of the by-law change is that the WOCN is

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now able to hold election of officers by mail vote. All of the WOCN membership has the opportunity to vote and elections are held prior to the WOCN Annual Conference. Results of the elections will be announced the first day of conference. You should have recently received your voter's pamphlet with the candidates names, qualifications, and office they are seeking.

It has been a pleasure and honor to serve as the Chair of the 1992/93 Delegates and I wish the incoming delegates much success at the 1993 HOD meeting in San Antonio, Texas.—Karen Granby

## Excellence in Writing Award

The committee is requesting that articles be submitted by September 15, 1993 in order to be considered for the 1993 award.

Reviewers serve two-year terms. Three new reviewers are needed—one from West Virginia, one from Ohio, and one from Kentucky. The chairperson will be contacting members to serve as reviewers.

Please encourage members to submit their publications for the Excellence in Writing Award.—Becky Roberts

Note: See related article on page 12—rules for eligibility

## Share Projects/Adopt-A-Country

The Share Projects/Adopt-A-Country chairperson received positive responses from India, Thailand and Egypt. Two individuals received Journals in Egypt but only one responded that they would like the Journals to continue. Neither of the two professionals in the Philippines responded.

Each packet of Journals contained a cover letter stating that the Journals would continue only if a positive response was received. There remains many requests for Journals which have not been addressed due to lack of funding. The Eastern block countries—Russia, Romania, Hungary and Slovenia—to name just a few, are asking for supplies from SHARE and educational materials from Adopt-A-Country. There are probably 40-50 requests unanswered. In place of the Philippines, I am proposing we adopt Romania.

Soon the first mailing for 1993 will be ready. The MER will send Journals to India, Thailand, Egypt and Romania.—Marilyn Spencer

## PR Report

I hope everybody had a successful ET day 1993. We had Governor's Proclamations from Ohio, West Virginia, and Indiana, as well as a Senate and Representative Legislative Resolution from Ohio. I will be interested in hearing what other people have done for ET Day. Our Region has a tradition of excellent entries on the National Level, so I am hoping to see many people submit a scrapbook this year. Once again, there will be awards given on the regional level at the Fall conference.

The deadline for the scrapbooks is September 1, 1993. Awards will be given in the categories of: 1) most community oriented, 2) most politically oriented, 3) most educational, and 4) most creative. Any activities during the month of April 1993 will be acceptable for consideration. Please send your scrapbook along with the form to: Linda Hoelzle, RN, CETN, Memorial Hospital, 715 S. Taft Ave., Fremont, OH 43420 Please feel free to call if you have questions (419) 332-7321, ext. 420.—Linda Hoelzle

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## New Logo

These are suggestions for the new MidEast logo. We will vote on these in July at Conference. Please send any input to Joy Cline.



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## Proposed Bylaws Amendment

The fiscal year of the MidEast Region will coincide with National WOCN fiscal year.

## ET Mail

Dear MidEast Region Members:

I will be representing you for the last time as Regional Trustee at the National Pre-Conference Board meeting in July. I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve you in this capacity.

I have been so proud representing all of you on the National Board of Directors over the past four years. Just to be a part of the reorganization process has been a tremendous learning opportunity.

With this year marking the 25th anniversary of our association, I feel you should all be congratulated on the commitment and dedication you've all made to your profession.

Health care reform requires all of us to closely examine the "special" role we play enhancing the quality of life for those we serve.

It is my hope that the energy, enthusiasm and spirit you've displayed in the past will continue to enhance your own practice and the goals of the WOCN.

Sincerely,  
Deanna Peters, RN, BSN, CETN

Dear Ms. Cline:

I sincerely appreciate being selected to receive the MidEast Region Scholarship Award. It will greatly assist me in covering my educational expenses. I look forward to becoming more active in the MidEast Region's events after my studies are completed. Thanks again for the scholarship.

Sincerely,  
Nancy L. Pickens, RN, BSN



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## MidEast Region Excellence in Writing Award

This award is designed to stimulate scholarly writing by the members of the MidEast Region of the WOCN.

An honorarium of \$100 and a plaque will be awarded to the author(s) of a manuscript that makes a significant contribution to the sphere of ET nursing.

The following rules apply to the award:

- The author(s) must be a member of the MidEast Region of the WOCN
- Manuscripts must be 500 words or more
- Manuscripts must have either been submitted for publication or published between the dates of October 1, 1992 and October 1, 1993 by a professional journal, i.e., JET, Decubitus, Ostomy and

Wound Management, Urologic Nursing, RN, AJN, Nursing Research, etc. Book excerpts will be considered.

- All manuscripts must be related to the specialty of ET nursing practice. The focus of the manuscript can be from an educational, clinical, administrative, economic, research or legislative viewpoint.
- The MidEast Region's Excellence in Writing Award Committee will select the outstanding manuscript. If no manuscript is worthy of the award, it will not be given in a particular year. Manuscripts will be reviewed anonymously by committee members.

The award will be conferred at the 1993 MidEast Regional Conference in Charleston, West Virginia.

## Trustee Report

The WOCN MidEast Region Board met in Freemont, Ohio May 15 for the Spring Board meeting. Allyn Davies was introduced as the new trustee, elected by board vote to replace Phyllis Brown, who resigned.

Committee chairs were also present and gave their reports. Everyone is getting ready for conference in San Antonio in July. Hope "you all" will be there. New directions for the organization will be voted on and your input is important.

Joy Cline, president, informed the Board that the use of the WOCN logo on regional correspondence and members business cards is not allowed. Two new logo designs were presented and are elsewhere in the newsletter. Let the Board members know what you think.—*Terri Boyd*

## Delegate Report

The delegates will meet immediately before the Regional meeting Sunday, July 11 at 8:30 am and again immediately after Regional meeting at 12 Noon.

The House of Delegates must check-in at 1:30 pm with meeting beginning at 2:00 pm. Please survey your local members in the next few weeks regarding any concerns, i.e., proposed organizational structure, etc.

I will be staying at the LaQuinta Hotel (two blocks from Riverwalk). Please let me know where you will be staying. See you in San Antonio.—*Sharlene Kennedy*

## Announcements

### Class Acts For Top Outcomes

The North Carolina ET Nurses cordially invite you and your colleagues to participate in an education conference sponsored by the Southeast Region of the WOCN on October 27-30, 1993 at the Omni-Charlotte Hotel, Charlotte, North Carolina. Note: The Alabama ET's started planning their Halloween costumes in January. Call (919) 716-2895 for brochures.

### Indiana MER Members

I'd like to extend an invitation to all members to join us for a networking session about the proposed WOCN structure changes. Contact Phoebe Altke at IU Medical Hospital Center or Kelly Jaszarowski for details.

**Congratulations!**—to Allyn Davies on her prospective new member—Erin Davies arrived into this world March 19 weighing a whopping 9lbs. 3oz. Both are doing well. We expect pictures at National of the bundle of joy!

### Brenda Kerschbaum Research Award

The MidEast Region Research Award honors an ET nurse or group who has completed a nursing research study and has disseminated the results through presentation or publication. This \$50 Research Award might be used for funding of photocopying, computer assistance, consultation, postage to mail a questionnaire, etc. Funding is restricted to ET

nurses who are members of the MidEast Region. Criteria for this award are as follows:

- The individual or group has completed a nursing research study which has followed appropriate research methods and protection of human rights.
- The research adds to the body of ET nursing knowledge in regards to ostomy, wound, or incontinence care.
- The findings of the research have been published, submitted for publication, or presented at professional meetings.

- Studies may be funded or unfunded projects.

### Eligibility Requirements:

- Active member of the MidEast Region of WOCNS
- Registered nurse
- Primary investigator on the study
- Investigators doing manufacturer directed and subsidized R&D studies are excluded.

The application may be obtained from:

Barbara Pieper,  
PhD, RN, CETN  
College of Nursing  
Wayne State University  
5557 Cass Avenue  
Detroit, MI 48202  
(313) 577-4057

Application Deadline Date:  
September, 1993

Award presentation: Regional Meeting October 1993  
Number of Projects Funded per Year: Two

## NIWI 1993

The MidEast Region Board of Directors has approved the sponsorship of two of its members to attend Nurse in Washington Internship (NIWI) next year. (We anticipate Spring 1993—no date has been set yet). If you are interested, fill in the application below and submit to the GAC by the October 1, 1993 deadline.

The board will select two candidates and alternates at the Regional Board meeting in Lexington, Kentucky in October 1993. You will be notified of the selections following the Board meeting in October. Criteria for NIWI Applicant Selection

1. Must be an RN.
2. Be an active member of WOCN for min. of two years.

3. Be available to work on GAC perhaps as chair of the committee for minimum of two years after NIWI completion.
4. Be certain that you can be free from work commitment in order to attend the six-day NIWI program.

5. Attend regional and national conference each year. Preference will be given to ET's with previous work as GAC members, or participation as MidEast Region committee chairs, board members, or delegates.

Please complete application form and return to:

Linda Harlan  
7015 East Pike  
Zanesville, Ohio 43701  
or fax to (614) 454-4795

For any questions or concerns, please feel free to call Linda Harlan (work # (614) 454-4381 or 454-4000; home # (614) 872-3962) or Sandy Duda (work # (216) 431-3553 or home # (216) 933-7357).

This is an exciting and life changing experience. You will learn things which will benefit your professional and personal life. Please consider this opportunity. You will NEVER regret it!—Sandy Duda & Linda Harlan

### APPLICATION FOR NIWI CANDIDATE

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Professional Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Which mailing address do you prefer:  Work  Home

Which phone do you prefer?  Work  Home  Either

How long have you been a practicing ET nurse? \_\_\_\_\_

List any previous and current activities in MidEast Region: \_\_\_\_\_

List other professional activities/involvement: \_\_\_\_\_

List personal objectives for GAC Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

List any personal political involvement: \_\_\_\_\_

Send completed form by October 1, 1993 to: Linda Harlan, RN, BSN, CETN  
7015 East Pike  
Zanesville, Ohio 43701

### Proposed Budget MidEast Region July 1, 1993–December 31, 1993 Balance on Hand May 15, 1993 \$25,253.11

	Budgeted 92-93	Actual 92-93	Proposed 7/1/93-12/31/93
<b>Revenue:</b>			
Newsletter Ads	\$1,000.00	\$1,125.00	\$1,200.00
Dues	3,300.00	4,099.01	—
Interest	700.00	557.80	300.00
Seminar	5,000.00	9,875.56	—
Fundraisers	6,000.00	5,908.25	3,000.00
Misc.			
Research	200.00	—	—
Excellence in Writing	100.00	—	—
Misc. Inc.	—	675.00	—
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$16,300.00</b>	<b>\$21,565.62</b>	<b>\$32,453.11</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Newsletter	2,600.00	1,427.63	1,000.00
Gen. Reg. Work	1,500.00	895.94	1,000.00
Scholarships:			
IAET (Adv.)	1,000.00	1,000.00	—
N. Gill	250.00	250.00	—
NIWI	3,000.00	2,282.32	—
Conference	6,000.00	6,247.88	—
Travel	3,537.15		
Per Diem	112.93		
Lodge	806.52		
Mtg. Rm/Misc.		1,791.28	
Delegates	400.00	300.00	400.00
Committee Chair	600.00	300.00	900.00
Historian	50.00	—	50.00
YOA Youth	750.00	—	—
<b>Committee Expenses</b>			
Cont. Education			250.00
By-Laws	50.00	—	—
Nominating	230.00	244.20	300.00
Historian	50.00	—	300.00
Operational Manual	50.00	—	—
Research	100.00	—	100.00
Gov. Affairs	800.00	184.80	200.00
Fundraisers	150.00	92.11	75.00
Membership Drive	1,200.00	—	—
Membership Comm.	400.00	198.87	150.00
Share	100.00	—	—
Delegate	30.00	—	30.00

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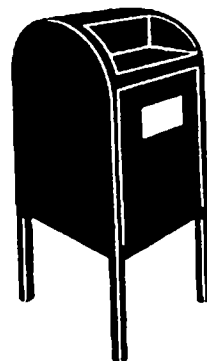
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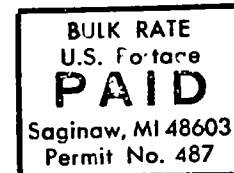
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## President's Message



It has been an extremely interesting summer for me. I had the opportunity to apply for an upward position in my career. It was a difficult decision to make because I knew that if I was awarded the job I would be leaving the field of ET Nursing. However, I finally decided that this was an opportunity that I could not ignore.

I was chosen for the job of Director of Nursing/Risk Manager at Pleasant Valley Hospital. It is an exciting challenge, however, as I realized I will need to refocus my energies to the job at hand, I have resigned as your President effective October 23 past the Mideast Region Business meeting.

The past 2 1/2 years have been a wonderful experience. I would highly recommend the job to each of you. It allows for development of leadership abilities and is a very satisfying position.

I will remain a member of the WOCN and the Mideast Region and will follow the progress of ET Nursing and WOCN with great interest. I will not be an active member but will always be available to assist you in anyway possible. ET Nursing will remain a part of me. I look forward to seeing each of you in October. We have a great meeting planned.

Thank you for your support over the past years. You have all been wonderful. I hope that I will still have an opportunity to communicate with you on occasion in the future. The friendship and cohesiveness of our Region is truly unique.—Joy Cline

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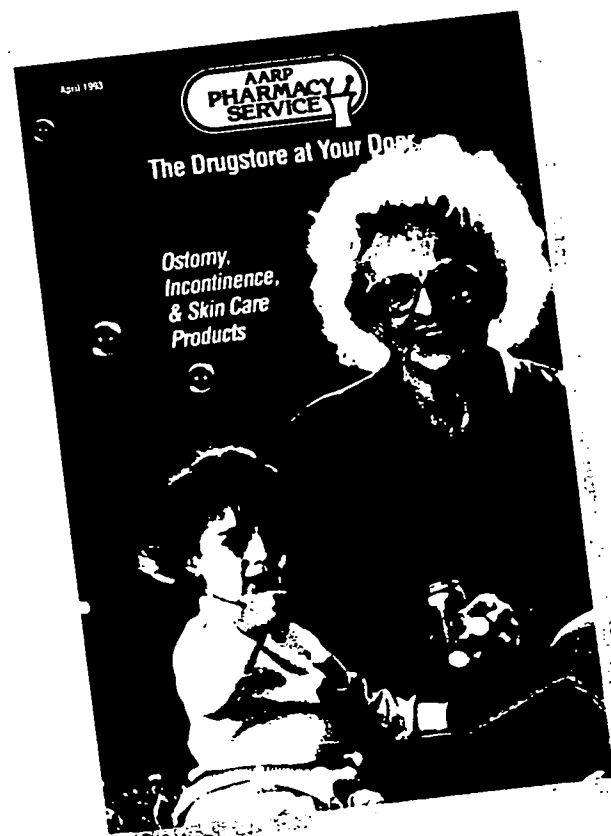
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## In Memory Of...

Dr. David G. Jagelman was one of the world's foremost colorectal surgeons.

Dr. Jagelman joined the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in 1975 after coming here on a one-year fellowship. He was a surgeon on the staff of the colorectal surgery department until Cleveland Clinic Florida opened in 1988 and he went there, becoming chairman of the department.

"His death ended a career that would have gone on for years," said Dr. Floyd Loop, president and chief executive officer of the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. "He really was at the peak of his career."

Besides being department chairman in Florida, Dr. Jagelman was chairman of the Division of Surgery and a member of the Board of Governors of Cleveland Clinic Florida.

Dr. Jagelman, 53, died of kidney cancer Monday at his Fort Lauderdale home. He was diagnosed in March and had received four weeks of experimental chemotherapy in Cleveland after the cancer moved up the aorta to his heart. Ten days ago, physicians found the cancer had run rampant.

"His untimely death was most unfortunate, not only for his family and the Cleveland Clinic, but for thousands of patients he had helped in the past and would have helped in the future." Loop said.

Dr. Jagelman was born in England. He received his

medical degree from the Westminster Medical School in 1963.

While interning at London's Westminster Hospital, he met his wife of 27 years, Ann, who was a nurse.

He was appointed a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1970 and was awarded the prestigious Master of Surgery in 1973.

Dr. Jagelman was an active member of professional societies in the United States and England.

He was an officer of the American College of Surgeons and the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons.

He frequently lectured and was a visiting professor at medical seminars around the world. During his career, he published nearly 200 textbooks, chapters, journal articles and video presentations.

Dr. Jagelman was the founder of the International Familial Polyposis Registry. Through it, thousands of people with hereditary precancerous polyps and early cancer were tracked.

He was also at the forefront of many surgical techniques, including the use of a staple gun to correct damaged areas of the colon, thereby avoiding colostomies.

"He represented the best in mankind," said Dr. Carl Gill, president and CEO of Cleveland Clinic Florida.

Dr. Jagelman is survived by his wife, Ann; daughters, Sally,

Jane and Amanda, all of Fort Lauderdale, son, Richard of Fort Lauderdale; a sister and a brother.

Dr. Jagelman was a very big supporter of ET Nurses. He has spoken at our conferences many times—always imparting his respect and caring for all. Graduates of Cleveland Clinic will always remember his teaching, presentations and respect for ET nurses. We mourn the loss of this skilled colorectal surgeon and impart our sympathies to his family and friends.

## Wound/ Skin Care Specialist

A leading medical company seeks a team player to support the company's growth in the wound and skin care markets.

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The qualified candidate must possess a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing and be a CETN with three years experience in an appropriate health care setting, and be recognized at least at the local if not national level, as a key thought leader in wound and skin

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# Committee Reports

## Fundraising

Back by popular demand is our Silent Auction—the focus of our fundraising efforts at our regional meeting. (This project is pure profit!) Start saving your silent auction donations for West Virginia. All donations are accepted and appreciated. Ideas for Silent Auction items are wine, home-made jelly and jam, bakery items, special soaps, fragrances, Christmas ornaments, crafts, etc. In addition to our Silent Auction, we will be selling jewelry, Christmas cards and night lights along with a raffle. Bring your money and plan to support the Mideast Region.

Thanks to everyone who supported our fundraising efforts at the national meeting. We made approximately \$1200 on jewelry, Christmas cards and the raffle. I look forward to seeing you all in West Virginia. Remember those Silent Auction donations!!—*Allyn Davies*

## Delegates


I want to thank all the delegates who participated in the last House of Delegates meeting at National Conference. They are: Paula Erwin-Toth, Terri Boyd, Kelly Jaszarowski, Allyn Davies, Martha Saulman, Barbara Blaylock, Sharon Ballard Krishnan, and Judy Werner.

As most of you know by now, the 1993 House of Delegates approved the new structure. They also approved a one-year trial of eight

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## Government Affairs

Directors at large (two per area) to replace the eleven Trustees. The election will be held in September for the new Directors. Again, we had very spirited debates within the House of Delegates. We can be proud of our last delegates—they spend many hours debating, discussing and planning prior to the meeting and during the meeting.—*Sharlene Kennedy*

The Mideast Region Board of Directors has approved the sponsorship of two of its members to attend NIWI during March 1994. If you are interested, fill in the application and submit to the GAC by October 1, 1993. The board will select two candidates and alternates at the regional board meeting in Charleston, West Virginia in October 1993. You will be notified of the selections

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Mid East Region WOCN  
 Semi Annual Meeting  
 San Antonio, Texas

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	RESOLUTION
C. Fund Raising A. Davies	C. Fundraising at this meeting to consist of Raffle of Commemorative IAET crystal apple. Jewelry is available in membership meeting.	C. Contact Allyn if you can help out.
D. GAC L. Harlan B. Duda	D. Report on file • Phone tree developed, will be published in Dropper. • Sign up for NIWI encouraged. MER has funds available to send 2 members. • E. Lee and B. Huck reported on NIWI experience. Importance of political involvement and local nurse coalitions stressed.	D. Can get copy from B. Duda.  Contact C. Harlan
E. Research J. Cline for B. Pieper	E. Clarification from Dropper: MER will have 2 \$50 awards for nurse research. There will also be one honorary award.	
F. Nominations T. Boyd	F. We will continue with mail vote. Candidates are needed for Treasurer, 2 Trustees, and possibly Delegates. Goal is 3 candidates per position. We also need to submit a nomination for National Ethics Committee.  Teri has letters for all members to consider candidacy.	Contact Teri if interested.
G. Written Committee reports Pres. Elect P. Toth  Excellence in writing B. Roberts	G. • MER sponsored 2 youths to Youth Rally. • Need nominations for ET Nurse of Year award. • Operation Manual to be mailed to officers, pertinent portion to committee chairs.  Manuscripts submitted/published 10/1/92 - 10/1/93 eligible. Award is plaque and \$100. Submissions by Sept. 15, 1993.	Send manuscript to Becky Roberts 2954 Corydon Rd. Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	RESOLUTION
10. Unfinished Business	10.	10. None
11. New Business A. Regional Logo	11.A. 2 new logos for MER-WOCN presented. Members returned votes to K. Jaz.  B. Rosemarie reviewed items to be displayed at this conference 25th Anniversary.	11.A. Logo designed by R. VanIngen chosen to be presented in Dropper.  B. Great work Rosemarie!
B. Walk Down Memory Lane R. VanIngen		
12. Announcements Certification	12. Discussion of new certification rules. Certification Board sets requirements. Guidelines: RN with 2000 hours experience + graduation from specialty track or BSN with 2 years experience may take specialty certification exam. To take comprehensive exam must graduate from ETNEP! Specialty and comprehensive exams are separate. Meeting after this meeting.	Address concerns to Lynne Grant. Pacific Coast Region
PR Committee L. Hoelsle		
WCST N. Gill-Thompson	Meeting Wed. 12-2 in Freest Room, Conference Center.	
13. Adjournment J. Cline	13. Motion to adjourn by J. Hawley. Seconded by J. Beerck	Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	RESOLUTION
9. Committee Reports A. Delegates B. Kennedy	<p>Q. E. Lee: How can the 4 Directors represent regional interests?</p> <p>A. History of HOD reviewed. Was response to lack of quorum in 1981.</p> <p>Q. N.Gill-Thompson: Will non ET RN's maintain full membership/voting privileges?</p> <p>A. Yes.</p> <p>Q. More discussion ensued about WOCN voting members and issues.</p> <p>A. Committee chairs will be appointed, not elected. They are not voting members of Board. Members will vote on Bylaws, hot issues, elections. Board will vote only on National issues, i.e. Budget, Board issues.</p> <p>Q. S. Krishnan: Do we have experience with new structure? With new members, demographics, we may have new issues. Can we slow down and gather data?</p> <p>Motion by S. Krishnan to extend discussion 5 minutes. Seconded by L. Hoelzle Discussion continued on impact of loss of HOD.</p> <p>A. Delegates introduced.</p>	<p>Motion carried.</p> <p>All members encouraged to attend HOD.</p> <p>A. Please give feedback prior to HOD.</p>

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	RESOLUTION
B. Bylaws R. VanIngen	<p>B. Proposed bylaw changes printed in Dropper. There were reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Article I Name. Motion by R. VanIngen to accept as read. Amended proposed by B. Kennedy to add byline "An Association of ET Nurses". Seconded by K. Granby. Motion by L. McCubbin to make this change throughout bylaws. Seconded by B. Blaylock</li> <li>Article III g Membership. Motion to accept as read by R. VanIngen.</li> <li>Article IV Meetings Motion by R. VanIngen to accept as read. Amended to change the word "Active" to "Eligible" throughout bylaws by L. Harlan. Seconded by K. Jaz.</li> <li>Article IV Voting Motion to accept as read by R. VanIngen</li> <li>Article IX Committees Motion by R. VanIngen to accept change as read. Amended to I. membership in Committee list. this issue is to be decided upon in October.</li> <li>Article X Nominations Motion by R. VanIngen to accept as read. Discussion ensued. Verbiage cleaned up.</li> <li>Article XI Electors Verbiage cleaned up. Motion by R. VanIngen to accept as read.</li> <li>Article XIII Fiscal Year Motion by R. VanIngen to accept as read.</li> </ul>	<p>Motion carried.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>

**Government Affairs**  
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following the board meeting in October.

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**Membership**

Our Region has received 19 new members since our last report—11 Active, 7 Associate, and 1 Student. Welcome letters and new packets were mailed to all. Please welcome those new members on the following list by giving them a welcome phone call.

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# Committee Reports

## Nominations

The convention at San Antonio is over and we are already seeing some of the changes. It was hot in Texas both outside and in the house of delegates which was held on Sunday this year. The National Board had proposed to do away with the House of Delegates and the historical regions. The new areas would divide the United States into four areas which would each send one director elected by the entire membership. Mideast Region members had told the delegates to vote to maintain the Region's House of Delegates and the eleven trustees.

After a long afternoon of debate and see-saw voting, during which the meeting time was extended, a compromise was decided. The new WOCN four areas (each has two or more regions depending on ET population but did not split any regions) will each elect two directors for a trial period of one year. The present nominations committee will remain intact for at least one year also. At the end of the year, you the membership, will vote to stay with the new method of governing or to return to the House of Delegates.

The Mideast Region will

remain intact. Regional convention will be in Charleston, West Virginia in late October. Again this year, officers will be elected by mail vote. All members are encouraged to join committees and run for office. It is important for you to attend the regional convention as changes in by-laws and other matters will be voted on there.

The Nominations Committee is still preparing the slate for election of regional treasurer and trustee. We need someone for the national Committee of Ethics also. Look for your mail ballots in late September. A special thanks to those of you who have volunteered to run and donate your time to the region.

Katherine Jeter was in Grand Rapids recently speaking on incontinence. She remarked that had the WOCN decided to become the Continence-Ostomy-Wound Society, we would all now be known as the COW's.—Terri Boyd

## New Members (continued from previous page)

Sharryl F. Overdorf, RN  
St. Elizabeth Hospital Med. Ctr.  
1501 Hartford Street  
Lafayette, IN 47903

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Student  
Marquita L. Shuecraft, RN, ET  
1005 Wren Road  
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—Crina V. Floruta

Mid East Region WOCN  
Semi Annual Meeting  
San Antonio, Texas

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	RESOLUTION
8. cont'd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Questions raised concerning sharp wound debridement. Each state has own criteria.</li> <li>• Incontinence programs to be developed.</li> <li>• Future conferences                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1994 Baltimore</li> <li>- 1995 Nashville, Chicago or New Orleans</li> <li>- 1996 Seattle</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Mail vote                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 515 voted last year for national elections</li> <li>- 1333 voted this year with mail vote</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	K. Jaz to report back on these items.
8.a. Structure Change	<p>8.a. Review of proposed change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- WOCN Board to consist of four officers and four directors.</li> <li>- Council will consist of Board and Committee chairs.</li> <li>- Each member to vote for 4 directors 1 from each of 4 geographic areas.</li> <li>- Regions to determine own needs. Priority to be on local leadership development.</li> <li>- Questions/Answers about proposal followed:</li> </ul> <p>Q. L. McCubbin: Is requirement for National Board still the same?</p> <p>A. Proposed requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• active in WOCN</li> <li>• WOCN member x 2 years</li> <li>• sign conflict of interest statement</li> <li>• no previous Board experience needed</li> </ul> <p>Q. J. Werner: Is ET Nurse a requirement?</p> <p>A. No, any member may run.</p>	

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	RESOLUTION
	<p>Q. S. Kennedy: What will happen to delegates?</p> <p>A. Open forums to be held at conference. Pros and cons to be published in WOCN newsletter. This will replace HOD. Voting will be by mail vote of memberships. May shorten decision making time.</p> <p>Q. P. Toth: There are still regional feelings of misrepresentation.</p> <p>A. May improve this feeling, all members will have input by mail vote.</p> <p>Q. G. Altizer: How often will there be a vote?</p> <p>A. May have mail vote more than once a year. Organization and practice issues will be placed in hands of members.</p>	
	<p>8.a. con't</p> <p>Q. Many concerns were expressed regarding loss of HOD, regional representation on National Board and continued change.</p> <p>A. HOD will vote on proposal today after discussion.</p> <p>Q. J. Hawley: Why are we making organizational changes?</p> <p>A. This is an attempt at streamlining and increasing communication. Regions will stay intact but open boundaries to those geographically close to us. We will no longer have Regional Trustee and Committee representation.</p> <p>Motion by E. Lee to extend discussion 10 more minutes. Seconded by R. Van Ingen</p>	<p>Consensus for delegates: NER favors Regional representation on WOCN Board.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>

Sunday, July 11, 1993

MID-EAST REGION WOCN  
Semi Annual Membership Meeting  
San Antonio, Texas

Called to order: 0950

President: Joy Cline, President

Recorder: Carol Hepp

Adjourned: 1210

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	RESOLUTION
1. Call to order Joy Cline A. Sign in B. Quorum determination C. Additions/ selections to agenda D. Adoption of agenda	A. 55 attendees signed in.  C. Add: 7a. Adopt the budget 11b. Walk down memory lane D. Motion by J. Hawley to adopt agenda as changed. Seconded by K. Jaszarowski	A. Sign in sheet on file. B. Quorum determined by G. Altizer D. Motion carried.
2. Parliamentarian G. Altizer	2. Procedure reviewed • for general items, 10 minute total discussion. May vote to extend discussion. Vote requires 2/3 majority to pass. • Structure change discussion will have 30 minute limit. 2/3 vote may extend time.	
3. Introductions J. Cline	3. Board Members introduced by Joy.	
4. Recognition of past Presidents J. Cline	4. J. Hawley, E. Pryor, K. Granby recognized. Special recognition for N. Gill-Thompson	
5. First time attendees J. Cline	5. First time attendees recognized: C. Jasper - Louisville, Ky. L. Shawkat - Louisville, Ky. N. Blabelt - Port Huron, Mi. D. Starks - St. Joseph, Mi.	

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	RESOLUTION
6. Secretary Report C. Hepp	Conference registration 1100 + members 117 + MER members 347 + 1st time attendees  Joy thanked B. Griggs for her assistance at sign in and P. Brown for gift of ET fortune cookies. 6. Minutes from Annual Membership Meeting, Lexington, Ky. were published in MER Dropper. Motion to accept minutes as written by L. McCubbin Seconded by S. Brady	Motion carried.
7. Treasurers Report S. Kennedy	7. Report published in Dropper. Errors corrected. • Balance 6/1/93 - 22,276.40 • Budget presented for 7/1-12/31/93 to coincide with National. FY • Budget 1/1-12/31/93 to be presented at October meeting. • 7/1-12/31/93 proposed revenues: 4,3000 + balance = 28,040.31 Proposed expenditures - 13,215.00 Motion by S. Kennedy to accept budget 7/1-12/31/93 as proposed. Seconded by B. Oetman	7. Corrected copy on file.  Motion carried.
8. Regional Trustee D. Peters	8. Highlights reviewed: • Membership survey 72% response - request computer review for exam - 90% request wound education, 69% continence - also request programs for geriatrics, TQM, oncology - specifics to be printed in WOCN Newsletter	

## Excellence in Writing Award

This award is designed to stimulate scholarly writing by the members of the Mideast Region of the WOCN.

An honorarium of \$100 and a plaque will be awarded to the author(s) of a manuscript that makes a significant contribution to the sphere of ET nursing.

The following rules apply to the award:

- The author(s) must be a member of the Mideast Region of the WOCN
- Manuscripts must be 500 words or more
- Manuscripts must have either been submitted for publication or published between the dates of October 1, 1992 and October 1, 1993 by a professional journal, i.e., JET, Decubitus,

Ostomy and Wound Management, Urologic Nursing, RN, AJN, Nursing Research, etc. Book excerpts will be considered.

- All manuscripts must be related to the specialty of ET nursing practice. The focus of the manuscript can be from an educational, clinical, administrative, economic, research or legislative viewpoint.
- The Mideast Regions's Excellence in Writing Award Committee will select the outstanding manuscript. If no manuscript is worthy of the award, it will not be given in a particular year. Manuscripts will be reviewed anonymously by committee members.

The award will be conferred at the 1993 Mideast Regional Conference in Charleston, West Virginia.

Mail to:

Becky Roberts  
2954 Carydon  
Cleveland Hts., Ohio, 44118

## Werner for Treasurer

I am seeking the position of Treasurer of the Mideast Region. I have served as trustee, committee chair, newsletter co-editor, delegate (x3) and committee member. I have audited the books (along with the president) for the present treasurer for the last two years and that has helped me begin to understand the process. So, please consider electing Judy Werner as your new treasurer.

## Public Relations

Congratulations to Phyllis Pope-Brown, RN, BSN, CETN in Gallipolis, Ohio who won third place in the 1993 National ET Nurse Day contest. Her scrap book included pictures from "Meet the Team" vendor fair. She also passed out fortune cookies and held a skin care offering for contact hours.

To date, I have only received one entry for our ET Nurse Day contest. It's not too late to enter! Deadline is September 15. Please see June 1993 for entry form or call me at (419) 332-7321, ext. 420.

The Public Relations Committee met on July 12 to discuss decreased interest in ET Nurse Day. This is our chance to really market what we do and have fun. In order to generate more ideas, there will be a booth set up at our regional conference in October with marketing ideas. If you have any ideas to share or would like new ideas, please stop by to visit! See you in Charleston!—Linda Hoelzle

## Wound/Skin Care Specialist

(continued from page 3)  
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# Awards

## Research

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Barbara Pieper, PhD, RN, CETN,  
337 Cohn, 5557 Cass Avenue,  
College of Nursing, Wayne State  
University, Detroit, MI 48203

Deadline:  
September 10, 1993

### APPLICATION FOR RESEARCH FUNDS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Present Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Educational Background:

Institution & Location	Inclusive Dates of Attendance	Diploma, Degree	Major
_____	_____	_____	_____
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Experience Record (last two positions):

Title of Position	Employer Name and Address	Inclusive Dates
_____	_____	_____
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Starting date of Research Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Completion Date of Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of the Research Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Approval from Human Subjects Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

*(If neither exempt nor yet approved, please add a separate page discussing potential risks and benefits associated with the research and proposed safeguards)*

Discuss how the funding will be spent: \_\_\_\_\_

In no more than two typed pages, describe the purpose, background and methodology of the study. \_\_\_\_\_

### RESEARCH GRANT AGREEMENT

If my request is approved by the Research Committee, I agree:

- To use the money as described in the application and return any unused funds to the Treasurer
- When the study is completed, submit receipt(s) for the money spent and an abstract of the study to the chairperson of the Research Committee.
- When the research is published or presented, appropriate recognition of funding source (Mideast Region, WOCNS) will be given.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Public Relations	150.00	92.11	—
Membership Drive	1,200.00	—	—
Membership Committee	400.00	218.65	150.00
Share	100.00	—	—
Delegate Committee	30.00	—	30.00
Misc.			
Excellence in Writing			
Plaque & Award	160.00	221.36	160.00
Outstanding ET Award	25.00	—	200.00
Research Awards	200.00	—	—
Arca Fees/National			
Treasury Fund	—	505.20	—
Memory Lane	—	—	100.00
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$23,695.00</b>	<b>\$21,187.14</b>	<b>\$13,215.00</b>

## ET Nurse Researcher Award

The Mideast Region ET Nurse Researcher Award will be given to honor an individual or group who has completed a nursing research study and has disseminated the results through presentation or publication. The individual or group has to meet the following criteria—completion of a nursing research study which has followed appropriate research methods and protection of human rights; the research adds to the body of ET nursing knowledge in regards to ostomy, wound, or continence care; the findings of the research have been published, submitted for publication, or presented at professional meetings; the

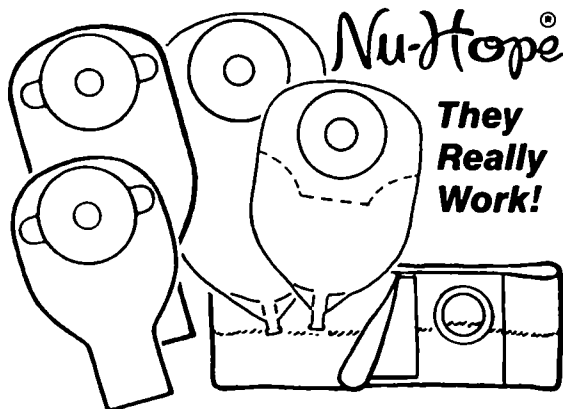
study may have been a funded or unfunded projects; and, investigators doing manufacturer directed and subsidized R&D studies are excluded. Eligibility requirements consist of individual or group being an Active member of the Mideast Region of WOCNS; registered nurse; primary investigator on the study; and, investigators doing manufacturer directed and subsidized R&D studies are excluded. Send three copies of completed application to: Barbara Pieper, PhD, RN, CETN, 337 Cohn, 5557 Cass Avenue, College of Nursing, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI 48203. Deadline is September 10, 1993.

## Treasurer Seeks Position

I have served the Mideast Region in many capacities since I graduated in 1982. Several times as delegate including chairman in 1993. I have been your treasurer for the last four years and a trustee the prior two years. I have also sat on several committees for our Region.

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone (Work): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (Home): \_\_\_\_\_

Active member Mideast Region?  Yes  No

Nominator Name (if other than self): \_\_\_\_\_ Professional Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Work): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (Home): \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Research: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief description of study (state purpose, protocol, results and discussion). No longer than two double-spaced pages. \_\_\_\_\_

Submission for publication (list Journal and date) \_\_\_\_\_

Presentation at professional meeting (list): \_\_\_\_\_

Provide one letter of support.

All materials are submitted to: \_\_\_\_\_ Submission Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Announcements

## International Graduates

R.B. Turnbull School of Enterostomal Therapy continues to lead in the training of International nurses. On July 7, 1993, seven nurses graduated from the program. They are: Sweet Hsiu Chu Chang, RN (Taiwan); Vigdis Hannestad, RN (Norway); Minae Iguchi, RN (Japan); Hidemi Nemoto, RN (Japan); Patricia Ody, RN (Canada); Lauma Paegle, RN, BSN (Brazil); and Rieko Sonoda, RN (Japan).

## Area ET Meetings

The Spring meeting of Cleveland Area ET's was held at Hillcrest Hospital, April 7. Mollie Sammon, RN, ET, planned the event. The program was presented by David Crane of Edgepark Surgical and Cheryl Falardeau of Convatec. They discussed the recent changes in Medicare and insurance reimbursement meeting was held June 28 at St. John's West Shore Hospital. Lou Ann Jones, RN, ET was the hostess. The program presentation was concerning Hospice in the Cleveland area. Brady Medical Products provided dinner.—Cheryl VanHorn

Newsletter deadlines are January 15; April 15; & August 15.

## Sharp Wound Debridement

Ohio is one of a small number of states where nurses are not permitted to perform sharp debridement. Many of us would like to see this included in the Nurse Practice Act for the state of Ohio. If you are interested in becoming involved with this issue, please contact me by phone or return the form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
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below. A task force will be convened to draft a proposal to present to the Board of Nursing. We will also need to devise educational programs to teach those who desire to learn this skill. An informal, preliminary meeting will be held at the Regional conference. Thanks for your interest!

## ET Mail

Dear Ms. Cline:

I have been notified that I am the recipient of scholarship funds provided by the Mideast Region of ET nurses. This award will greatly assist me as I begin a course of ET study at the Albany Medical Center, New York and at the Ohio State University Hospitals in Columbus, Ohio. Please accept my sincere thank-you for your generous financial support. It will assist me in achieving a nursing career goal of thirteen years.

My nursing specialty is home health and I believe this new knowledge will enable me to enhance my present skills in providing optimum patient care. I plan also to act as a resource

person to other nurses in my specialty area as there presently are no ET nurses within a six-county area that focus on the needs of home health care patients.

I am most grateful that organizations such as the Mideast Region exist so as to provide both financial and professional encouragement. Hopefully, by next correspondence will be signed with "CETN".

Sincerely,  
 Patricia A. Thomas, RN, BSN

## PROPOSED BUDGET MIDEAST REGION July 1, 1993 – December 31, 1993 Balance on Hand June 30, 1993 – \$21,736.09

	Budgeted 92-93	Actual 92-93	Proposed 7/1/93-12/31/93
Revenue:			Balance Forward of \$21,736.09
Newsletter Ads	\$1,000.00	\$1,125.00	\$1,200.00
Dues	3,300.00	4,099.01	—
Interest	700.00	628.87	300.00
Seminar	5,000.00	9,875.56	—
Fundraisers	6,000.00	5,948.25	3,000.00
Misc.			
Research	200.00	—	—
Excellence in Writing	100.00	—	—
Misc. Income	—	650.00	—
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$16,300.00</b>	<b>\$22,326.69</b>	<b>\$26,236.09</b>
Expenses:			
Newsletter	2,600.00	2,370.13	1,000.00
Gen. Reg. Work	1,500.00	1,144.64	1,000.00
Scholarships:			
IAET (Adv)	1,000.00	1,000.00	—
B. Smith	—	—	—
N. Gill	250.00	250.00	—
NIWI	3,000.00	2,282.32	—
Conferences (Nat'l., Reg. & Bd. Mtg)	6,000.00	7,302.98	8,000.00
Travel	—	4,592.25	—
Per Diem	—	112.93	—
Lodge	—	806.52	—
Mtg. Room/Misc.	—	1,791.28	—
Delegates	400.00	300.00	400.00
Committee Chair	600.00	300.00	900.00
Historian	50.00	—	50.00
UOA Youth	750.00	—	—
Committee Expenses			
Continuing Education	—	—	250.00
By-Laws	50.00	—	—
Nominating	230.00	244.20	300.00
Historian	50.00	—	300.00
Operational Manual	50.00	—	—
Research	100.00	—	100.00
Gov. Affairs	800.00	184.80	200.00
Fundraisers	4,000.00	4,771.05	75.00