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President's Letter



How quickly the year has passed. Fall is over and Christmas will be here soon. It's a busy time of year for everyone and IONE is no exception. Soon it will be time to say hello to the new board members for 2011. I am grateful for those who have agreed to be a part of our organization by supporting it with their time and talent.

I'd also like to thank those board members who will be moving off the board at the end of this year. I have been honored to have been supported by such wonderful and committed nurse leaders, who understand the valuable role that nursing leadership plays in our profession. I have found everyone to be enthusiastic and genuinely interested in how to best support the nurses of Indiana.

Lastly, I'd like to thank those board members who have supported this organization for many years and will continue to provide nursing leadership through 2011. There are so many members that bring experience to the table that is invaluable to me as the president, but also to all IONE members. These people often go unnoticed but I

couldn't do my job without them.

We have completed several initiatives this past year that I'd like to share with you.

1. The IONE Board met in January to update the strategic plan. All members were in attendance and there was a lot of discussion around how best to fulfill the mission, vision and values of the organization. The plan is available on the IONE website at www.indianaone.org.
2. In April the AONE National Conference was held in Indianapolis. This positively showcased Indianapolis as an outstanding convention city. Twenty-two hundred nurse leaders attended high quality educational conferences, while enjoying all Indianapolis has to offer. IONE supported conference attendance through 20 educational grants, which covered the cost of their registration. This was done as a means of meeting our mission toward education of nurse leaders in our state.
3. The nurse License Plate Committee has been very active this year and the revenue from license plate sales has been especially strong. We are on target to see \$100,000 in revenue for 2010. It is through this program that IONE supports grants and educational programs. A special thanks to Marijane Smallwood for her leadership of this committee.
4. The IONE brochure gave IONE a new look this past year. New brochures were developed and will be distributed at conferences and to all new members. Thanks to the Public Relations committee for their work on this project.
5. In October, the fall conference was held in Brown County, Indiana. The program was inspirational and

the evening activities were fun and provided for great networking opportunities. A special thanks goes to Terri Ridenour who lead the Program Committee this year, as well as the many members who assisted her in the coordination of this event.

IONE actively participates and supports the work of Indiana agencies and organizations throughout Indiana. Organizational involvement includes:

- Indiana Professional Licensing Agency subcommittee on education and advanced practice.
- Indiana Hospital Associations (IHA) – Resource Council
- IHA Council on Quality and Safety
- Bi-Annual Tri-Council with Indiana State Nurses Association, Dean’ s and Director’s and IPLA
- Affiliate member of AONE, ISNA and Nursing 2000 Central and North
- VHA Central and their Nursing Leadership Institute
- Indiana Nursing Workforce Development Coalition (INWDC)

IONE also stays abreast of all legislative issues that affect nursing in Indiana and at a national level. Of particular interest to all of us is the Health Care Reform bill.

Don’t forget to save the date for the March 4th Spring Conference. More information will be forthcoming. Again, thanks for all you do to make nursing the extraordinary profession it is. Please let me know if there is anything we can do as an organization to assist you. See you in 2011!!

Sincerely,

Michelle Bisesi RNC-OB MSN CNAAC-BC

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IONE President

Fall Conference-Board Dinner



Thank-you Letter

November 30, 2010

Dear IONE Board and Members,

“Caught off guard” took on a whole new meaning to me on October 20th at the Fall Conference President’s dinner! To receive recognition upon my retirement from the colleagues who have nourished and enriched me -- professionally and personally -- may be the only time in my 41 year career that I was wordless.

As a nurse, I analyzed my above response. The clarity came instantly -- respect and admiration for each of you. I have watched the metamorphosis of nursing in our state as IONE focused on “magnetizing” Indiana by consistently improving quality and safety for patients and creating environments of excellence for nurses. The progressive steps “put in place” to reach goals in individual settings has been transformative and will make an impact for years to come. Simply stated, I was in the midst of those I hold in the highest esteem and was humbled to silence.

“Be a Nurse” has taken on a journey of its own. What IONE has accomplished through the license plate fund is not only deserving of the national recognition the program achieved, but the exponential impact it literally “makes on the road”. Numerous positive conversations have occurred about nursing as a result of seeing the license plates. Hence, my N2000 license plate goes with me into retirement!

I will forever cherish the many working relationships with IONE colleagues throughout the state. It has been extremely gratifying -- especially in my role at Nursing 2000 -- to work side by side in promoting our profession and supporting the advancement and education of nursing resources throughout the regions. I am especially grateful for the shared work with NIONE colleagues in projects, and collaboration with SEIONE, SWIONE and NEIONE throughout the years. Values begin at home; so to my “home region”, CIONE, thank you for numerous exceptional experiences and showing me the way to IONE!

I will always remain...

Gratefully yours,

Barbara S. Mitchell

Barbara S. Mitchell, MSN, MS, RN, BC

ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION
INITIATIVE ON THE FUTURE OF NURSING
AT THE INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE

National Summit on Advancing Health through Nursing

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and the Institute of Medicine (IOM) host the National Summit on Advancing Health through Nursing, on November 30, 2010.



The Summit on Advancing Health through Nursing is a special meeting to further the recommendations from The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health, the recently-released report of the Committee on the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Initiative on the Future of Nursing, at the Institute of Medicine.

Marijane Smallwood attending the summit representing IONE.



Maryjane with Pam Thompson, Donna Shalala, Betsey Lee and Dr. Angela McBride

District Updates

CIONE Report

Our April 23, 2010 meeting was held at Indiana Organ Procurement Organizations new facility in Indianapolis. We were privileged to have two guest speakers. The first being Dr. Glen Bingle and Carol Birk from the Indiana Coalition for Patient Safety who provided an overview of the Coalition as well as the work being performed on Heart Failure Readmissions. Our second speaker was Sam Davis of IOPO who provided an overview of IOPO as well as a tour of the facility. As of late last year, IOPO began providing skin and tissue procurement at the new facility. It is anticipated late 2010, IOPO will begin organ procurement at the facility. They are equipping two operating rooms and two ICU beds for the

endeavor.

CIONE was the Diamond Sponsor at the Nursing 2000 Scholarship Benefit Banquet in May and in conjunction with Nursing 2000 and the Indiana League of Nurses (ILN), CIONE hosted a conference on June 18, 2010 at PRIMO in Plainfield. We were pleased to have Mary Ilu Altman, PhD as the keynote speaker. She spoke on “Cultural and Social Literacy: Essential Components for Safe and Effective Care Delivery”. Chuck Lindquist provided information on the Indiana State Nurses Assistance Program (ISNAP) in the afternoon session.

September 24th found CIONE at the IU School of Nursing Simulation Lab for a tour after a presentation from Betsy Lee regarding her initiatives at the Indiana Patient Safety Center.

Our next meeting will be our annual holiday dinner meeting which will be held on November 16, 2010, location to be determined.

Membership for CIONE has improved slightly over last year. We continue to email nurses to increase involvement. Additionally, On behalf of CIONE, a special CONGRATULATIONS to Mary Browning and Yvonne Culpepper who are completed their Doctorate of Nursing Practitioner degrees. What a milestone!

On a personal note, it has been a pleasure to serve as the CIONE president and IONE board member the past two years. Lee Ann Blue will become CIONE president at the November meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by Joyce Wood

IONE CSW REPORT

CSW had bi monthly meetings this year. Members and guests were invited to attend. Locations rotate to allow each participating hospital to host. Lunch is served. There is always great fellowship and networking at each meeting. Agendas routinely include discussion about accreditation visits, Department of Health visits, and reports from Indiana State University, IVY Tech and AHEC.

The group enjoys participation from Indiana State and IVY Tech. This relationship provides for a connection between facilities on student preparation and facility needs.

AHEC has also provided educational opportunities for a number of our hospitals this past year.

CSW members were excited to receive a few of the Scholarships to attend AONE in April. Members who attended would like to extend thanks to the board for the opportunity.

Beginning in November, Jan Weust, RN and CNO of Sullivan County Community Hospital will assume the CSW Chapter Presidency

Respectfully Submitted:
Lea Ann Camp, RN, MSN
President CSW Chapter

Eastern District

Eastern District IONE members meet on a quarterly basis in conjunction with the Indiana Hospital Association Eastern District members. There are 23 Eastern District IONE members. IHA staff provides legislative, safety and quality updates, information, and education at these luncheon meetings. The meeting location is rotated among member organizations in the district. IONE members network before

and after the meetings and on an annual basis to reaffirm continuing to meet with the IHA Eastern District members on a quarterly basis.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doreen C. Johnson, RN, MA, FACHE, NEA-BC
Eastern District President

Northeast Indiana Organization of Nurse Executives

The NEIONE chapter meets 6 times throughout the year. Many meetings include educational topics. On Tuesday, January 19, 2010 Sue Johnson, PhD, RN, presented "From a Magnet Surveyor's Perspective." As a surveyor visiting hospitals trying to obtain or retain magnet status, she was able to share what is done before, during, and after a visit.

Helen Rossman, MS, MS Ed, NP-C, was the special speaker on Tuesday, March 16, 2010. She presented on "Patient Centered Care" and discussed how the VA hospital is involved in this endeavor.

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Also during this luncheon, scholarships were given to 6 students pursuing advanced education. NEIONE has established a scholarship program as part of its mission to support and enhance the role of the nurse executive/nurse leader. It is our belief that by supporting students enrolled in the Master of Science with a major in Nursing and an interest in management/leadership, that we are furthering our commitment to our organization and life-long learning.

Three MSN students from Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne Campus (Cynthia Archer, Pamela Thorton, and Amber Vachon) and three from the University of Saint Francis (Jeanette Cochran, Teri Roberts, and Bev Mauger) each received \$500 scholarships from NEIONE. Faculty used the following criteria to choose the winners:

1. Enrolled in MS with major in Nursing at IPFW or the USF.
2. Has a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale in the Master's Program.
3. Holds current membership(s) in professional organizations.
4. Demonstrates leadership skills and abilities.
5. Works or resides in the 11 county area of NEIONE.
6. Preference given to members of IONE and NEIONE.
7. Licensed RN in the state of IN.

Upcoming meetings include an education meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 21 with Susan Ahrens, PhD, RN presenting on "Leadership Roles and Responsibilities Identified by Evidenced Based Practice". During the meeting on Monday, Nov. 15, we will review and vote on updated NEIONE by-laws and elect new officers. In December we plan to invite current and prospective members to a social event with a drawing for a free 2011 NEIONE membership for new members.

The NEIONE chapter is also involved with translating the “You Can Be a Nurse” coloring book into Burmese because of the high Burmese population in the area.

We are also in the midst developing an NEIONE website- <http://www.neione.com/>. Susan Ahrens, PhD, RN is working on this. She will be the NEIONE president for 2011 and 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorene Arnold, DNP, RN
Northeast District President

NIONE District Report

NIONE held all the scheduled bi-monthly meetings which had presentations and discussions. Topics included Shared Governance, Clinical Nurse Leader Role and Education, Respiratory Precautions with Airborne Diseases and in Oct we will have a presentation on Health Care Reform and its impact on Michiana Health Care. Discussions and issues of concern covered proprietary nursing education programs and their impact, Social Networking impact on the workplace, the use of Quiet or No Interruption Zones for medication safety and DNP and use of various degree titles. Our district has a high proportion of Nursing Education leaders who regularly attend and we had discussions on expectations for faculty roles and competencies during clinicals and about the proposed MSN Essentials. All schools in our area are robust with students! In the future the members agreed that we would like to hear from Indiana State Board of Nursing Board members about the current issues and problems they are seeing (nurses with DUI’s, accreditation issues, etc).

Nursing 2000 North has continued to work with projects like ‘Day in the Life of a Nurse’ and Scholarships/Fundraising. A big project this Spring was to host Donna Boland from INWDC at two district sites. These were well attended by area NIONE members and others interested.

One major challenge has been membership—it continues to drop and not all members attend even a few meetings a year (and some attend consistently). We have discussed bringing new nurse executives along to meetings and reaching out to more of our Western area. A survey in 2009 took care of times and frequencies of meetings analysis—they are what the membership wants. Based on this survey we did provide more formal presentations which were well received. We hope to continue to build membership activity in the upcoming year.

Respectfully Submitted, Marta Makielski, NIONE President

IONE SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

Officers for the IONE Southwest district are: President- Patricia Niswonger, Secretary – Debbie Poole, Treasurer Kathy Tempel and elected in April, 2010 due to the sad death of Kathy, Linda Cason. The IONE Southwest District has 4 meetings each year. The average attendance at the meetings is 30. The southwest district has 75 members. The chapter meetings are held at area hospitals and the University of Southern Indiana.

The December meeting is a meeting and a mixer combined. This gives potential members an opportunity to see what an IONE district meeting entails with information being shared about membership and the benefits of being an IONE member. Plus there is networking in addition to door prizes and breakfast. The 2009 Mixer was held at IV Tech in Evansville with 55 in attendance. The 2010 mixer will be

December 3, 2010 at USI.

Each meeting has an educational program. The meeting on June 4, 2010 had Lori Phillips, MSN, RN, NP-C, DNP student at USI. Lori presented her capstone project she is currently working on. The title of her presentation was “Development, Implementation, and Evaluation of a Shared Governance Model in Critical Access Hospitals.”

Jennifer Craig, MPH attended in September, and gave a presentation on the Southwest Indiana Area Health Education Center and the programs offerings to the area.

As shared above the nursing profession, IONE and Jasper Memorial hospital lost a colleague Kathy Tempel. Kathy passed away in February after a short illness. Kathy was excited to become more involved in the Southwestern District as the treasurer. In April, the district elected Linda Cason from Deaconess Hospital as the new treasurer.

One of the most exciting events for our district happened on April 7, 2010 at University of Evansville; the annual Leadership Conference was very successful again this year. Michael H. Cohen was the speaker and the conference had 378 attendees.

Plans for the 2011 Leadership Conference is well into the planning stage and will be April 6, 2011 with Dr. Pam Treolla who has been a leader in Magnet process development will be the conference speaker.

The Southwest District reviewed and made revisions to our bylaws to include the offices of president and treasurer will be for 2 year terms, which is a change from the one year term.

Respectively Submitted,
Patricia Niswonger, RN
IONE Southwest District
President

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Respectfully submitted, Lorene Arnold, DNP, RN Northeast District President

SEIONE Report

The SEIONE has met each quarter for the past year.

December 2009

February 2010

May 2010

August 2010

The first hour of the meeting is started with education.

The December meeting we had a representative that spoke on ISNAP and Impaired Nurses. CEUs were presented

The February meeting was cancelled due to bad weather.

The education in May was presented by Veda Strange on "Teach Back".

Education in August was presented by Amy Pettit on "Flow Mapping and the Black Belt Process".

Attendance has continued to be a problem for the Southeastern chapter. We have several hospitals present but with only one member attending from each. The President of the chapter has spent the year contacting the school of Nursing, and hospital facilities to get representation at the chapter meetings.

At the August meeting it was decided to hold a Nursing educational conference in May 2011. A planning committee was formed. Possible guest speaker, Linda Caputi.

Officers were set for 2011

President – Venetia Green

Treasurer – Amy Pettit

Secretary – Cathy Wichman

The December meeting will be held December 10, 2010.

Respectfully Submitted, Venetia Green, District President

IONE Committee Reports

LICENSE PLATE COMMITTEE

Nurse's Specialty License Plate Information:

The nursing license plate is available for vehicles or motorcycles at your local Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV). Beginning in 2011, a centralized fulfillment model is used which means that you can go to the BMV and pay for your plate but it will be mailed to you from a central location within 3 days or you can order it via the internet. The plate was redesigned as requested by the BMV according to a standardized format and logo size to increase visibility by law enforcement. The RN or alpha will be horizontal instead of vertical. Logos are mandated to fit within specified parameters on the plate. With a number of BMV initiatives planned for the 2011 year, the new format special plates will not be issued to all customers in 2011. This plate type will continue to follow the current plate cycle of 2007-2012 with the new plate year beginning in 2012. Please note each topic below.

New format special plate:

New customers will receive the new format plate in 2011. Existing customers will receive a sticker upon renewal for their current plate in 2011 and the new format plate in 2012.

Low digit plate holders (1-100):

Low digit plate holders will remain the same for the 2011 registration year.

High digit plate holders (101 and >):

One of the 2011 initiatives includes allowing customers to retain their current plate number. Existing customers will receive a sticker upon renewal in 2011 and will not be affected. Customers will not need to rush to the BMV at the beginning of a new plate cycle to ensure they receive a specific high-digit plate. Customers registered to a high-digit plate will receive that same plate number automatically in 2012 without any additional fees.

Statistics:

The BMV was not able to provide data regarding distribution of motorcycle versus passenger car/truck plates in 2010. At the end of July 2010, a total of **2968** license plates had been distributed and this is a 36% increase over the same time period in 2009. We anticipated a slight downturn in the purchase of plates due to the economy but this has certainly not been realized to date. The license plate program has exceeded our expectations to provide monies for promoting the nursing profession. Thanks to all of you who have supported this program since 2003 to make it so successful!

DISTRIBUTION OF NURSE PLATE FUNDS IN 2010:

INWDC.....	\$10,000.....	operations
Nursing 2000 Central.....	\$7,970.....	elementary student exposure to nursing activities “ Make Nursing Your World”
Nursing 2000 North.....	\$7,970.....	same as Central
Cynthia Thomas, Ball State University....	\$4,068.....	Reprinting of a book about nurses for grade school age children

Individual Scholarships.....	\$21,000.....	Graduate level students (\$3000/each)
AONE Scholarships.....	\$15,900.....	\$795 Registration Fee for AONE for 20 IONE members
TOTAL.....	\$66,908 plus scholarships to members attending 2010 Fall Conference	

TOTAL FUNDS AWARDED ANNUALLY SINCE 2004: \$233,301.00!!!

2004.....	\$14,360
2005.....	\$12,000
2006.....	\$28,000
2007.....	\$36,280
2008.....	\$41,250
2009.....	\$38,000
2010.....	\$66,908

We are currently on target to realize approximately \$100,000 annually from plate sales and developed a plan for fund distribution in January 2010 that was approved by the board in March and posted in our July newsletter. The workgroup is refining the plan and will keep the membership updated as it is developed.

OTHER:

In 2010, we sent a combined thank you/tax letter to all nurse license plate holders.

We are working with the BMV in a partnership to market the nurse's plate on their website and at the branches beginning in 2011. The BMV will also auto notify plate holders when it is time to renew and provide an e-mail thank you. It is our hope that the partnership will provide marketing and expand the number of people investing in a plate.

ASSIGNED PLATE NUMBERS UNDER 100: These are considered a vanity plate and cost an extra \$30.00 in addition to the \$25.00 fee for a specialty plate. If you are interested in having a low number plate for your passenger vehicle or motorcycle, please contact the license plate chairperson for availability and/or assignment of a number.

Tel: (317) 272-3688 or e-mail, mbsmall@hendricks.org

THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THIS IMPORTANT PROGRAM!

Respectfully submitted by:

Marijane Smallwood, RN, MSN, NE-BC
 IONE License Plate Committee Chairperson



License Plate Committee 2010:

- Linda Webb
- Deborah Lyons
- Debbie Poole
- Angela Rotert
- Karen Yeager

Additional Members of License Plate Fund Workgroup:

Marta Makielski, Northern Pres.; Mary Browning, Public Relations Chair; Doreen Johnson, Eastern Pres; Jeanne Braun, Board Member; Venetia Green, Pres SEIONE, Cathie McKinley, Bylaws Chair; Yvonne Culpepper, Board Member; Trish Weber, Legislative Chair

IONE FINANCE REPORT 2010

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Bernie Wallace
Gwynn Perlich
Doug Fauber
Bridget Dolohanty-Johnson, President Elect
Linda Webb, Treasurer

The state of the IONE treasury is very positive. Our revenue is based totally on membership dues, and continues to meet our expenses. This allows us to maintain our funds held at \$131,177.16 based on financial reports ending October 2010. The goal is to provide education to our membership and support the growth of the nursing profession. Our spring and fall conferences are major areas of undertaking and expense, but have been successful at bringing in monies to totally offset the expenses. The Board voted not to offer a spring conference, since the American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE) 43rd Annual Meeting & Exposition was held in Indianapolis this year.

Our nursing license plate fund also remains very strong. At the end of October 2010, revenue was \$117,200 from license plate sales. During 2010, \$30,008 in grants were awarded to organizations to support, promote and enhance nursing through our license plate fund. Twenty- four thousand dollars (\$24,000) in scholarships were provided to graduate and/or doctoral students in nursing administration programs throughout the state. We awarded 20 random IONE members scholarships to cover the registration fee for the AONE Meeting & Exposition for a total of \$15,900. We will also off set the registration fee by \$50 per IONE member for the Fall Conference. In 2009 this came to the amount of \$3000. Our goal with the license plate fund is to not maintain dollars in the funds held, but to utilize these funds to meet the intent as outlined by the Nursing License Plate Committee and the IONE Board.

The budget for 2010 reflects a fairly consistent approach to what we have done in past years. This includes maintaining \$100,000 in funds held on the IONE side, but allocating available funds in the license plate side. This is based on historical data and the IONE strategic plan which defines our direction.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Webb, IONE Treasurer

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

MEMBERS

Gwynn Perlich	Julie Collins
Barb Mitchell	Trish Weber
Pat Craig	Jill Buttry
Kim Genovese	Kathy Clodfelter
Valynda Laird	Kirsten Emmons
Lea Ann Camp	
Anita Ivankovig	

Letters were sent to 12 universities in Indiana offering a Masters Degree in Nursing Administration or DNP/PhD Nursing Program. Nine of the universities responded with applicants. Following applicants were reviewed and recommended by the Scholarship Committee, the nominations were taken to the Board of Directors and approved on 8/13/2010.

IONE is proud to award 8 scholarships in the amount of \$3000.00 each to the following students.

- 1) Rebecca Zellers – University Southern Indiana
- 2) Stephanie Laws – Indiana State University
- 3) Deborah Lyons - Indiana University
- 4) Trina Marlatt – Indiana Wesleyan University
- 5) Shannon Zlajic – Indiana Purdue Calumet
- 6) Pamela Thorton – Indiana Purdue Fort Wayne
- 7) Lyn Turner – University of Indianapolis
- 8) Donna Haggerd – Ball State University

Congratulations to each of the recipients of the nursing scholarship. We are so pleased to be able to give out a total of \$24,000.00 in nursing scholarships this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Ivankovig, MSA, BSN, RN
IONE Scholarship Committee Chair

IONE Public Relations

IONE Newsletters were distributed via the IONE web page in November 2009 and July 2010. Newsletters contain a letter from the President, district reports, committee reports and photos of various events.

The New Member Packet was updated to include the following:

- Letter from the President of IONE
- License Plate letter
- Brochure

(Previously, the packet contained copies of the by-laws, committee chairmen, officers, and standing rules of IONE. These documents are readily available on line at <http://www.indianaone.org>)

The IONE Brochure was updated through the generous support of St. Anthony's publication department and Trish Weber. The new brochure supports our professional leadership organization's image.

Please contact me if you would like copies of the brochure for your district events.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Browning, DNP, RN, NE-BC
IONE Public Relations Chair

Legislative Committee

Members: Dixie Weldon, Martha Miles, Robin Nelson, Duane Cox, Mark Douglas
Trish Weber, Chair.

Two Members of the IONE Legislative Committee attended and participated in the IHA Hospital Day at the Statehouse held February 24, 2010. Members were introduced to IHA leadership staff attending the event. The keynote speaker was Frank Luntz, public opinion expert and author of "Words that Work". After the formal presentation members attended a tour of the statehouse and had an opportunity to meet with local legislators.

With exception of the Statehouse meeting the remaining IONE Legislative Committee meetings have convened via teleconference. Teleconferences were held on Feb. 15th and June 11th. The April meeting was canceled due to member schedule conflicts. Meeting agendas have included the following topics:

1. Key Dates in the 2010 Legislative Session
2. IHA Bill Tracks
3. Countdown to Healthcare Reform
4. 2010 Indiana General Assembly Legislative Directory
5. Hospital and State Legislator resource list
6. Indiana Congressional Delegation resource list
7. New members were directed to the Indiana General Assembly's web site which contains great information about the democratic process, legislator contact information, search feature of bills and resolutions, Indiana administrative rules, laws, and general information about Indiana state government. The website is: www.legislative.IN.gov

The 2010 session of the Indiana General Assembly came to an end just after midnight on March 13th. This was a short, non-budget writing session meaning fewer bills and issues were brought before the house and senate. Given the pending November elections legislators worked to end the session one day earlier than the March 14th deadline set in state law. There will be no special session this year. Bills that received a final vote before the close of session are considered enrolled acts. Bills that do not become enrolled acts are considered officially dead for the session. All enrolled acts were sent to Governor Daniel's for review. Upon receipt the Governor had approximately one week to sign each bill, let it become law without his signature or veto the bill. To obtain up to date information on the status of final bills and resolutions refer to the Indiana General Assembly's web site noted above.

As the Legislative Committee Chair I continue to forward all pertinent AHA and IHA e-newsletters and legislative updates to the IONE District Presidents for distribution to their district members. As the legislative chair I continue to represent IONE at IHA's Government Relations Committee meetings. Information from this committee is shared with the IONE Executive Committee, District Presidents and members of the IONE Legislative Committee. IHA Bill Track and IHA Legislative Updates are available at: www.ihconnect.org.

Respectfully Submitted
Trish Weber, RN, MBA
Legislative Chair, 2010 – 2011

IONE Program Committee

The IONE program planning committee members for 2010 are:

Terri Ridenour, Lynn Turner, Donna Haggard, Yvonne Culpepper, Jane Merchant, Cathie McKinley, Robin Nelson, Doreen Johnson, Sharon Berry, Martha Miles, Peggy Findley, Angela Snyder, Kevin Inman, Deb Bartnick, Belle McCool.

Committee Meeting: July 23, 2010 at Brown County Inn, Nashville Indiana.

Discussed: Fall Conference October 20, 21, 22

- Place: Brown County Inn
- Key speakers: Kimberly McNally and Liz Cunningham, co-authors of “The Nurse Executive's Coaching Manual”
- Program Title: “Nursing.....The Next Generation”
- Theme: “Star Trek”

Tiered Registration:

- **We will again offer a tiered registration process and a discounted 1st year membership fee to encourage new membership.**
- **Criteria:**
 1. To be eligible for “Early Bird Special” must register before October 1, 2010.
 2. IONE Member Conference Fee: \$300.00
 3. IONE Member Conference Fee “Early Bird Special”: \$250.00
 4. Non-Member Conference Fee: \$350.00
 5. Non-Member “Early Bird Special”: \$350.00
 6. One day attendance: \$150
 7. Dinner Guest: \$35.00
 8. For new members we are offering a reduced membership fee of \$50.00 (\$35.00 savings). This price will be a one-time only discounted membership offer. Your membership application must be submitted at the time of conference registration. Total cost of new membership and registration: Early Bird Special-\$300.00 and after October 1st: \$350.00
 9. The first 20 students to register and have proof of student status, Fall Conference Fee: \$125.00
 10. One Day Student Fee: \$60.00
 11. No Refunds after October 15, 2010

Respectfully submitted,
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