AANN 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

CELEBRATING

50

years of
AANN

1968  2018

REFLECTIONS
of our past

VISIONS OF OUR
FUTURE

Presented by the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses jointly with the American Board of Neuroscience Nursing and the Agnes Marshall Walker Foundation.
The American Association of Neuroscience Nurses (AANN), the American Board of Neuroscience Nursing (ABNN), and the Agnes Marshall Walker Foundation (AMWF) present the AANN 2017 Annual Report. Together we are the three pillars driving neuroscience nursing excellence. This report highlights our accomplishments after the 2017 Annual Meeting through the 2018 Annual Meeting and looks at our goals for the duration of 2018. With our strategic plan in mind, we made great strides in the areas of membership engagement, education, neuroscience expertise, and finance.

The 2018 AANN Annual Meeting theme, Reflections of Our Past, Visions of Our Future, has been a driving force for our work during the year leading up to the meeting. Led by the AANN Board of Directors, AANN connects, educates, and inspires nurses as leaders who influence comprehensive neuroscience health. We thank you for your continued support and invite you to get involved!

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The American Association of Neuroscience Nurses (AANN) connects, educates, and inspires nurses as leaders who influence comprehensive neuroscience health.

**AANN VISION**
AANN is indispensable to nurses and neuroscience health care.
The tri-board, consisting of AANN, ABNN, and AMWF, focused on a key initiative this past year: a mentorship program.

The mentorship program was developed to address a shortage of mentors for neuroscience nurses at all levels of development in the nursing profession. The goal of this program is to provide neuroscience professionals the opportunity for mentoring in clinical, research, and clinician educator pathways and advice regarding career development. We completed our first round of mentor/mentee pairings and had 10 matches.

AANN also started a new Board Mentorship Program. This program is designed to provide a neuroscience staff nurse the opportunity to sit on the AANN Board of Directors as a mentee and nonvoting member for 1 year. The goal of this program is to help develop and support future AANN leaders by giving the mentee exposure to the board. For more information, please visit the AANN website.

Another major accomplishment for AANN was the launch of the SCRN Review Course in our new learning management system. The online course is a self-paced study tool where you can earn up to 8 CE hours upon completion and evaluation of the course. Key interactive features include knowledge checks, correct and incorrect answer descriptions, and videos to emphasize key concepts. Learn more and purchase the review course in the AANN online store.
AANN COLLABORATED WITH 33 ADVOCACY AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN 2017.

Agnes Marshall Walker Foundation (AMWF)
American Academy of Neurology (AAN)
American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS)
American Board of Neuroscience Nursing (ABNN)
American Brain Coalition (ABC)
American Epilepsy Society (AES)
American Heart Association/ American Stroke Association (AHA/ASA)
American Nurses Association (ANA)
American Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA)
Brain Attack Coalition (BAC)
Canadian Neuroscience Nurses Association (CNA)
Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS)
Council of State Neurosurgical Societies (CSNS)
Epilepsy Foundation
Hospice & Palliative Care Nurses Association (HPNA)
International Stroke Conference (ISC)
Joining Forces Initiative
National Aphasia Awareness Month
National Institute of Neurologic Disorders & Stroke (NINDS)
National Quality Foundation (NQF)
National Student Nurses Association (NSNA)
Neuro Critical Care Society (NCS)
Neuroscience Business Summit
The Nursing Community
Nursing Organization Alliance (NOA)
Oncology Nurses Society (ONS)
Organ Donation & Transplantation Alliance
Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)
Society for Neuroscience (SFN)
Think First
Veterans Administration Epilepsy Centers of Excellence (VA ECoE)
World Federation of Neuroscience Nurses (WFNN)
World Parkinson Coalition (WPC)

This was the first time I attended this conference. It was truly the best conference, and I learned the most of all the conferences that I have been to for the past 5 years. It will be my educational conference of choice from now on!"

—Annual Meeting attendee

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0.642 impact factor
5,664 individual print subscribers
87 institutional print subscribers
3,622 institutional digital subscriptions
56,987 unique website visits
6,396 CE tests taken

50TH ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL MEETING

The AANN 50th Annual Meeting was held at the Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina in San Diego, CA, March 17–20, 2018. More than 1,000 neuroscience professionals gathered to share research and clinical best practices. Attendees were able to earn up to 35 CE credits.

1,040 participants in the 50th AANN Annual Educational Meeting
35 maximum hours of CE one attendee could have earned
97 educational sessions to choose from
62 exhibitors
AANN BY THE NUMBERS

**Primary Position**
- Staff Nurse: 56%
- None of the above: 8%
- Administrator: 7%
- Advanced Practice Nurse: 4%
- Case Manager: 1%
- Clinical Educator: 6%
- Clinical Nurse Specialist: 6%
- Consultant: 1%
- Faculty: 1%
- Instructor: 0%
- Nurse Practitioner: 4%
- Researcher: 1%
- Student: 1%

**Primary Specialty**
- Stroke: 53%
- Neurotrauma: 14%
- Other: 17%
- Epilepsy: 3%
- Geriatric: 1%
- Movement Disorders: 1%
- Neuromuscular: 1%
- Neuro-Oncology: 2%
- Pediatrics: 3%
- Spine: 5%

6,272 Facebook page likes
844 Twitter followers
31% of AANN members involved in at least one SFG
More than 120 members serving on 19 committees
We were in good financial standing at the end of 2017 with 6.5 months in reserve. We will continue to maintain the reserves so we can invest in special projects. We also are committed to using our reserves to invest in educational programs, like the LMS, to better serve our members.

Operating revenue for the year was $3.2 million dollars, and operating expenses for the year totaled $2.2 million. AANN ended with a positive bottom line, even after investing in the LMS and generating lower profit than expected on advertising, the meeting, and product revenue.

Assets continue their upward trend, and in 2017, we ended the year with more than 1.2 million dollars in net assets. AANN’s finances are healthy and we continue to plan for the future. You can be assured that the board always will act in the best interest of our members.

These figures represent AANN’s financial activity for 2017.
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Not Pictured: Shannon Stone, Norma McNair, and Cindy Sullivan

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**ABNN MISSION**
To advance neuroscience nurses’ practice and contributions to neurological health through certification of registered nurses

**ABNN VISION**
Every person with neurological health needs will receive excellent care from ABNN-certified registered nurses.

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**Celebrating** the 40th anniversary of the CNRN credential

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**2017 CNRN DATA**

- 344 applicants
- 221 new CNRNs
- 72% average pass rate
- 64% recertification rate
- 4,600 total certificants

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**2017 SCRN DATA**

- 1,151 applicants
- 734 new SCRNs
- 73% average pass rate
- 3,758 total certificants
AGNES MARSHALL WALKER FOUNDATION (AMWF) REPORT

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**AMWF MISSION**
Supporting neuroscience nursing through education, research, professional development, and certification to promote excellence in patient care

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**AMWF GRANTS BY THE NUMBERS**

**2013**
- Founded in March

**2015**
- 2 recertification grants
- 1 research grant
- 4 2015 AANN Advances in Stroke Care Conference travel grants
- 11 2015 AANN Annual Meeting travel grants
- 5 certification grants

**2016**
- 1 certification grant
- 1 recertification grant
- 2 research grants
- 2 2016 AANN Advances in Stroke Care Conference travel grants
- 12 2016 AANN Annual Meeting travel grants

**2017**
- 5 certification grants
- 2 recertification grants
- 1 research grants
- 4 2017 AANN Advances in Stroke Care Conference travel grants
- 14 2017 AANN Annual Meeting travel grants
- 5 WFNN 12th Quadrennial Congress Travel Grants
THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED TO AMWF IN 2017.
WE APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF NEUROSCIENCE EDUCATION.

PLATINUM | $1,000 AND ABOVE

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DaiWai M. Olson
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More than $20,000 in grants were awarded by AMWF in 2017.

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WFNN TRAVEL GRANT
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AWARDS

The following award recipients were honored at the 50th Annual Educational Meeting for their contributions to and influence in advancing neuroscience nursing.

**JNN WRITING EXCELLENCE AWARD**
Megan Moyer, MSN ACNP-BC CNRN

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**EXCELLENCE IN NEUROSCIENCE EDUCATION**
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