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## American Academy of Nursing Honors

At the recent Fellows induction ceremony for the American Academy of Nursing in Washington, D.C., two NPUAP Alumni Board members were inducted. The ceremony took place on November 13, 2010 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. **Barbara Bates-Jensen, PhD, RN, CWOCN, FAAN** and **Joyce Black, PhD, RN, CPSN, CWS, FAAN** were inducted as two of the 114 new inductees.

Dr. Bates-Jensen is an Associate Professor of Nursing in the University of California – Los Angeles School of Nursing, while Dr. Black is an Associate Professor at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. Also present for the Induction Ceremony were two



*Pictured (from left to right) are Sharon Baranoski, Barbara Braden, Joyce Black, Barbara Bates-Jensen, Rita Frantz, Diane Langemo, Courtney Lyder and Elizabeth Ayello.*

current NPUAP Board members, **Dr. Barbara Braden** (Creighton University, Omaha, NE), and **Dr. Diane Langemo** (University of North Dakota, Grand

Forks, ND). Five NPUAP Alumni were in attendance, including **Dr. Elizabeth Ayello, Sharon Baranoski, Dr. Rita Frantz, and Dr. Courtney Lyder.** ■



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## And the Beat Goes On...

Laurie McNichol, MSN, RN, GNP, CWOCN

Greetings! In this, my first Message as President, I would be remiss not to acknowledge some of the contributions of my predecessor, **Dr. Laura Edsberg** (*NPUAP President 2009-2011*). Under her leadership, NPUAP realized collaboration of unparalleled proportion and hosted the first international consensus conference with a pressure ulcer focus. Using the Strategic Plan developed in the summer of 2009 as a guide, the Panel strengthened its infrastructure and is well on its way to achieving many, if not all, of the goals identified.

Momentum is a wonderful thing. At the January Panel Meeting, the group put the finishing touches on the Biennial Conference plans; if you have not already made plans to join us

in Las Vegas at Caesars Palace **February 25-26**, you will not want to miss this event. Two simultaneous conferences, a Best Practice Conference and a Consensus Conference will be offered and boast internationally-known faculty and practical, take-home information for your practice.

Our three Mission Committees (Education, Research and Public Policy) are busy with the strategies and tactics identified in the Strategic Plan. A few of their activities are highlighted below:

- The **Education Committee** is planning the first in a series of three webinars featuring up-to-the-minute dialog on the topic of Avoidable vs. Unavoidable Pressure Ulcers. Also, newly developed PowerPoint presentations relative to the *NPUAP/EPUAP International Guidelines on Pressure Ulcer Prevention and Treatment* will be available for prepublication order at the Biennial conference. These slide sets will allow purchasers to give presentations relative to the Guidelines

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knowing the content is consistent with the Guideline findings. Orders placed prior to April 1 will receive a 13% discount.

- The **Research Committee** is putting the finishing touches on a searchable Reference Database that will allow researchers, clinicians and scholars to locate pertinent papers on topics relative to pressure ulcers. Inquiries will be retrievable after entering topic, author and/or periodical. In addition, committee members will soon be launching a survey in which respondents will identify gaps in Research today and establish the Research priorities. A subcommittee of the Research Committee is the Support Surface Standardization Initiative (S3I) and their work also continues in earnest.
- The **Public Policy Committee** is hard at work to ensure that current terminology is reflected in documentation and data collection in the long-term care and home health settings. Additionally, their work to positively influence those who are developing and collecting Quality data is ongoing through partnership and collegialism with policy makers and regulatory bodies.

At the February Biennial Conference, the Panel will again present its two most illustrious awards, The Stewart Founder's Award and the Kosiak Award. Be on the lookout for the next newsletter to see whom the Panel selected for these honors. In the meantime, we will continue on the straight and narrow.

See you in Las Vegas! ■



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## NPUAP 2011 Officers Elected

The National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel is pleased to announce the election of the 2011 officers for one-year terms beginning February 2011. NPUAP's Board consists of 15 directors and officers.

The 2011 NPUAP officers elected are:

**President** . . . . . Laurie McNichol, MSN, RN, GNP, CWOCN  
**Vice President** . . . . Aimée Garcia, MD, CWS  
**Secretary** . . . . . Karin Zachow, MD, CWS  
**Treasurer** . . . . . Margaret Goldberg, MSN, RN, CWOCN

Congratulations to all! ■

## Education Committee Report

The NPUAP Education Committee, led by Co-Chairs **Becky Dorner** and **Mary Ellen Posthauer**, has been very busy this past year. The Committee completed the National Pressure Ulcer Curriculum for Nurses, which is available on the NPUAP website. The Committee conducted a survey via NPUAP's e-mail list to determine the educational needs and preferences of individuals who look to NPUAP for information. There were 523 responses, which will help with the future action of the Committee.

The Education Committee will be supporting the funding for a subcontract with the University of Nebraska Medical Center to routinely update the evidence to support Pressure Ulcer Guideline revisions.

Finally, the Committee organized the support of three successful regional conferences in Denver, Boston and Omaha. The Committee also has worked very hard on making the upcoming NPUAP Biennial Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada the most successful NPUAP conference to date. There is still time available to register for the Conference. Please go to [www.npuap.org](http://www.npuap.org) for more information. ■

## Public Policy Committee Report

NPUAP's Public Policy Committee, Chaired by **Dr. Aimée Garcia**, has experienced some major accomplishments in the last year. The Committee finalized and published the **Mucosal Pressure Ulcer Position Statement** and the **Staging Position Statement**. These position statement can be found on the NPUAP website.

The Committee also established a relationship with Dr. Shari Ling from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and was involved in the initiative for the MDS 3.0 algorithm. The algorithm is being adopted by CMS with the goal to incorporate among care settings. CMS invited the Public Policy Committee to participate in the development of the next phase of MDS which will be initiated in late 2011 to early 2012. Members of the Committee have been assigned to sit on open door forums in CMS. NPUAP alum **Dr. Elizabeth Ayello** has been working alongside CMS and the Public Policy Committee on the Quality Measures for Pressure Ulcers conference.

A committee member has been assigned to attend the National Quality Forum conference calls and the initiation of CMPT initiative after their meeting in July. Due to the July meeting, NPUAP potentially will put out a position statement based on pressure ulcers and comparative effectiveness.

The Public Policy Committee has many goals for 2011. The Committee would like to continue an ongoing relationship with CMS and finalize algorithms for use in RAI manual as well as continue dissemination of the algorithms. The Committee plans to improve on their strategic goal of developing a "face" for NPUAP. The Committee also would like to continue to establish contact with other groups with shared interest in pressure ulcers. The Public Policy Committee is ready to start off the new year strong and accomplish all their goals for 2011. ■

## NPUAP Recognizes Outgoing Officers Awards Presented During the January 2011 Panel Meeting



*Outgoing President  
Dr. Laura Edsberg  
(at right) receives  
recognition award  
from President-Elect  
Laurie McNichol.*



*Outgoing Secretary  
Mary Ellen  
Postbauer receives  
recognition  
award from  
Dr. Laura Edsberg*



*Outgoing Vice  
President Laurie  
McNichol receives  
recognition  
award from  
Dr. Laura Edsberg.*



*Outgoing Director  
Dr. Steven Reger  
receives recognition  
award from  
Dr. Laura Edsberg.*

Not pictured are outgoing directors **Dr. Janet Cuddigan** and **Dr. Gregory Schultz**. ■

## WCET: Profile of NPUAP's Newest Collaborating Organization

The **World Council of Enterostomal Therapists (WCET)** is a non-profit organization which was founded 32 years ago. The first Enterostomal Therapist was Norma N. Gill Thompson. Norma had an ostomy. Realizing there was no help available for anyone with an ostomy, she began to visit patients who had undergone ostomy surgery. A surgeon from Cleveland Clinic, Dr. Rupert Turnbull, recognized she was visiting his patients. He believed that the assistance and support she provided was essential for anyone who had ostomy surgery. Dr. Turnbull offered to train her and soon urged her to start a specialty in ostomy care known as Enterostomal Therapy. Hence, Norma N. Gill became the first Enterostomal Therapist.

Soon after, a school was established where persons with an ostomy were trained. This led to other clinicians being trained. Over time, as the role of the Enterostomal Therapist expanded, it became mandatory to be a nurse to be trained in Enterostomal Therapy. The role has since further expanded to include wound and continence care in addition to the ostomy care.

WCET's mission is to **lead the global advancement of specialized professional nursing care for people with ostomy, wound or continence needs.**

The vision of the World Council of Enterostomal Therapists is:

- To ensure specialized nursing care is available worldwide for all people with a need for ostomy, wound or continence care.
- To provide nurses worldwide with access to ostomy, wound and continence specialty education.
- Recognition as the global organization for ostomy, wound and continence care providers.
- Identification as the global leader in the specialty of ostomy, wound and continence care.

The biennial **WCET Congress** is organized for its members and any other health care professionals interested in this area. The congress offers a great opportunity to network and to learn more about the ways clinicians and patients deal with ostomy, wound and continence problems all over the world. The next WCET Congress will be in **Adelaide, Australia, April 19-23, 2012.**

The **WCET Education Committee** is responsible to revise and offer WCET recognition to educational programs worldwide. Such recognition assures that the educational activities offered by the programs respect the same standards around the world. Presently, forty-four programs are WCET recognized.

The WCET also has the **Norma N. Gill Foundation (NNGF)** which offers scholarships to nursing students to help pay for ET training, to buy educational material or to provide the support and assistance of expert ET nurses in countries where a program is given for the first time. The NNGF also offers scholarships to assist ET Nurses to attend the WCET Congress.

In addition, the scientific **WCET Journal** is published four times a year and includes articles written in languages other than English.

The WCET is a global and proactive organization with a membership of almost 1,300 members from 60 countries. For more information, visit the website: [www.wcetn.org](http://www.wcetn.org) ■

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- **On-site Registration** . . . . .  \$475

- **GROUP DISCOUNT:** Three or more attendees from the same institution who register simultaneously by January 26, 2011 may each deduct this amount:  Less \$25 (per person)

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