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President's Message

Hello Everyone,

Wow, another new year already. I could have sworn that we were just talking about Y2K yesterday and here we are already half way through the decade. With time moving so rapidly, we also need to look at how we are going to move CSAOHN forward. Your Board of Directors discussed many of these aspects at our winter meeting. Here are some of the main areas we are looking at:

- 1) Conference development and coordination.
- 2) Web site advancement
- 3) Accounting/Financial Management/Support
- 4) Practice Guidelines Continuation and Improvement
- 5) Our role on pertinent issues in governmental affairs

Some of these areas will probably result in increased costs, but we are fortunate to be financially sound. What the State has found, like so many other chapters have, is that it is increasingly difficult to obtain volunteers and that the workload to provide good service to our members

really is more than we should ask of our volunteers. The board feels that the proposed changes will only benefit our members. There will be more specifics on these as the year progresses.

I want you all to know one reason we continue to increase our sound financial standing is that our conference in San Francisco was so successful. The Board of Directors has decided that this year's conference will be in Palms Springs, hopefully in October. We are working with a group to try and tie down a hotel. I want to thank you all for your input on the conference survey; it was extremely helpful to the Board in making conference decisions.

Finally, a note to the chapter presidents regarding State President's visits, we have decided that it would be best if the President visit chapters upon request rather than just try to see all each year. I would be glad to come and speak on the "State of the State" or any other educational topic I might have some knowledge on, or I would also gladly come and assist with your installation of officers. Hopefully, this will make the visits more meaningful and useful for your chapter as well as control costs for the State.

Monika

Valuable Vendors

One of the wonderful aspects of our annual conference is the participation of our dedicated partners, our vendors. Their information and resources have contributed to hundreds of OHN tasks becoming easier.

If you know of a company that would be interested in participating in the 2006 conference or if you are aware of a resource that you want to share with your colleagues, please contact Monika Fischer or Connie Grondona!

A few of our faithful supporters have become Patron Members. The Gold Members include:

Edwards Medical

YOH

Haag and Associates

Our Silver Members include:

USHealthworks

Please make sure that you visit their booths at the 2006 conference in Palm Springs!

California Night at the AAOHN Symposium

Come join your fellow CSAOHN members attend AAOHN Symposium and Expo at our California Night on Monday, May 8, 2006 at 5:00pm. It will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in the Executive Suite (room 224). See the reader board in the lobby for more information. Light refreshments and beverages will be served.

ANA/California RN Lobby Days A Legislative Program for Nurses April 23-24, 2006 Sacramento, CA

On April 23 & 24, 2006, the American Nurses Association California will present a dynamic educational conference in Sacramento. This legislative program for nurses will show you how to focus your efforts in supporting the nursing agenda throughout the State of California. It will introduce you to the legislative process, the internal workings of state agendas and regulations, and give you a peek into the intriguing world of state politics. The program includes speakers from the Board of Registered Nursing, as well as, various state departments, including the Department of Health Services.

ANA/California is approved by the BRN as a provider for continuing education in nursing. The registrants who attend this program will earn 7 contact hours for Sunday and 4 contact hours for Monday.

ANA/C members:

Both 23 rd & 24 th	\$70
Sunday only	\$50
Monday only	\$30

All Others:

Both 23 rd & 24 th	\$100
Sunday only	\$70
Monday only	\$45

Registrations must be received by April 15th, 2006. For additional information on attending this educational opportunity, contact Samantha at 916-447-0225.