



# OUTLOOK

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My, hasn't the summer flown by. The talk everywhere is of back to school. I'm sure for the kids, that is the sound of terror, but the sound of relief for parents. August has also brought the Olympics from their birthplace in Athens. In watching these individuals, I feel such pride for our country, but I also see young people with a dedication to a dream. As I think about occupational health nursing I realize we too have extreme dedication to the American workforce and to making the work place safer for the worker.

CSAOHN has a dedication to meet the needs of its members. This newsletter is one way we do this. We have also continued to work in Sacramento to affect legislation related to our profession. Finally we have once again put together an excellent educational opportunity for you. By now you should have received your conference brochure. Stop now and take time to complete the registration form so you can join us in Anaheim on Oct 14-16, 2004 to continue our dedication to the profession of occupational health nursing and see "Dreams Become Reality".

Monika

## QUARTERLY TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 07/30/04, the CSAOHN Budget shows:

Retained Earnings 1/1/03	\$93,332.57
Revenue	\$18,279.75
Expenses	\$19,898.14
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ (1,618.39)
Total Retained Earnings	\$91,714.18



## VOTE IN THE STATE ELECTIONS!

The candidates are:

- **Treasurer: Pam Harbor-Cannon**
- **Director CECRAOHN (El Camino)**
  - Carla Bentley
- **Director CIAOHN (Inland)**
  - Brenda Hellerud
  - Deanna Stover
- **Director OCCAOHN (Orange Co.)**
  - Marsha Locke
- **Director SDCAOHN (San Diego)**
  - Patti Rossman
- **Director SVCAOHN (Sacramento)**
  - Lori Schaumleffel
- **Committee on Nominations (Two Positions)**
  - Mary Gene Ryan
  - Karen H. Thorsen
  - Beverly D. Tobias

The ballots for the 2005-2006 term have been mailed to CSAOHN eligible, voting members. These were mailed to the member addresses as listed in the AAOHN database.

Your ballot packet includes 4 items:

1. Candidate Educational and Professional Background (one page, two sided)
2. Voting Instructions and Ballot (one page)
3. Ballot Envelope
4. Pre Addressed Return Envelope

**Your ballot must be submitted as directed and postmarked by September 20, 2004 to be counted.** If you have received an incomplete ballot packet, please contact [margie.matsui@ngc.com](mailto:margie.matsui@ngc.com)

**ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER NEWS***Submitted by David Hoffman, President*

OCCAOHN held its 51st annual business meeting on May 12th at the Irvine Ranch House. Jeanette Thomas (founding member of OCCAOHN) was present for the 51<sup>st</sup> time and entertained the members with some jokes.

Several awards were given out including the Founders Award, which honors an OHN who promotes and advances positive views of Occupational Health Nursing, and demonstrates leadership, vision, dedication and expertise within Occupational Health Nursing. Sandra Elias was this year's winner.

Another award given out was OCCAOHN's President's Award, which is given to a board member who has been a volunteer-extraordinaire. This person gives personal time to support activities and events, exhibits initiative, motivates membership to participate in activities, increases the awareness of Occupational Health Nursing and is goal oriented. This year, Marsha Locke was honored.

OCCAOHN is busy planning for the 2004-2005 term. This year we will be hosting the annual Tri-Association where the Orange County, the Harbor and the Inland chapters get together for a one-day seminar.

**IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES!**

<b>CSAOHN BOD Meeting</b>	10/14/04	Anaheim
<b>Conference of Leaders</b>	9/27 – 10/1/04	Seattle, WA
<b>CSAOHN Conference</b>	10/14 – 10/16/04	Anaheim
<b>AAOHN 2005 Conference</b>	4/20 – 5/6/05	Minneapolis , MN

**GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS NEWS***Submitted by Lori Douglass, Chair*

AB 2919, the CSAOHN sponsored bill, was signed into law by the Governor in July, which removed the sunset clause for nurse practitioners to evaluate Occupational injuries and authorize up to three days off work and co-sign the Doctor's First Reports.

Our thanks to those that sent letters, called their Assemblyperson/Senator and testified on our bill. That is the reason for our success!

**Dept of Insurance Hearing:**

Hearing and comments on:

Approval of advisory pure premium rates  
Relating to AB 749, SB 228/AB 227 & SB  
899 - impact on 2005 policies

Reporting and recording of data

Amendments to W/C uniform statistical  
reporting plan Sept 15th

22nd floor Hearing Room

45 Fremont Street

San Francisco, CA

>For copies of the proposed regs., go to:

[www.wcirbonline.org/filings](http://www.wcirbonline.org/filings)

**Hearing on Second Opinion Procedures  
for Spinal Surgery**

Sept 21 @ 10am - oral or written  
comments:

Auditorium of Gov Hiram Johnson

State Office Bldg

455 Golden Gate Ave

San Francisco, CA

For a copy of the proposed regulations,

etc. go to: <http://www.dir.ca.gov/>>

[www.dir.ca.gov](http://www.dir.ca.gov) under Rulemaking-  
proposed regulation.



**RENEW YOUR 2005 MEMBERSHIP**

State membership dues support many programs and activities, such as our legislative lobbyist, awards, and the State Conference.

To renew your membership, mail/fax in the form from AAOHN, or renew online using the AAOHN Web site at: [www.aaohn.org](http://www.aaohn.org). Use your member login number, then click "renew membership" in the top right corner.

**PART-TIME NURSE PRACTITIONER POSITION**

The City of Glendale Employee Health Services is seeking a part-time Nurse Practitioner to work mornings 5 days a week. Must be capable of flexing schedule to cover as needed. Strong clinical background required. Must have experience with occupational health issues and testing, and the California's Workers' Compensation system. Some health promotion activities are possible as well. For further information contact the City of Glendale Human Resources at (818) 548-2110 or go to [www.ci.glendale.ca.us/jobs](http://www.ci.glendale.ca.us/jobs)

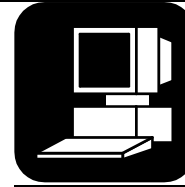
**AWARDS AND RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITIES**

Although the September 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for the four State Association Scholarships has past, there are many opportunities at the National level for grants and scholarships, as well as recognition.

AAOHN Foundation has three types of Research grants and three types of Educational/Leadership scholarships.

Awards for Chapter efforts in Governmental Affairs, Communications, Public Service, Education and Chapter of the Year occur annually at the National Conference. Individual awards for Research, Innovations and the Nurse in Washington Internship (NIWI) are also available.

For more information and applications: **(Deadline is 12/1/04)**  
[www.aaohn.org/member\\_services/awards/index.cfm](http://www.aaohn.org/member_services/awards/index.cfm)

**HOW TO FIND AND EVALUATE QUALITY MEDICAL WEB SITES**

Because the web has become a vital source of medical information for consumers, it is important for Occupational Health Nurses to be knowledgeable resources for our workers.

How do you find and evaluate these web sites?

There are several helpful Internet sites available that discuss how to search the web for medical information, top health web sites, and having a criteria for evaluating these web sites for quality.

Listed below are five sites to help you as a health care provider learn and make referrals for your workers.

1. 10 Tips on Evaluating Immunization Information – CDC  
[www.cdc.gov/od/nvpo/tips.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/od/nvpo/tips.htm)
2. Untangling the Web: How to find quality health information – Univ. of Washington –  
[http://healthlinks.washington.edu/hst/liasons/schnall/Untangling the web.pdf](http://healthlinks.washington.edu/hst/liasons/schnall/Untangling%20the%20web.pdf)
3. Evaluating Information Found on the Internet: A Guide for Consumers – Univ. Hospitals of Cleveland  
[www.urainbow.com/families/webguide/evaluation.asp](http://www.urainbow.com/families/webguide/evaluation.asp)
4. Evaluating Health Information Found on the Internet – Johns Hopkins Univ.  
[www.library.jhu.edu/elp/useit/evaluate/index.html](http://www.library.jhu.edu/elp/useit/evaluate/index.html)
5. Tips on Healthy Surfing Online- Internet Healthcare Coalition  
[www.ihealthcoalition.org/content/tips.html](http://www.ihealthcoalition.org/content/tips.html)