



OUTLOOK

many years of dedication and wish him the best

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is difficult to believe another year is behind us. It has been quite a year with our continuing presence in Iraq and all the election hype. For CSAOHN it has been an emotionally mixed year. We had a great conference in Anaheim. The speakers were great and our outside event on Friday night was fabulous. Great big thanks to Pam Harbor-Cannon for arranging it. Also thank you to the conference committee for all they did, especially Julie Rochefort for her work on the program topics and speakers.

One sad not for California is that one of the state chapters, Northern California (NCAOHN) has dissolved. Unfortunately like many chapters, getting enough people to serve on the board and the distance members live did it in. I did have the pleasure of attending their farewell luncheon in Berkley.

I want to welcome all the new board members. Our Treasurer, Pam Harbor-Cannon continues on undaunting. We had 2 members, Patti Rossman (SDCAOHN) and Marsha Locke (OCCAOHN) who continue on. Our 2 new directors are Lori Schaumeleffel (SVCAOHN) and Carla Bentley (CECRAOHN). I want to thank Mary Gene Ryan for filling our vacancy at Director for CCCAOHN.

At our annual meeting we voted to change the bylaws. Please see the information on that later in the newsletter.

There is another change you will be noting shortly. After so many years of gracious voluntary service to develop and maintain our web site, John Conover, is finding it is becoming too time consuming. Therefore, the Board of Directors has voted to place it in paid professional hands. We thank John for his

Finally it has been decided, the 2005 CSAOHN Annual Conference will be held in San Francisco on November 4 and 5th with a pre-conference on the 3rd. Please look at the web site for more information. Also for all of you who will be attending the AAOHN Symposium in Minnesota, CSAOHN will once again be sponsoring, California night. It will be held in the Dome Room above the Penthouse in the Millennium Hotel from 5-8 pm on Monday, May 2, 2005. Look for the flyers around. Also there is a private elevator to take you up there. Bring along OHNs from other states as well. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Monika Fischer
California State Association of Occupational Health Nurses - President

NEWS from OCCAOHN

OCCAOHN received the 2005 AAOHN Chapter Award for Communications for our website and electronic newsletter.

The award was accepted by FOCCAOHN First Vice President, Carol Murdock on May 4, 2005 at the 2005 AAOHN Symposium & Expo.

OCCAOHN acknowledges the vision and work of OCCAOHN President, David Hoffman for developing and maintaining the website and newsletter these past six years.

Dr. Arlene Blix, OCCAOHN, was inducted as an AAOHN Fellow along with Monika Fischer, CSAOHN President on Wednesday, May 4, 2005 at the 2005 AAOHN

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Bylaws Ammendment

Under Article X, Section 2 of the bylaws of the California State Association of Occupational Health Nurses, Inc., (CSAOHN):

“These bylaws may be amended at any Annual Meeting or Special Meeting without previous notice by a ninety-nine (99) percent vote of the members present and voting provided that the proposed amendments shall have been approved by the Board of Directors and proposed changes are given to those members in attendance at the Annual meeting.”

At the Board meeting, the proposal to amend the bylaws to eliminate the Vice-President position and replace it with a President-Elect position was discussed and approved. It was brought forward at the Annual Business Meeting and approved by 99%. A copy of the proposed amendments is included in this newsletter.

The rationale behind this decision is that:

- * It would assure that we have someone to step into the president position.
- * It would ensure some continuity in the Officers.
- * Most organizations have gone this way.
- * AAOHN has done this.
- * It would shorten the commitment time on behalf of someone running for President from 8 to 6 years.

Dying to serve CSAOHN? **Become a Director**

What could a director do?

Besides the duties outlined in the CSAOHN bylaws, Directors have the opportunity to participate in many interesting aspects of service. They

have the opportunity to learn new skills and meet new people. Some activities you might be involved in are:

- * Production of a newsletter
- * Digital photography of meetings and events
- * Working with the web page
- * Working and recruiting patron members
- * Promoting the field of occupational health nursing
- * Monitoring of and participation in legislative issues
- * Development of awards
- * Development of educational opportunities

The devotion of time is relatively minimal throughout the year. At times much must be done and others nothing. Meetings are focused and kept as short as possible to meet the needs of CSAOHN. Please consider the opportunity to participate in something of great value to you and all the OHNs in California.

