



AWHONN 2015 Annual Convention Long Beach, CA

**Gerald Lowe
Virginia Section Chair**



Greetings,

Recently I had the privilege of meeting with the leadership team of Virginia AWHONN. Due to inclement weather, we were not able to meet as planned shortly after the New Year. It was time well spent, meeting with new section and chapter leaders and planning for the next two years. We are welcoming some new faces to the leadership team but all leaders are dedicated to promoting the health of women and newborns.

With the leadership, I have taken several steps to make Virginia AWHONN more accessible to the membership. First, I have appointed a Section Coordinating Team consisting of the Section Chair, Secretary/Treasurer, Public Information Officer, Chapter leaders and two members. The team is tasked as an advisory to the chair and a resource to the membership by assisting with meetings, education, and dissemination of information. Please visit our website to find a Virginia Chapter and view your leadership team.

Next, Chapter Leaders will be holding at least three meetings per calendar year. These meetings are to include educational, social/networking and community service opportunities.

Additionally, I have appointed Britney Howell as our first Student Nurse Coordinator. Britney is tasked with designing avenues for student nurses to become familiar with and involved in Virginia AWHONN.

Regional conferences and symposiums are happening across the commonwealth. Please visit our website (www.awhonnva.org) to stay updated on events in women's health. Our Annual Convention will be held in Long Beach, California, June 13-17, 2015.

We are finalizing the 2015 Virginia Section Conference which will be held minutes from Washington, DC. This year's event is titled: "**OGN Nursing in 2025: Are You Ready?**" It will be held September 18-19, 2015. Please visit the website for more information.

We are looking forward to an exciting new year with Virginia AWHONN. Our goals for this year are to increase membership, support nursing, and meet the educational needs of nurses providing care to women and newborns.

Please join us as we promote the health of women and newborns!

Gerald A. Lowe, MSN, RN
Section Chair
Virginia AWHONN

Virginia Section Leaders

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VA Maternal Mortality Commission Representative

Debbie Levin

Section Coordinating Team: *Gerald Lowe, Jessica Fenton, Deanna Daniel, Britney Howell, Kim Edmondson, Heather Tackling*

Virginia Chapter Leaders and Updates

Blue Ridge Chapter

Chapter Leader: *Lora Davidson*

Jefferson Chapter

Chapter Co-Leader: *Sharon Fickley*

Chapter Co-Leader: *Paula Pippin*

Rappahannock Chapter >>>

Chapter Co-Leader: *Liz Forjan*

Chapter Co-Leader: *Sharon Scott*

A sponsored dinner conference was held on Thursday, May 21st entitled "What's the Worst That Could Happen? Litigation and Nurse Liability". The speaker was Mike Young, a Volunteer Cuddler in the NICU.

South Central Chapter >>>

Chapter Leader: *Denise Doss*

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 2nd, 6pm at Virginia Baptist Hospital in Lynchburg. Dr. Brent Carothers will be reviewing fetal arrhythmias and potential interventions utilized in patient care. A brochure will be posted on the website. Planning is in progress for an anesthesia update in September.

Tidewater Chapter >>>>>>

Chapter Leader: *Lenore Giovanelli*

We are looking forward to the 2015 VA Section AWHONN Conference. We will be meeting in June to review for preliminary actions for the 2016 VA Section Conference. Good things are happening in Tidewater!

Peninsula Chapter >>>>>>

Chapter Co-Leader: *Taryn Krigbaum*

Chapter Co-Leader: *Abigail Webber*

Please join us for our next webinar meeting on June 17th! Contact us at peninsula@awhonnva.org for more information.

NOVA/DC Chapter >>>>>>

Chapter Leader: *Lisa Klein*

Plans are coming together for the 2015 VA Section AWHONN Conference. Watch the website for details on poster presentation registration and the "Bring a Friend" Discount!"

Richmond Chapter >>>>>>

Chapter Co-Leader: *Barbara Gesme*

Chapter Co-Leader: *Amy Prince*

Visit the Richmond Chapter website to share your opinion on topics of interest and preferred meeting formats. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, June 6th from 9am – 1pm at St. Francis Medical Center in the Florence Conference Room on the 1st floor. Featured webinars: "Nurses Leading Implementation of Nitrous Oxide Use in Obstetrics" and "Perinatal Measures for Public Reporting"

Mark Your Calendars...



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June 13-17, 2015
Long Beach Convention Center
Long Beach, CA

2015 Virginia Section Conference **“OGN Nursing in 2025: Are You Ready?”**

September 18-19, 2015
Holiday Inn Arlington at Ballston
4610 North Fairfax Drive
Arlington, VA 22203



Newsletter submissions and/or suggestions are always welcome; we want to know what's going on in your chapter.

Contact Deanna Daniel at pio@awhonnva.org