



BONUS Spring 2007 Newsletter

Debra Vogt - President

Greetings BONUS members (new and returning). For new members, this is a wonderful group of professionals that work hard and enjoy having fun. I am so looking forward to seeing all of you in New Orleans.

In December, I made a big change in my professional and personal life. I moved from the University of Iowa, College of Nursing to the University of Minnesota, School of Nursing. This has been a challenge as I did not remember what it means to begin a new position at a new university and the time that is involved. I am so enjoying the UMN School of Nursing. The other challenge is that my family is still in Iowa. We all are hoping that they will be moving in June. This is dependent upon our house selling in Iowa.

I am looking forward to our conference in New Orleans. I am so identifying with our conference theme: Rebuild, Revive, Renew. We have an excellent slate of speakers and many wonderful activities to experience.

I sincerely hope that each of you will enjoy the conference and the surroundings. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or any of the other officers. I look forward to seeing you in a few weeks.

Dale Walker – Nominating Committee Chair

The “call for nominations” went out February 21, 2007. At the meeting in April we will be looking to elect the following positions:

President-Elect
Secretary
Networking Committee Chair
Nominating Committee Chair

Please be thinking about who you might want to nominate. Self nominations are gladly accepted. It is a wonderful way to become more involved in BONUS.

Tom Kelly – Special Projects Chair

The 22nd annual BONUS Conference in New Orleans is just around the corner. And with Spring approaching quickly, New Orleans will be a great venue for our meeting.

We have some good news this year about outside support for our annual conference. To date, we have contacted 11 vendors requesting conference support and I am happy to report that along with support for the President's Reception from the University of Minnesota School of Nursing, we have secured conference support from Compass Knowledge, a distance learning services company. We are also pursuing an additional lead. It would be great to have three sponsors this year!

Thanks to all of the BONUS members that made this a success. I'm planning ahead - put your thinking caps on for vendor contacts to help support our 2008 conference in Boston.

In November a Call for Posters was sent out and Lisa Vaughn, University of Mississippi, will be the facilitator and Anthony Rini, New York University, will be the facilitator for "Workload – How it Affects the Budget".

Hope you are all able to join us in New Orleans

Jodi DiGennaro – Planning Committee Chair

Beads! Cajun food! Music! Fun!

You are all invited to the BONUS Annual Conference at the Royal Sonesta Hotel in New Orleans, LA on April 25-27, 2007. Brochures have been mailed and I encourage you to send in your registration as soon as you can. This year's conference is packed full of great speakers, fun activities and plenty of chances to network with fellow business officers. If you're feeling alone in your job, this is your chance to meet others just like you, share experiences, and bring home a network to be a part of everyday. I look forward to seeing old friends, meeting new ones and spending time catching up on everything. See you in New Orleans!!