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CONSTITUENTS ELECT NEW CCNE BOARD AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Washington, DC, July 13, 2016 - The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) has successfully completed its 2016 elections process. CCNE distributed ballots to accredited nursing education programs (baccalaureate, master's, Doctor of Nursing Practice, and post-graduate APRN certificate) and accredited nurse residency programs, to be cast in the elections for the CCNE Board of Commissioners and the CCNE Nominating Committee. Ballots were cast electronically by institutions, resulting in a 63% response rate. The election results are presented below.

CCNE Board of Commissioners

Representing Chief Nurse Administrators

Sheila Smith, PhD, ANP-BC, ARNP
Dean and Professor
School of Nursing
Pacific Lutheran University
Tacoma, WA

Representing Faculty

Pamela Simmons, PhD, APRN, FNP-BC
Professor and Senior Director
College of Nursing
Northwestern State University of Louisiana
Shreveport, LA

Representing Practicing Nurses

Mary Jane Hanson, PhD, CRNP, CNS
Family Nurse Practitioner
Penn-Kidder Medical Center
Professor and Director, Graduate Nursing Program
University of Scranton
Scranton, PA

Representing Professional Consumers

Kathleen Burke, PhD, RN, CENP, FAAN
Corporate Director, Nursing Professional Development and Innovation
University of Pennsylvania Healthsystem
Assistant Dean, Clinical Nurse Learning and Innovation
University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing
Philadelphia, PA

CCNE Nominating Committee

Chair:

Michele Upvall, PhD, RN, CRNP
Professor
College of Nursing
University of Central Florida
Orlando, FL

Members:

Shirleatha Lee, PhD, RN, CNE
Associate Dean of Academic Programs
Loewenberg College of Nursing
The University of Memphis
Memphis, TN

John McFadden, PhD, CRNA
Dean and Professor
College of Nursing and Health Sciences
Barry University
Miami Shores, FL

Cheryl Robinson, DNS, MS, NNP-BC
Associate Professor, NNP Specialty Track Coordinator
School of Nursing
University of Alabama at Birmingham
Birmingham, AL

Kit Smith, PhD, RN, CNE
Assistant Dean for Program Evaluation
School of Nursing and Health Studies
University of Missouri - Kansas City
Kansas City, MO

*The members of the Nominating Committee elect one of its members to chair the committee the following year.

The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education is an autonomous accrediting agency contributing to the improvement of the public's health. CCNE ensures the quality and integrity of baccalaureate and graduate nursing education programs and nurse residency programs. As a voluntary, self-regulatory process, CCNE accreditation supports and encourages continuing self-assessment by nursing programs and supports continuing growth and improvement of collegiate professional education and nurse residency programs.

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