



New Officers, Regional Directors Assume Leadership Roles in Texas Nurses Association

Austin, Texas – On July 1, 2011, **Margie Dorman-O'Donnell, MSN, RN** of North Richland Hills, Tex., assumed a two-year term of office as the newly elected president of Texas Nurses Association (TNA), a professional membership organization of registered nurses (RN) in Texas. As president, she will also serve as a delegate to the American Nurses Association House of Delegates when it meets annually.

Professionally, Dorman-O'Donnell is director of Case Management for Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth. She brings to her newly elected position a wealth of leadership experience within TNA that includes two, two-year terms of office as TNA vice president, and service as TNA secretary. She has also been chairman of the TNA Regulatory Task Force, and co-chairman of the RN/APN Political Action Committee, as well as an active member and leader within her local TNA District 3.

Dorman-O'Donnell succeeds Susy Sportsman, PhD, RN, who completed two full terms of service as TNA president, 2006 to 2010.

Turner Re-elected Secretary-Treasurer

Claudia Turner, MSN, RN was re-elected by the membership to serve a second two-year term of office as the secretary-treasurer of TNA. Turner is nursing faculty in the Associate Degree Nursing Program at Temple College in Temple. In the past, she has served as both chairman and committee member of the TNA Finance Committee

New Regional Directors

As of July 1, 2011, three newly elected regional directors assumed their four-year terms of office. They will serve on the TNA Board of Directors to guide the professional nursing organization forward.

Tamara Eades, MSN, RN will represent the TNA North Region on the Board of Directors. Eades who resides in Weatherford is currently chief nursing officer at Palo Pinto General Hospital in Mineral Wells.

Kim Belcik, BSN, RN-BC will hold the TNA Board seat that represents its Central Region membership. Belcik is currently a direct patient care nurse at Seton Northwest Hospital in Austin.

Eve Layman, PhD, RN, NEA-BC was elected by her South Region colleagues to represent them on TNA's Board of Directors. A resident of Corpus Christi, Dr. Layman is currently associate dean for Graduate Programs and associate professor, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi College of Nursing and Health Sciences. She also currently serves her local TNA District 17 as president.

Leaders Fulfilling Terms of Office

TNA Vice President **Victoria England, RN, BSN, MBA** of Garland continues to serve the association as an officer. A resident of Garland, past chairman of the TNA Governmental Affairs Committee, and past president of her local TNA District 4, England lives in Garland and is the Magnet Program Director at UT Southwestern University Hospitals, Dallas.

With staggered terms of office, two of the five elected regional directors continue to serve on the TNA Board for the remainder of their four-year terms. **Viola Hebert, BSN, MA, RN**, director, Bariatric Services Program, Bayshore Medical Center, Pasadena, represents the East Region; **Jo Rake, MSN, RN, CNAA**, vice president of nursing, Hendrick Health System, Abilene, represents the West Region.

About Texas Nurses Association

Texas Nurses Association (www.texasnurses.org) is a professional organization of registered nurses, and the only Texas constituent member association of the American Nurses Association. Texas Nurses Association seeks to promote excellence in nursing by helping nurses achieve quality patient care through high standards of practice, legislative involvement, and public policy advocacy.