

Inaugural Fellows of the NCSBN Regulatory Institute Inducted Aug. 9, 2007

CHICAGO - The National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc. (NCSBN) inducted its inaugural group of Fellows of the NCSBN Regulatory Institute on Aug. 9, 2007, during the NCSBN Annual Meeting and Delegate Assembly held in Chicago. The Institute for Regulatory Excellence (IRE) began in 2004 with the purpose of providing boards of nursing with high quality regulatory education,

expanding the body of knowledge related to regulation through research and scholarly work, developing the capacity of regulators to become expert leaders, and developing a network of regulators who collaborate to improve regulatory practices and outcomes. The IRE is a series of educational conferences held annually with the following topics rotated on a four-year cycle: Public Protection/Role

Development of Nursing Regulators, Discipline, Competency and Evaluation/Remediation Strategies, and Organizational Structure/Behavior.

The IRE Fellowship Program is a four-year program requiring attendance at the IRE conferences and the completion of scholarly works. Individuals who complete the NCSBN Fellowship Program requirements are called a Fellow of the NCSBN Regulatory Institute (FRE) and are entitled to use the initials FRE after their name in recognition of their accomplishment.

The 2007 inaugural class of fellows are:

- **Pamela Ambush-Burris, MSN, RN, FRE**, Director of Education &

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Congratulations to our very own Valerie Smith, Associate Director Nursing Practice & Investigations, for being inducted into the inaugural group of Fellows of the NCSBN Regulatory Institute

- Licensure, Maryland Board of Nursing
- **Karla Bitz, MGMT, RN, FRE,** Associate Director, North Dakota Board of Nursing
 - **Gloria Damgaard, RN, MS, FRE,** Executive Secretary, South Dakota Board of Nursing
 - **Dorothy Fulton, MA, RN, FRE,** Executive Director (retired), Alaska Board of Nursing
 - **Julia George, RN, MSN, FRE,** Associate Executive Director for Programs, North Carolina Board of Nursing
 - **Randall Hudspeth, MS, APRN-NP/CNS, FRE,** Board Member, Idaho State Board of Nursing, Director of Professional Practice, Saint Alphonsus RMC
 - **Lorinda Inman, MSN, RN, FRE,** Executive Director, Iowa Board of Nursing
 - **Constance Kalanek, PhD, RN, FRE,** Executive Director, North Dakota Board of Nursing
 - **Charlene Kelly, PhD, RN, FRE,** Executive Director, Nursing and Nursing Support, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure Nursing and Nursing Support
 - **Betty Sims, MSN, RN, FRE,** Nurse Consultant, Texas Board Nursing (until June 2007)
 - **Valerie Smith, MS, RN, FRE,** Associate Director Nursing Practice & Investigations, Arizona State Board of Nursing
 - **Margaret Walker, PhD, MBA, BSN, RN, FRE,** Executive Director, New Hampshire Board of Nursing

NCSBN elected new members to its Board of Directors during its 2007 Delegate Assembly.

CHICAGO - The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) elected new members to its Board of Directors during its 2007 Delegate Assembly. Members representing the boards of nursing elected Area Directors for a two-year term and two Directors-at-Large for one-year terms. Those elected include:

AREA DIRECTORS

I. **Kathy Malloch, PhD, MBA, RN, FAAN**, Board member, Arizona Board of Nursing. Malloch was previously elected Director-at-Large on the NCSBN Board of Directors and was appointed Area I Director to fill a vacancy in 2006. She has served as Chair of the Practice Breakdown Advisory Panel and as a member of the Governance and Leadership Task

Force. A board member of the Arizona Board of Nursing since 1999, Malloch served three terms as President and was the Chair of the Education Committee and the Scope of Practice Committee.

II. **Betsy Houchen, RN, MS, JD**, Executive Director, Ohio Board of Nursing. Houchen has participated in previous NCSBN Delegate Assemblies by serving as a delegate and alternate delegate.

III. **Julia George, RN, MSN**, Associate Executive Director for Programs, North Carolina Board of Nursing. George has participated in the NCSBN Institute of Regulatory Excellence Fellowship Program, 2004 – 2007 and served on the NCSBN Resolutions Committee from 2002 –

CONGRATULATIONS to
Kathy Malloch elected
NCSBN Board of Directors

2003 and the Practice, Regulation & Education Committee from 2003 – 2004.

IV. **Gino Chisari, MSN, RN**, Deputy Executive Director, Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing. Chisari previously served as Director-at-Large on the NCSBN Board of Directors from 2006 – 2007. He was a member of the Practice Regulation and Education Committee from 2002 – 2006, serving as chair for the past two years. He also served as Chair of the Nominations Committee in 2001 and 2003.