

# The Monitor

American Association of Critical Care Nurses  
Greater Milwaukee Area Chapter



## WELCOME

2020-2021

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Brandt**

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## Unstoppable

AACN 2019-2020 Theme

*Unstoppable is knowing if we get knocked down, we get up again.  
It's using our unique talents to expose inefficiencies and celebrate  
positive, innovative solutions, no matter how small.*

~ Megan Brunson, AACN President

## Last Message from President Jennifer Prom



It is hard to look back on this past year as a whole without taking into consideration our nation's and world's events. We are at a pivoting time in our country and even the world addressing racism like never before. Racism is not to be tolerated and it breaks my heart that so many have had to suffer in order to make real change and reform. I hope we can come together like never before to understand our differences while embracing them as well. We can all learn so much from each other and learn new ways to support and progress as a community, city, state, nation and world.

Earlier this year we were able to gather in person for education events and meetings. Because of the turn of events this spring with COVID, we needed to cancel all in person events. As a board and education committee, we are quickly looking at ways to carry on our education sessions and board meetings virtually. We are looking at new ways to volunteer and support our causes. Although we may



## Last Message from President Jennifer Prom, continued

not be able to meet in person, we look forward to providing an opportunity to carry on our presentations, education sessions and outreach in new forms.

We are excited to welcome new board members for this upcoming year and encourage each one of you to take a look at what you may be interested in as a future board member. In my opinion, the impact and benefit that you will have of being a board member will outweigh the commitment time, especially as virtual options open up.

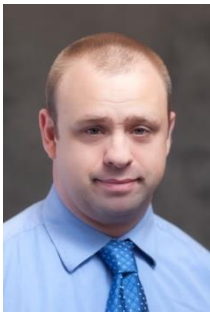
I hope everyone is able to enjoy the summer, even in some modified forms. Take time to relax, socialize in whatever form you can, whether it is a phone call or in a socially distanced safe practice. It has been a privilege to serve this past year as your president and look forward to seeing everyone next year, virtually.

*Jen*

Jennifer Prom, MSHA, BBA, BSN, RN, NE-BC



## First Message from 2020-2021 President Patrick McNally



July begins the new year for AACN-GMAC and I will transition from President-Elect to President. I would like to thank Jen Prom and the outgoing board members for a job well done over the past year. I look forward to working with our members and new board over the next year. I have been a Registered Nurse for over 15 years in various roles. I currently work as Director of Critical Care and Emergency Services for Froedtert Menomonee Falls and Froedtert West Bend. I have been a member of GMAC for 5 years and have served in several board positions.

The last five months have been a challenging time for Critical Care Nurses. During the COVID response nurses were required to be compassionate, resilient, and adaptable. These skills allowed nurses to set the tempo in a rapidly changing environment. Critical Care Nurses transformed their practice over-night to meet patient needs. Nurses consistently went above and beyond. The work was nothing less than heroic.

As we look forward, we will need to be resilient and adaptable for GMAC to remain relevant. Over the next year we will seek new ways to engage members. As there will continue to be constraints on in-person meetings, we will explore expanding our digital platform and seek opportunities to offer alternatives to in-person meetings. Undoubtedly, there will be some learning curves; however, we ask you remain patient. I am confident we will find new ways to remain relevant for our Critical Care Nurses.

*Patrick*

Patrick McNally MSN, MA, RN, NE-BC, CPPS, CSSGB



## Treasurer's Report – Kathrine Barry

### The Treasurer's Chest

The year has ended and we all were busy working through it... And there were many changes that took place to adapt our practices to a different way of life these days. Since we no longer had in person educational sessions, we did not hold cash raffles for donated baskets, nor did we have membership raffles. These points, as well as others, will be discussed at the Strategic Planning Meeting with The Board for next year. This past fiscal year has been challenging for both myself and our chapter, and I thank you for the opportunity to serve as our Treasurer and help in any way I could.

#### I & O's

Wells Fargo  
Checking \$15,620.52  
Savings \$10,586.70

Baird Investment  
\$22,289.58



## Membership – Jackie Klotz

### Membership Update

**Thank you to everyone who voted for our 2020-2021 board members!**

**We are excited for the upcoming year. Caroline Brandt will be your new Membership Chair.**

Current Membership: 92 • New Members: 5 • Renewals: 4

#### Membership Reminders:

1. We have transitioned to an all-electronic membership at this time. Please visit <https://milwaukeeaacn.nursingnetwork.com> to join or renew membership today. Yearly GMAC membership \$37 and student membership \$10.
2. Cash will be accepted for guests and students at the education sessions. Fees are Guest \$ 21 and student \$10.
3. Print membership cards from <https://milwaukeeaacn.nursingnetwork.com>
4. Please share with colleagues about this amazing professional nursing organization!
5. Changes to Bulk Membership: Click [HERE](#) for details



## Education Committee

### A Message from the Education Committee

**We received communication from Ascension Wauwatosa hospitality services confirming that Ascension Administrators have cancelled all meetings at their sites through the end of 2020.**



So now what? The AACN-GMAC Board has purchased a *ZOOM* membership to support their work and education sessions. The Education Committee is planning to continue to provide our membership with quality education programs with CE offerings – via *ZOOM*.

The Committee will be sending a brief survey to GMAC members in July, to get feedback about interest in *ZOOM* sessions, dates/times, and topics. Please watch for e-mails and information on GMAC website (<https://milwaukeeaacn.nursingnetwork.com>) for link to the survey and dates for programs. We anticipate having our first *ZOOM* session in September.

*Your Help is Needed!*

The Education Committee is looking for members to help plan the 2020-2021 education sessions. This is a ground-breaking year as we seek to broaden our horizons and provide on-line sessions. If interested, contact either Valerie Kolmer ([valerie.kolmer@att.net](mailto:valerie.kolmer@att.net)) or Beth Hammer ([bungalowhome@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bungalowhome@sbcglobal.net)).

**FIRST MEETING: Monday, July 20, 2020, 6:30-7:30 p.m. via ZOOM.**



## Outreach Opportunities – Jackie Klotz

### **GMAC is always looking for Outreach Projects!**

Unfortunately, due to limitations of COVID-19, outreach may have a different platform this Fall.

Please keep looking for ways to serve in our new world. Many people are in need with the pandemic. If you have any suggestions on how we can donate our time, talents, monetary etc., we would love to hear from you! If anyone is interested in joining the Outreach Committee, please feel free to email Caroline Brandt at [milwaukeeaacn@gmail.com](mailto:milwaukeeaacn@gmail.com) for more information!



## Social Media – Elisabeth Stewart

Take a moment for . . .

[Some Good News](#)

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register for ALL events!

And Find Us Here on Social Media



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## Calendar & Events

### 2020 Calendar Events Coming Soon!

Thank you for your patience as we learn what GMAC life looks like amidst COVID-19.

**Next Education Board Meeting:  
Monday, July 20, 2020, 6:30-7:30 p.m. via ZOOM.**

GMAC Events			
Monitor Distribution	Educational Sessions	General Board Meetings	Educational Board Meetings
September 2020 December 2020 March 2020 June 2020			
<b>TIME:</b>	1730-2100	1800-1900	1830-2000