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Greater Milwaukee Area Chapter



2020-2021

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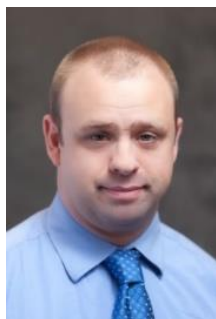
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THIS
is OUR
MOMENT

This Is Our Moment, when the world celebrates us as the most trusted profession, it has also learned that the care we give every day as acute and critical care nurses is unique, and it cannot be replaced. ~Elizabeth Bridges, AACN President

Message from GMAC President Patrick McNally



2020 was the Year of the Nurse and critical care nurses were front and center. The Global Pandemic showcased our resiliency and ingenuity. True to AACN's theme, critical care nurses showcased that this was our moment. We navigated stressful scenarios while remaining compassionate. In 2020 critical care nurses were amazing! Thank-You for the work you do on a daily basis.

The GMAC Board worked to remain relevant in the current environment. Meetings and educational sessions have moved to virtual format. We hope in the next year to have a hybrid approach with both in-person and virtual offerings. Our next board meeting is Tuesday, January 12 at 6 pm. Consider attending as this will be virtual via Zoom.

Lastly, I would like to send a special Thank-You to the GMAC Education Committee. The committee transitioned to a virtual format and successfully held three virtual education sessions this year. They have done an outstanding job!

Thanks!

Patrick

Patrick McNally, GMAC President



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Treasurer's Report

GMAC Treasure Chest

We are off to a great start with many educational opportunities provided by the education committee. We have learned to adapt and expect the unexpected. GMAC remains financially stable even through the pandemic. As a board, we are cognizant of giving our members more for their money and hope you have enjoyed the educational offerings so far. We thank you all for sticking with us and being patient with this new "normal" path. We are all in this together!! Stay healthy and safe!

Jaime Uecker

2020-2021 GMAC Treasurer

Thank you to Kelly Carter, Patti Weisser, and Amanda Hug for assisting in completion of our yearly audit!

Wells Fargo

Checking \$8,330.49

Savings \$18,433.85

Baird Money Market

\$22,299.15



Calendar of Events

GMAC Events

| Monitor Distribution | Educational Sessions | General Board Meetings | Educational Board Meetings |
|--|--|---|----------------------------|
| September 14, 2020 December 18, 2020 March 14, 2021 June 14, 2021 | September 15, 2020 October 20, 2020 November 17, 2020 January 19, 2021 February 16, 2021 March 16, 2021 April 20, 2021 | October 6, 2020 January 12, 2021 March 9, 2021 May 4, 2021 | September 28, 2020 |
| TIME: | Virtual, 1930-2030 | 1800-2000 | Virtual, 1830 |

NTI 2021 will be Virtual! May 24-27, 2021

Join us in May for the most exhilarating and important aspects of NTI virtually. From education to inspiration and recognition, we are committed to offering fresh modes of learning to our community of nurses who have worked so courageously during this unprecedented time.

Registration Coming February 2021

More information about conference pricing and other conference and registration details will be shared in the coming weeks.

Details Here:

<https://www.aacn.org/conferences-and-events/nti>

Your NTI Experience a Completely New Way

While we won't be together physically this year, the unparalleled education you have come to expect from NTI will be at the forefront as we gather virtually. Our conference will offer inspirational keynotes, concurrent and ExpoEd sessions on topics most relevant to your practice and meaningful networking opportunities.



Education Committee

Education Session Update

Mark your calendars for January 19, 2021 to join the Zoom presentation by Laura Reid, Drug Enforcement Administration, Diversion Group Supervisor. Ms. Reid will be providing updates on prescription drugs and the safeguards we can take as healthcare providers.

This presentation is re-scheduled from April 2020. That's right – your AACN chapter is not going to let the COVID pandemic take away this great learning opportunity from you.

Watch your e-mail and Facebook to register for this session. Pass along the information to other friends and colleagues.

Future Education Sessions

Dates for 2021 Education Sessions:

February 16, 2021

March 16, 2021

April 20, 2021

YES – there WILL be a virtual NTI in May 2021!!

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 in joining, please contact either Valerie Kolmer (valerie.kolmer@att.net) or Beth Hammer (bungalowhome@sbcglobal.net).

Welcome back to another year with GMAC. We are honored to have you back with us this year and if you are looking to join us for the first time, we look forward to seeing you virtually this year!



Membership & Outreach

Membership

Current Membership: 86

A few membership housekeeping reminders:

- AACN membership is required for any GMAC membership
- GMAC annual membership is \$37, students \$10
- Non membership fees individual session fees will likely look different this year as we are changing our platform to virtual with monthly 1 hour sessions versus bi monthly 2 hour sessions with dinners included --> stay tuned more to come on this
 - Potential payment option, for non GMAC members, coming this fall that would be linked to online registration for monthly sessions.
- New and renewing memberships can be completed on the GMAC website at <https://milwaukeeaacn.nursingnetwork.com/>
- Print membership cards from <https://milwaukeeaacn.nursingnetwork.com>
- Please share with colleagues about this amazing professional nursing organization!
- Changes to Bulk Membership: Click [HERE](#) for details

Ambassadors

GMAC continues to look for hospital ambassadors to assist with membership, outreach, and chapter education at your hospitals. If you are interested in hearing more about what these positions entail, please reach out to Caroline Brandt via Nursing Networks.

Outreach

For our first outreach of the 20-21 year, GMAC extended a free invitation to Wisconsin AACN chapters for our November education session with AACN President Liz Bridges. During this second wave of our pandemic, affecting Wisconsin now more than ever, GMAC wanted Wisconsin nurses to have the opportunity to feel inspired by Dr. Bridges. We hope that many of you were able to take advantage of this amazing opportunity.

We continue to look for opportunities to serve our healthcare professionals and community alike during these trying times. If you have an outreach opportunity that you would like to share with GMAC, please reach out to us through our contact page on Nursing Networks. We would love to hear from you.

If anyone is interested in joining the Outreach Committee, please feel free to email Caroline Brandt (caroline.brandt@att.net) for more information!