

**WELCOME TO 2021!!**

Finally, we can refer to 2020 as “last year!” I am sure that 2021 will have its own challenges which I am confident we will face with the same commitment to our patients and each other as we have always done. I don’t usually do New Year Resolutions but this year I have one: to be thankful every day. I am so grateful to have you all as colleagues and friends knowing we can call on one another to share good times and for support in the tough times.

**Reminders and Resources**

Financial Reports for 2nd quarter (ended 12/31/2020) are due February 15. Non-employee compensation forms can now be submitted quarterly along with financial reports

Applications for the [[President’s Award for Chapters](http://aaccn.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT0zMjA1NDk0JnA9MSZ1PTM3OTI1MTQ4NSZsaT0yNzU5ODE3Mg/index.html)](https://www.aacn.org/nursing-excellence/excellence-awards/circle-of-excellence-chapter-award?sc_camp=9BC923369E89459A8CD777DD34F17A1D&_zs=hEkTX&_zl=WwPP2) are due February 15

If your chapter has a new treasurer this year, be sure he/she gets the training they need and know the reporting dates for the fiscal year. There is a very helpful [[instructional webcast](https://mini.aacn.org/wd/chapters/content/Chapter-Treasurer-Guide.pcms?menu=chapters)](https://mini.aacn.org/wd/chapters/content/Chapter-Treasurer-Guide.pcms?menu=chapters)  in the Education Room under Chapter Management and Operations. Having been chapter treasurer and Region 6 Conference treasurer, I know it can be confusing. Please reach out to me if I can assist in meeting the requirements for financial reporting.

**COVID-19 Resources**

From team/surge nursing resources to the most updated information on the COVID-19 vaccine, check out AACN’s COVID-19 resources.

<https://www.aacn.org/clinical-resources/covid-19>

**COVID-19 Micro-Credentialing**

Micro-Credentialing is now available for nurses who take direct care of COVID-19 patients. This is a great way to validate your knowledge and clinical excellence.

<https://www.aacn.org/certification/covid-19-micro-credential>

**Self-Care Resources**

Take the time to take care of yourself and check in with colleagues… AACN has an incredible network of support available.

<https://www.aacn.org/membership/aacn-peer-support-community>

**Region 6 Annual Conference September 21, 2021**

The conference planning committee is meeting monthly and moving forward on the annual Region 6 Beyond the Basics conference. This will be a one-day virtual conference. More information to come!

**Chapter/Member Support**

I understand that many of the chapters in the Region are experiencing a surge in COVID-19. There is no requirement for your chapter to meet. The only request is that you meet the needs of your members and submit your chapter financials on time.

Please let AACN know what type of support your local nurses need or want as we continue to face the COVID-19 pandemic (e.g., more education, specific education, emotional support, personal time, self-care, specific resources, advocacy, other). [[Respond here](http://aaccn.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT0zMjA1NDk0JnA9MSZ1PTM3OTI1MTQ4NSZsaT0yNzU5ODE3Mw/index.html).](https://aacn-chapter-jan21.questionpro.com/?sc_camp=9BC923369E89459A8CD777DD34F17A1D)

If your chapter wishes to use the Region 6 Zoom Account for a virtual meeting of any type please let me know.

As always, I am available by email or phone for any assistance you or your chapter needs, or to just talk about challenges.

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