# The Monitor

American Association of Critical Care Nurses Greater Milwaukee Area Chapter



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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



Critical Care Nurses continue to be at the forefront of the global pandemic. As we continue to care for others, we need to make sure we are caring for ourselves. Make sure you continue to take time to maintain your mental and physical well-being.

Please consider nominating yourself or a colleague to serve on the GMAC Board or Education Committee. This is a great opportunity to represent your profession, develop leadership skills, and network. I have served on the board for the last four years and it has been an outstanding experience.

Our education committee has done a great job transitioning to virtual educational offerings. Their work allowed GMAC to offer five webinars since October and provide our members with continuing education credits.

Lastly, I would like to thank our critical care nurses in the community. The work you have done over the last year has been amazing. You have been true stewards of our profession!

Thanks!

Patrick
Patrick McNally, GMAC President



#### **GMAC Board Nominations & Elections**

GMAC is seeking leadership positions for the 2021-2022 year beginning terms July 1. Please consider nominating a co-worker or yourself for one of the positions below. Elections will be held in May of 2021. Please contact us through a GMAC contact form (See "Contact Us" on the banner to the left of the Nursing Network Website) to submit nominations!

#### **Available Positions**

President-elect
Vice President
Vice President-elect
Treasurer-elect
Secretary-elect
Membership/Outreach-elect
Social media-elect
Volunteers for education committee



# Treasurer's Report

#### **GMAC Treasure Chest**

We are blessed to offer so 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 \$8,653.50 Savings \$40,290.41



| GMAC Events  |  |   |  |
|--|--|---|--|
| Monitor<br>Distribution  | Educational<br>Sessions  | General Board<br>Meetings   | Educational Board<br>Meetings                  |
| September 14, 2020<br>December 18, 2020<br>March 14, 2021<br>June 14, 2021 | September 15, 2020<br>October 20, 2020<br>November 17, 2020<br>January 19, 2021<br>February 16, 2021<br>March 16, 2021<br>April 20, 2021 | October 6, 2020<br>January 12, 2021<br>March 9, 2021<br>May 4, 2021 | September 28, 2020<br>February 22, 2021<br>TBD |
| TIME:  | Virtual, 1930-2030   | 1800-2000   | Virtual, 1830                                  |

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

Join us for the most exhilarating and important aspects of NTI — virtually. We are planning a digital experience that delivers the education and inspiration our community deserves with the flexibility that your life demands right now.

# **Registration by April 16 to Save \$75**

Member Rate: \$320 Early-Bird, \$395 Regular Nonmember Rate: \$450 Early-Bird\$525 Regular

Details Here: <a href="https://www.aacn.org/conferences-and-events/nti">https://www.aacn.org/conferences-and-events/nti</a>

# **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.



#### Visit

# https://milwaukeeaacn.nursingnetwork.com to register for ALL events!

And Find Us Here on Social Media











## **Education Committee**

## **Education Session Update**

March 16, 2021: This Virtual Education has been cancelled at this time. Join us in April!

April 20, 2021: Join us for a fun virtual game night hosted by our lovely education committee! Bring your cell phone and your critical care knowledge for an online game of Kahoot! There will be prizes for the top winners, including an annual GMAC membership!!! Registration will be a dual process. Please register here, on the GMAC website, and register via the zoom link (available shortly).

# Your Help is Needed

The Education Committee is looking for members to help plan the 2021-2022 education sessions. This is a ground-breaking time 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).



# Membership & Outreach

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**

Current Membership: 89

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 <a href="https://milwaukeeaacn.nursingnetwork.com/">https://milwaukeeaacn.nursingnetwork.com/</a>
- Print membership cards from <a href="https://milwaukeeaacn.nursingnetwork.com">https://milwaukeeaacn.nursingnetwork.com</a>
- Please share with colleagues about this amazing professional nursing organization!
- Changes to Bulk Membership: Click <u>HERE</u> 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 Network.

#### Outreach

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 you are interested in assisting with leading or working with outreach opportunities GMAC is focusing on please reach out to the board. We would love to have your support.