

**Another Year is Ending!**

And we made it!!. What an unbelievably challenging and (yes) rewarding year it has been. I doubt most of us realized that we had the courage, strength or ability to not only survive but to actually grow. I have completed my first year as Region 6 CAT and have enjoyed every minute of it. I am very grateful to the leaders of all the Region 6 chapters who have given me feedback and expressed their appreciation for newsletters and my efforts to support the region. I am especially grateful to the Region 6 Planning Committee…they have been ALL IN the entire year!

For those of you in chapter leadership positions, thank you for persevering and doing your best. Whether your chapter had virtual meetings or just took some time off, your thoughts, hopes and successful survival of this past year deserves serious recognition and appreciation.

**REGION 6 News**

The Athens Classic City Chapter is hosting a virtual educational offering July 7th at 4PM Eastern, 3PM Central. “The State of the Covid 19 Pandemic” presented by Amber Schmidtke, PhD, Medical educator, public health microbiolgist, science communicator, podcaster. To register go to [AACNRegion6.nursingnetwork.com](https://aacnregion6.nursingnetwork.com/)

Look for another virtual educational program hosted by Central Savannah River Chapter in October. “Collection of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Data in the Critical Care Setting” by Jennifer Detchemendy, DNP

The committee is beginning work on the live and in person 2022 Region 6 Conference. A call for proposals will go out by September 2021. If you have suggestions for speakers or topics, let your chapter representative know.

Finally, the Planning Committee is going to offer a chapter leadership educational session via Zoom in late July. This will be specifically for returning, new and future chapter officers and board members. Watch for more details posted on the Region 6 Web page.

**2021 NTI**

If you attended this conference, I know you will share with me many accolades and much appreciation to the program committee (Cheri Plasters from the Birmingham chapter represented Region 6 – thank you Cheri!!) for all the hard work. In addition, our thanks go out to those at AACN home office who worked with the Virtual Platform Vendor and all the Exhibitors to make this first ever virtual NTI a great success!! And guess what? It's not too late to catch Virtual NTI. You can still register for the conference and have access to the learning sessions until October!

There are so many excellent presentations which can be shared with chapters at either live or in virtual meetings. Please contact me if you would like to talk about how to to do this.

**Final Updates and Reminders**

AACN continues to monitor the Covid-19 status throughout the US and has asked all chapters to continue to meet virtually until June 30, 2021.  Watch for an upcoming update regarding in person meetings and guidelines to follow.  Our first consideration continues to be the health and safety of our members and our communities.

**FY 2020-2021:**

**Reporting Deadlines - June 30th!**

* **Chapter Charter Agreements** have been extended until June 30, 2022 by the home office!
* **Chapter Officer List for FY 2022** Many chapters are not changing officers this year; however, the chapter data base needs to be updated or you will be locked out. List the staying and the incoming officers in the "Future Chapter Officers" column by June 30th!!! (*remember you must use Internet Explorer or Firefox – data bas does not work on Google Chrome)*

**Reporting Deadlines – August 15th!!**

The new fiscal year begins on July 1, and the first – and biggest – reporting deadline you will encounter is this one. Please don’t wait for the deadlines; instead, submit your chapter reporting requirements as soon as your bank statements are available and your chapter information is ready. All chapter financial reporting must be done via the online forms ( www.aacn.org > Nursing Excellence > Chapter Portal > Forms)

* **Annual Check Signer Form** – Check signers are bonded by AACN, so accurate information must be on file at the National office. If your check signers change during the year due to people moving away and other “life” issues, the chapter must submit a new Check Signer Form at that time, as well, so National can bond your check signers for protection.
* **Annual Audit Form** – Audit of the chapter’s records of the fiscal year that ends on June 30.
* **Quarter 4 (April-June) Financial Report** – For the fiscal year that ends on June 30.

Please reach out to me if you need help with the Chapter data base or any of the reports that are due. 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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