

The Monitor

American Association of Critical Care Nurses
Greater Milwaukee Area Chapter



2021-2022

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Message from GMAC President Jackie Klotz

July began a new year for AACN-GMAC! My name is Jackie Klotz and I'm your 2021-2022 President. I would like to thank Patrick McNally and the outgoing board members for an amazing 2020-2021 year. You all have honored our theme of "This is our moment."

A little about myself. I've been a Registered Nurse in various roles for over 13 years. I am currently the Manager of the Intensive Care Unit at Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital. I have been a member of GMAC for the past 5 years, serving in various board positions. I have many joys of being an AACN-GMAC member such as continuing education and validating my clinical expertise however my favorite joy is connecting with other critical care nurses.

The daily disruption and toll of the global COVID-19 pandemic is palpable. Critical care nurses are on the frontlines, shouldering the heavy burden of managing the 'sickest of the sick.' Now more than ever, ICU nurses must rely on their tremendous knowledge base and impeccable technical skills to ensure positive outcomes for critically ill patients. Critical care nurses continue to be resilient, adaptable and compassionate.

As we look forward, the COVID-19 pandemic is an unfortunate traumatic event that has shaped critical care communities for years to come. We've transformed our practice over-night to meet patient's needs. Nurses consistently went above and beyond, truly heroic.

As we've done in our own practices, we will need to continue to be resilient and adaptable in our membership to GMAC. Over the next year, with continued constraints on in-person meetings, we will continue to offer continuing education in a digital platform. We will seek ways to keep our members engaged. We will explore opportunities of involvement in our communities. We will be "Rooted in Strength."

Jackie Klotz, President GMAC



Board of Director Announcements

Please help us welcome the 2021-2022 GMAC Board of Directors. As they start their new term, feel free to reach out to them and let them know if you have any questions or concerns as well as suggestions for the upcoming year. Stay tuned for event dates including strategic planning and board meetings which are open to all members of the chapter. We would love to see you there. We still have a few board positions open and would love to hear from you if you are interested in serving with us.

President: Jackie Klotz

Secretary: Jennifer Prom

President Elect: OPEN position

Secretary Elect: Lorrie Plotiken

Vice President: Jamie Uecker

Social Media: Caroline Brandt

Vice President Elect: OPEN position

Social Media Elect: Paula Kuiper-Winiarski

Education Co-Chair: Kay Hoppe

Membership/Outreach: Judith Mapalo

Treasurer: Diane Dressler

Membership/Outreach Elect: Open Position

Treasurer Elect: Kelly Carter

Please consider volunteering to fill in one of the open positions still available on the current board of directors. We would love to have you. If you have any questions about the position, what it entails, or any other questions please feel free to reach out to any of the board members or visit the nursing networks site under ABOUT for details on each position. Thank you for your consideration.



Treasurer's Report

GMAC Treasure Chest

As a chapter, we are making strides to return to normal and hopefully have in-person meetings as well! GMAC has remained financially stable throughout the pandemic. We thank you all for sticking with us and being patient with us. We are all in this together!! Stay healthy and safe!

Diane Dressler
2021-2022 GMAC Treasurer

Wells Fargo Checking: \$9200.87

Wells Fargo Savings: \$40,292.41



Calendar of Upcoming Events

Hello everyone!

Welcome to a new year in GMAC! We are still faced with many obstacles the world is throwing at us daily. We will come out stronger on the other side. We held our September education event which was an encore presentation of a NTI presentation.

The education committee is excited to have AACN President Beth Wathen speak to us on November 11, 2021 at 7:30 via Zoom! She will talk about how we are "Rooted in Strength." Stay tuned for registration information coming soon.

Stay safe, healthy, and take some time for yourselves as you all deserve it!

Jaime Uecker

2021-2022 GMAC Vice President

Education Committee Co-Chair

Education Committee Meeting Dates Zoom 7:00 pm	Education Session Dates Zoom 7:30 pm	Board Meeting Dates Zoom 7:00 pm Open to all members and students	Monitor Publication Dates	Monitor Articles Submission Due to Caroline Brandt by following Date Articles accepted for review and publication by all chapter members
11/9	09/21	10/12	Sept/Oct 12	_____
1/11	11/11	12/14	December 7	11/23
3/8	February TBD	2/8	March 1	2/15
4/12	April TBD	5/10	June 7	5/24
6/14				



Social Media

Visit <https://milwaukeeaacn.nursingnetwork.com/> for up to date info on the chapter, events, registration and more!

Pass along any interesting events, education, updates to the social media team for publication
Submit articles for publication in the Monitor



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Education Committee

Thank you to everyone who is serving on the Education Committee this year. If you have any questions or concerns related to our online content for this upcoming year, please feel free to reach out to any of the committee members.

We are also starting to plan our February and April education sessions! Your input and suggestions are always welcome! Feel free to reach out to any member of the education committee or join us for one of our meetings.

Jamie Uecker, Vice President and Co-Chair
Kay Hoppe, Committee Co-Chair
Beth Hammer
Val Kolmer
Allie Sment
Darlene Sargent
Jackie Klotz
Deb Casper
Jennifer Popies



Membership and Outreach

Membership

Current Membership: 94

A few membership housekeeping reminders:

- AACN membership is required for any GMAC membership
- GMAC annual membership is \$37
- Students \$10
- Non membership fees per individual online sessions.
- At this time we will not be doing in person events due to AACN national recommendations to remain on line.
- 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!

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 Judith Mapalo 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. We would love to have your support.