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| "Rebooting ourselves for a new AACN year, we will start now with renewed hope.  Because hope transforms.  We will find the pockets of hope within the grief.  We will repair the broken pieces with hope, creating something stronger and more beautiful than what was there before.  We can make a difference.  Along the way, let’s be prepared to ruffle some feathers. We can do this together.  We are not alone. And we will do it."-- Amanda Battencourt, AACN PresidentThis year’s theme was presented by Amanda at NTI – it is a message of renewal, hope and a call to action. [Click here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VwRML0aAcIE) to listen and watch this inspiring presentation. **VISIONING BEYOND THE BASICS****Region 6 Annual Nursing Conference****September 18-20, Atlanta Ga**The conference is open for registration! We are so excited to be able to come together face to face in Atlanta this year. The program is awesome and as usual we are honored to have the AACN President Amanda Bettencourt as our keynote speaker. [Click here](https://aacnregion6.nursingnetwork.com/nursing-events/136655-2022-visioning-beyond-the-basics-region-6-critical-care-nursing-conference#!info) to register via the Region 6 web page. Download the conference flyer – post in your departments and share with colleagues.  |

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# News and Notes

#### **New and Returning Chapter Leaders**

Welcome! Thankyou for contributing your time and energies to your local chapter and AACN. As we move forward we are all facing new challenges in our practice and in our chapters. Keep in mind that the goal of chapters is not membership, rather it is discovering and meeting the needs of the critical care nurses in your community. In my efforts to support chapter leaders, I am going to schedule a Zoom Meeting for all chapter officers quarterly. The goal being to establish some relationships and share ideas on how to support and renew chapters. First Meeting will be August 24th @ 7PM Eastern and 6PM Central. Watch for the zoom invitation with log in link.

* **Updated chapter database on AACN.org**

If you have not done so already, please be sure to update officers and board members on your chapter data base. Also please check to be sure your email address is correct. This is the source of contact for AACN and Region 6 email communications

* **Chapter Websites: Transition to Nursing Network**

Nursing Network will now host AACN chapter websites! This partnership provides a web platform that simplifies your responsibilities, boosts your efficiency and saves you time, effort and money (all free of charge to chapters except for payment service gateway fees). Over 100 chapters are already using Nursing Network and have given glowing reviews about how much easier it is to manage their chapter membership and events, collect chapter dues, generate reports — the list goes on and on. We strongly encourage you to use a Nursing Network website to start saving on your chapter’s expenses and take advantage of its user-friendly features. [[Click](https://sites.google.com/aacn.org/nursing-network-startup-guide/chapters-on-aacn-sites?authuser=0%3Fsc_camp&authuser=9BC923369E89459A8CD777DD34F17A1D) here](http://aaccn.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT0zNjQ4NDM0JnA9MSZ1PTM3OTE5NDA2MiZsaT0zNTQ3ODAyOQ/index.html) for details about moving your website to this new platform and connecting with Nursing Network directly — they can help easily guide you through the process. Also, we are working diligently to enable the AACN and Nursing Network systems to communicate with each other, so chapters will only have to maintain one membership database. We expect this functionality to go live in early June.

Coming next: Phase 2 of this website transition project involves a whole new Chapter Portal experience! We anticipate launching the new portal sometime this summer, so stay tuned.

**ALL CHAPTERS MUST MIGRATE TO NURSING NETWORK OR ANOTHER CUSTOM WEBSITE BY AUGUST 31ST.**

* **Important Deadlines**

August 15th:

* 4th quarter financials due
* Annual chapter financial audit due

As always, I am available by email or phone for any assistance you or your

chapter needs, or to just talk about challenges and accomplishments.

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