

NEOCNS it has been a pleasure serving as your president for the past few months. The steering committee and I have been hard at work planning events and updating our virtual presence. Hopefully you have seen some of these changes already. Here are a few key things that our group has worked to improve. Since you are reading this newsletter you are already experiencing one change. We want to supply you with information in a condensed format. You can anticipate these newsletters quarterly going forward.

Next, is our NEOCNS website. Our old site served us well for many years but was rather outdated and did have many features we desired. We have updated to a new platform with Nursing Network. I encourage you to go explore the site. The web address is the same as before, www.neocns.org. Key upcoming events are all pinned to the front home page of the site. This will help you see what we are planning as well as events across the region and country. For those of you who are active members you can review all of our approved meeting minutes. Membership fees can now be set to renew automatically if you desire. No need to keep track of when you renewed last and watch out for reminder E-mails.

NEOCNS now has a LinkedIn account [Northeast Ohio CNS](#). Please take the time to connect with us. One of the goals of NEOCNS is to help link CNSs from all over the region. Let's use technology to our advantage and make a fantastic group of APRNs more accessible to one another. You never know who you may connect with and how they can impact your practice (you'll also get to see some fun photos from our last volunteer event with the Kids Book Bank).

Our fall conference is quickly approaching and is scheduled for October 27th at the Sheraton Hotel in Cuyahoga Falls. Our agenda is finalized and is available for your viewing on our website. We hope you will join us! As we look toward the future we know that many CNSs will be retiring from the profession in the coming years. NACNS's 2022 Census noted that 29.1% of CNSs that responded are planning on retiring in the next 5 years. This is an immense gap to fill. The fall conference is a wonderful place to bring RNs and CNS students who are interested in the profession or just beginning their academic journey. I encourage all of you as you mentor the future generation of CNSs to sponsor someone to come to the conference with you. As we all know networking is vital, what a great way to connect those who are interested in our profession to a diverse group of CNSs from all over the region.

Stay tuned for more information about spring and summer 2024 events that are in the works.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather Keibler".

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