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MEMBERSHIP

NEOCNS provides a forum for CNSs in Northeast Ohio to network, collaborate and stay informed regarding the changes occurring in healthcare, both locally and nationally. **Renew by July 1st, 2024**

Benefits of NEOCNS Membership:

- NEOCNS membership directory and website resources
- Reduced registration for NEOCNS programs
- Quarterly Newsletters
- In-person and virtual opportunities to network with other CNSs, students, and organizations to promote and disseminate the role of the CNS.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As my presidential term is nearing its completion, I am reflecting on the 2023-2024 year and what NEOCNS and the Steering Committee has accomplished. While this is not a complete list, I want to highlight some of the many events and accomplishments that have taken place. Our members volunteered with the Kids Book Bank. We gathered for our annual fall conference to share and expand our knowledge. We had a separate educational opportunity from Gail Bagwell, a Clinical Nurse Specialist and past president of the National Association of Neonatal Nurses. Recently, at Kent State University, NEOCNS had an event with Shon Christy regarding harnessing social media for career advancement.

NEOCNS leadership was invited and participated in the inaugural Ohio-ANA Nursing Summit in Columbus. Along with these events our group has worked internally to improve how we operate. NEOCNS changed our website platform to improve usability and features offered. The Steering Committee created standardized work for committee members and added 2 CNS student members. We also created a conference planning committee to provide members with another avenue to participate with NEOCNS.

One of my goals as president was to increase our membership by at least 10% during my term. We started off my term with only 56 active members. As of May 21st, I am thrilled to say that our membership has grown to 101 active members.

As NEOCNS looks to the future, our group has great work ahead of us. Recently you as members had the opportunity to vote in our elections. One of the ballot items was regarding NEOCNS expanding to an all-Ohio affiliate. This ballot item was overwhelming passed. There were many comments from those of you who voted that this would allow for greater influence and networking within the CNS community. The Steering Committee has begun work to expanding our affiliate. This will involve changes to our name and bylaws. This work will take time. However, I look forward to the opportunity to expand our reach to CNSs outside of Northeast Ohio.

As NEOCNS moves forward I encourage all of you to be active participants within the group. Each one of you has unique skills and talents to offer. I encourage you to display those skills through presentations at our fall conference or running for a committee member position as openings become available. As activities and events are offered, I encourage you to participate and collaborate with our fellow CNSs. The continued work and expansion of NEOCNS is only possible through our shared time and talents.

Gratefully, Heather Keibler MSN, APRN, ACCNS- AG, CCRN

Transition to NEOCNS President in July



Marcia S. Cornell DNP, APRN-CNS, RN, ACNS-BC, NPD-BC, CEN, TCRN, FCNS

Hello,

I am looking forward to leading a year of growth in our membership and expanding our affiliate to include CNSs from across Ohio. I look to you to support this initiative by asking you to reach out to your CNS connections and invite them to join our affiliate.

As we have our eye on becoming an all-Ohio affiliate, the question comes to mind; what do we call ourselves? Currently we are Northeast Ohio Clinical Nurse Specialists, abbreviated – NEOCNS. When considering our new name, we should be aware of what the abbreviation would be as there are two other “O” states: Oregon and Oklahoma. The Oregon affiliate goes by Oregon Council of Clinical Nurse Specialists (OCCNS). Oklahoma goes by Oklahoma Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists (OACNS).

What would you like our new name to be? Send me your suggestions for a new name and we’ll put the suggestions up for a vote. Stay tuned.

I am also looking forward to celebrating twenty years as an affiliate of NACNS at our Fall conference. NEOCNS became an affiliate of NACNS on June 13, 2004. I have been involved with NEOCNS since late 2014. I will be digging into my files to look for photos and other fun historical facts to share with all of you. If any of you have photos of NEOCNS events, I would like to collect them and place in a slide deck for sharing.

Thank you all for all that you do.

2024-2025 NEOCNS President



Harriet Coeling Award

The purpose of this award is to recognize a Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) in the Northeast Ohio area for outstanding professional achievement in the three spheres of CNS impact. More information on our website: [What is the Harriet Coeling award?](#)

Submit by Friday, August 9th, 2024

Must have an Active NEOCNS membership, 2.5 years of experience as a CNS. Serve as a role model and demonstrate exemplary practice as described in the supporting application. ([Click here](#) for specific criteria to include in document.) Preferred but not required, member of the National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists (NACNS).

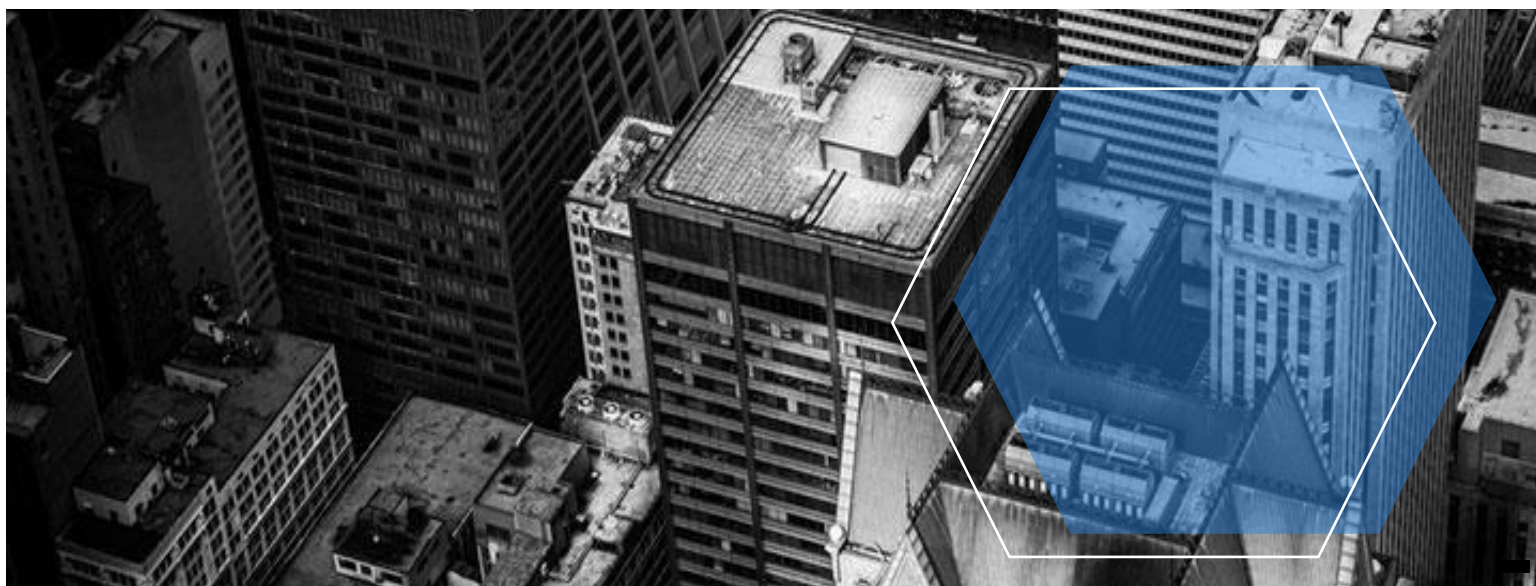
The award will be presented at the NEOCNS Fall Conference. It is greatly appreciated that the awardee is present at the conference. If a recipient is unable to attend, they may choose to select a designated person to accept the award on their behalf at the conference. The winner will be featured on the NEOCNS website, linkedin, and our Facebook page.

Ballot Results

NEOCNS Board of Directors new president elect Kayla Little to serve starting in July.



Thank you for your time and support in our surveys and ballots to help the Board of Directors and Steering Committee further our work.



EVENTS

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

NEOCNS IS WORKING DILIGENTLY TO PROVIDE EVENTS. WE HAVE EVENTS FROM JUNE THROUGH OCTOBER'S CONFERENCE WITH MORE TO COME. DO NOT FORGET TO FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK AND LINKEDIN. YOU CAN ALSO FOLLOW US ON OUR NURSING NETWORK WEBSITE

The 2024 NEOCNS Conference

20 Years of Impact, Innovation & Excellence! Keynote speaker: Dr. Jennifer Manning DNS, ACNS-BC, CNE - NACNS President



To celebrate our 20-year anniversary as an organization, we are asking for photos, memories, quotes, stories etc. to be sent to northeastohiocns@gmail.com with subject "20-year memories." Our conference planning committee members will compile these items in a PowerPoint slide show to display at the annual fall conference. "

THE CALL FOR SPEAKERS AND POSTERS IS CLOSED

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 - EARLY BIRD RATE ENDS JULY 31ST REGISTER SOON AS SPACE IS LIMITED TO 100 ATTENDEES!