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| **Region 6 Rising Together in Excellence Critical Care Conference**  The conference is now posted for registration on the [Region 6 Website](https://aacnregion6.nursingnetwork.com/nursing-events/143098-rising-together-in-excellence-region-6-critical-and-acute-care-conference#!info) and I encourage each of you to download the flyer and post in your respective work areas. There is much you can do to make this fist post pandemic conference a success by encouraging colleagues, leaders, and nursing students to attend. The Region 6 Planning Committee has done an excellent job in creating a program that will be interesting and relevant to all acute and critical care nurses, nurse leaders and nursing faculty. I am extremely thankful for the time, energy and commitment the members of this committee have demonstrated.  **Quick Reminders and Important Dates**  **6/30** ― Notification of FY25 Chapter Officers due.   * Update your board of directors on nursing network or email [chapters@aacn.org](mailto:chapters@aacn.org) with this information. Even if no changes other than extension of the term (July1, 2024 – June 30, 2025) of office. Failure to do this will remove chapter officers from access to the Chapters Page on AACN.org * For a tutorial on how to update your page, refer to “How to Update Your Chapter’s BOD Page,” which is located in the Chapter Portal tab of your nursing network chapter website – scroll to the very bottom. For additional assistance, contact Nursing Network Support-[support@nursingnetwork.com](mailto:support@nursingnetwork.com).   **7/1** ― New fiscal year begins (FY25)   * Hold your chapter officer leadership transition meeting – Chapters 101 is a great resource for new and returning chapter leaders * Use the Healthy Work Environment Toolbox to facilitate the success of your chapter and set goals/action plans for the new fiscal year. * Alicia Weaver becomes the new Region 6 CAT. Her email will be [Region6@aacn.org](mailto:Region6@aacn.org). Use your Chapter Advisor (CAT) and the home office to assist you as a chapter leader  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **7/15-19** ― AACN office closes for Pause Week   * If you or your colleagues have an urgent need during that week, a small team will be available to assist you. Please contact Customer Care at 800-899-2226 or [info@aacn.org](mailto:info@aacn.org). | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  **7/31** – New/Returning Chapter Treasurers - Meet the Experts!  * Zoom meeting for treasurers and treasurers-elect to participate in a Q&A session with AACN Finance Department staff. Meet the experts and get answers to your chapter’s financial questions.   Wednesday, July 31st 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm CST; 6:00 pm – 6:45 PM EST  Join Zoom [here](https://aaccn.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT00MjA1MDI2JnA9MSZ1PTM3OTE5NDA2MiZsaT00NjkzNzY4Mw/index.html) Meeting ID: 841 7272 5780 Passcode: 871579  **8/15** ― FY24 Q4 Financial Report, Annual Audit and Check Signer forms are due   * Annual audit: done by 3 chapter members that are not check signers. Use [this link](https://mini.aacn.org/PMods/Forms/FormsTemplate.aspx?template=/WD/Forms/Docs/Chapter%20Audit%20Form.xml&mod=Chapters&showresults=False&showAllItems=False) for specific directions and the online form. * Check signer form must be submitted on line annually even if check signers have not changed * Check your Good Standin Report at AACN.org to ensure your chapter is compliant with the finance requirements. Every Chapter Leader is responsible to make this a priority |
| **Some Final Words**  I am confident as I hand off the CAT responsibilities to Alicia that Region 6 will continue to thrive and work collaboratively to support AACN initiatives of Healthy Work Environments, Education and Certification. AACN did a fair amount of restructuring of the regions across the US, but they chose to leave Region 6 intact. Primarily due to the close ties we have among our chapters and the collaboration that has been visible within the region for many years.  From July 1, 2020, through today, it has been my distinct honor and pleasure to serve as the Region 6 CAT. I have shared your challenges and successes as individuals and as chapters. I have witnessed endurance and perseverance and commitment from an awesome group of professional nurses. I am privileged to have developed strong relationships and I hope lasting friendships. As Megan Brunson stated in 2020, you (nurses) are **UNSTOPPABLE**. At NTI in Denver this year, AACN President-elect Jennifer Adamski unveiled the new AACN theme: Courage to Soar. The positivity and collaborative spirit embodied in this theme inspires me to know without a doubt, that as we go into 2025, every Nurse and every Chapter in Region 6 has **THE COURAGE TO SOAR!** |

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