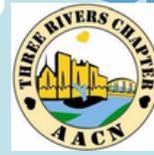


# TRC-AACN NEWSLETTER



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## February Education Meeting

Members were able to thaw after a few weeks of freezing temperatures to gather at Olive and Twist to learn about early mobility in the intensive care unit. Thank you to our speaker Ilija Klipa MS, ASCM-CEP for speaking on this matter and providing our team with information on complications due to lack of mobility in this patient population and for discussing the need for more collaboration and research on this topic! A special thank you goes out to Lori for putting together another wonderful evening of learning and great company!



## Scholarship Reminder

Do **YOU** want to attend NTI?? Of course you do! Use the link below to apply for a **\$1500 scholarship** to go to NTI 2026 in San Diego!

[APPLY HERE!!](#)

## Upcoming Education Events

- March 19 - Sponsored by Medtronic
- April 16 - Sponsored by Fresenius
- May 21 - Sponsored by Alexion

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# From the President:

Hi Everyone, hope you are all safe and warm during this crazy PA weather!

We have had some leadership changes for the Board of Directors that I wanted to share. As you may know, Taylor Criste has been our recent Chapter President. Taylor obtained an exciting new position last fall, which also necessitated a logistical move. He is also completing his DNP program, so he has a lot on his plate. During elections in June, 2025, I once again became the President-elect, to assist with board operations until Taylor's tenure ends (June 2026). January 1st, Taylor stepped into his Past-President role early, but still is serving on the board while navigating his newfound professional and location changes. I want to thank Taylor for his commitment to both AACN and TRC for his service on the board, and look forward to hearing great things as he moves forward. Congratulations Taylor!

As we continue to navigate a tough economic world, several of you have reached out asking about program cancellations we recently found necessary. Please know that our main objective is to continue to provide quality education opportunities for our membership and other colleagues.

Our Programs Chair, Lori Laux is constantly in motion seeking vendor liaisons, venues, and topics of interest to serve the mission. She is a one-woman committee, and has been so effective at this position for the many years she has committed to the process. Our sponsorships are becoming more limited, so she is seeking creative new options for program offerings, and already has bookings for 2026. We are interested in looking into our membership for presenters, so if you have a clinical or educational presentation you would like to share, let us know. If you have interest in supporting our Programming goals by joining Lori as a committee member, please seek us out! My personal gratitude goes out to Lori; we appreciate you and your efforts! (and Rick as well!)

We have seen a bit of a lag in memberships starting this year, but I am hopeful that is temporary. For those of you who lapsed, please consider rejoining the TRC and AACN! Remember that we offer a Membership Value Purchase that provides a discount if you renew both entities at the same time. Members also are able to claim 2 educational programs free during the year, literally offsetting your local membership cost to \$0- 5.00. And don't forget we offer academic and NTI scholarships to active members as well!

Finally, mark your calendars early, we are excited to collaborate with the Pittsburgh ENA Chapter again this year for a collaborative program, being held Friday October 30th, 2026. The Program planning committee for this event is already hard at work, and I know will have another excellent day of multi-option learning for attendees.

Looking forward to Spring and seeing you all soon!

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