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President's Address: Reclaiming Our Priorities

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As an organization, SePA-AACN, for the past year has been 'reclaiming our priorities.' The SePA board and committees have seriously reconsidered, re-examined, and revised our goals, strategic plan, finances, and the manner in which we have responded to the educational needs of our membership. We have done so to remain viable and relevant as an organization serving the critical care nurses in the Philadelphia metropolitan area.

This was not an easy task. We have changed offices, reduced our professional conference funding monies, cut budgets of all the committees, attempted to offer evening programs that are budget-neutral and sought sponsorships for our programs.

Despite budgetary constraints, we have added more institutions that host our programs, we continue to put up our nationally known TRENDS program twice a year, we contributed to the AACN educational fund (total amount of \$50,000), and we continue to award professional conference funding monies to our active members and support our TRENDS volunteers by waiving their registration fees. The Education Committee is also undertaking a massive project of taking the 'CCRN review on the road' so that more

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SePA Chapter of AACN wins Circle of Excellence Award - Chapter Collaboration!

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Recently SePA Chapter of AACN was notified by AACN that we won a Circle of Excellence Award – Chapter Collaboration! We are exceedingly thrilled by this news, as we believe that the people who are members of SePA bring a lot of talent to the organization and promote excellent programs. This award confirms that belief. The \$1000 award money will be used to continue to put on high quality programs for our members.

The Circle of Excellence Award – Chapter Collaboration describes how SePA collaborates with agencies in the Delaware Valley to promote critical care nursing. In this exemplar, the focus is on the work of the Research Committee, which collaborates with local colleges, universities, and community hospitals by providing financial support to critical care

nurse researchers, opportunities to disseminate results of nursing research, and education about nursing research.

SePA provides up to \$4,500/yr for critical care nursing research projects. The grant enables the researcher to develop, implement, analyze, and disseminate the results of research. Many research studies have received financial support.

At the annual Research Dinner Meeting, nurse researchers who have received funding from SePA, graduate nursing students from local colleges and universities, as well as nurses from community hospitals, disseminate the results of their research through formal presentations and the Poster Display.

Additionally, the Research Committee coordinates the Poster Display at both TRENDS conferences.

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SePA Chapter members gather to celebrate our Circle of Excellence Award.

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