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Message From the Assembly Chairman
Kathleen O. Lindell, PhD, RN

Welcome to back to school time! Hopefully you have all had a restful, rejuvenating summer. I wanted to update you on “What’s New” in the Nursing Assembly. I rely heavily on email, and would like to send you periodic emails to update you on what’s happening.

At the assembly business meeting in May, I mentioned that I would like to gather your input to guide the future of the Nursing Assembly and announced the formation of a **Rapid Action Task Force**. With the departure of the pulmonary rehab section into their own assembly, we have challenges ahead of us and my goal is that **each of you has an active voice** in your assembly.

Shortly, you will be receiving an email from the new **Rapid Action Task Force**. This **Rapid Action Task Force** is composed of members who approached me at the end of the business meeting and expressed their interest in being on this task force. These members include: Lynda Mackin (UCSF), Janet Byrne (Medical University of South Carolina), Mary Fran Tracey (University of Minnesota), Ann Schneidman (Arizona), Mark Parshall (University of New Mexico), Patricia Minton (Vanderbilt) and Elise Austegard, our international representative from the ERS. As you can see, these task force members represent a wide range within our assembly. Lynn Reinke graciously agreed to chair this task force and they are in the final stages of developing a survey. Watch your email for this survey!

Our Business

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Many of you are already aware that abstracts guide our future programs, but for those of you that are new members, I would just like to

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recap their importance. The number of program slots that each assembly receives is based upon the number of abstracts submitted. **Simply put, the more abstracts submitted, the more program slots each assembly receives.**

If you have never submitted an abstract, but are involved in important research that others may benefit from, we encourage and invite you to submit an abstract this year to the Nursing Assembly. If you need help, please contact me at lindellko@upmc.edu. I will be happy to help you or direct you to an appropriate member.

If you have submitted an abstract in the past, we invite you to submit your abstract to the Nursing Assembly this year. If you think it's not a good fit and may consider submitting to another assembly, we invite you to submit your abstract to the Nursing Assembly this year. Repeating the above, **simply put, the more abstracts submitted to the Nursing Assembly, the more program slots we receive.**

Travel Awards are available, to supplement travel to the International Meeting. Please remember to check the box on the abstract application for Travel Awards. There are awards for both national and international applicants.

Wednesday, October 29th is the deadline for submission of abstracts for the upcoming meeting in May 2009 in San Diego. For more information, the website address is: <http://thoracic.org/sections/meetings-and-courses/international-conference/2009/call-for-abstracts.html>.

Did You Know?

Membership:

You can renew your membership online? Please visit the Membership section of the ATS website for more information.

Patient Education Resources:

The ATS has a wonderful resource of growing patient education materials that you may benefit from. Please visit the Education section of the ATS website at: <http://www.thoracic.org/sections/education/patient-education/index.html> for more information.

Important Notice:

The ATS Research Grants Program - 2008 Portfolio (<http://thoracic.org/sections/research/new-research-program.html>) still has research monies available for Tobacco Dependence research. If this is an area of interest to you, please contact Monica Simon at: msimon@thoracic.org for more information.

Respiratory Nursing Society Core Curriculum:

Many of you have been involved with and continued to be involved with the Respiratory Nursing Society (RNS) www.respiratorynursingsociety.org. As you may be aware, the long awaited RNS Core Curriculum has been published and is now available http://www.springerpub.com/prod.aspx?prod_id=44446. Congratulations to RNS, especially Donna Wilson and Michelle Geiger-Bronsky in getting this idea off the ground and now available in print. I encourage you to support RNS and wish them continued success.

Want Ads:

HELP WANTED: **Web Editor.**

Do you want to make a difference? Do you want to get more involved? Do you like organizing communication ideas? Experience is not necessary, but the desire to get our communications available online is. Peg Covey has graciously been our web editor for the past 2 years and we're looking for someone to take over the helm next spring. There is change on the horizon for the ATS website and I would encourage you to continue to visit the ATS website www.thoracic.org over the next year to watch the changes.

For the Future:

I envision our website to be more accommodating to our members and would like to post a quarterly case study or interesting story to get our message out there! If you are interested in doing this or have ideas, please write back. If you are interested in seeing another assembly's work with case studies, please check out the critical care website <http://thoracic.org/sections/clinical-information/critical-care/critical-care-cases/index.html>.

Please feel free to contact me.

Take care, Kathy