

Dear LSN Alumni,

June, 2019

The LSN Alumni Board has been reviewing the budget for this year as well as looking into the future. What we note is distressing.

The board has tried several ideas to encourage new membership. These include luncheons for the graduating class informing them of the association, having a Facebook presence, and setting up an interactive website. Your president and scholarship chair also present information and a scholarship at the graduation ceremony. While Facebook has been popular, we do not have many website visits. Overall, we do not appear to be gaining any new members with these additions.

We currently have over 500 lifetime members but only 67 dues paying members. While many lifetime members donate when able, our income does not appear to be sustainable. As a result, it is necessary to take approximately \$10,000 from our investments each year. Much of the expense is for our Bulletin. While we considered charging for the bulletin, the Board had reservations about doing this since the free bulletin was a benefit of becoming a lifetime member. It was also noted that our mailings number 3000- plus twice a year in an attempt to get all graduates to provide updates for the bulletin and again to invite all graduates to the annual reunion luncheon/meeting. Therefore, the Alumni Board has decided that the bulletin coming out this year will be the last one published. If our financial situation changes, we will revisit this decision.

We have awarded numerous scholarships to graduates that have not been collected. Therefore, the following change to the bylaws will be presented and voted on at the annual meeting in August.

Section 11-c shall be amended to add.....continue his or her education leading towards a Baccalaureate nursing degree and the scholarship will be utilized within 2 years of graduation.

Below are also changes related to discontinuance of our Bulletin:

Article VI, Section 1-f listing the publication committee as an ongoing committee of the Alumni shall be deleted.

Article V, Section 10 listing the duties of the publishing committee for the bulletin shall also be deleted.

If you have any viable, fair suggestions, please contact the board. We will be discussing these issues at our annual meeting in August.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Kohring, President