



2026 Book of Reports *of the* Eastern Nursing Research Society

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OFFICER REPORTING: Ann-Margaret Navarra, PhD, CPNP-PC, FAAN

ENRS POSITION: President-Elect & Chair, Conference Planning Committee

DATE SUBMITTED: March 23, 2026

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- **Planning Committee Members/Roles:**

Conference Chair: Ann-Margaret Navarra (President-Elect)

Funding & Publishing Workshop Coordinators: Susan DeSanto-Madeya; Pamela de Cordova

Sponsorship/Fundraising Coordinator: Marie Borgella

Keynote and Plenary Panel Coordinators: Gabrielle Santulli; Jennie Ryan; Ann Margaret Navarra

Awards Committee Liaison: Cherlie Magny Normilus

Abstract Slotting: Corrine Jurgens (coordinator); Kristen Sethares

Session Moderator Recruitment and Assignment/Coordinators: Elizabeth Pasquale; Bishara Rahman

Social Media: Sherry Burrell; Jennifer Ross

Supporting Members: Marie Borgella

Headquarters team: Cindy Dady; Bishara Rahman; Beth Pasquale; Francesca Cosmi

TASKS OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2025 - 2026:

❖ The 38th Annual Scientific Sessions, “**Strength in Nursing Science: Advancing Health Across Dynamic and Diverse Settings**” is scheduled for March 25-27, 2026, in Everett, MA at the Encore Boston Harbor. This will mark the first scientific sessions at Encore.

❖ **Conference Objectives:**

- Describe novel approaches to promote and prioritize resilience for diverse stakeholders in academic, clinical, and community-based settings.
- Examine nurse-led, collaborative programs and innovative strategies using technologies to enhance healthcare access for populations in local, state, national, and global contexts.
- Explore emerging research and policy trends to expand, strengthen, and diversify the academic, clinical, and leadership preparation of nurses for optimized national health.

*The conference was approved for contact hours through ANCC; the maximum number of contact hours is 10.5.

❖ **KEYNOTE:** Presented by Lisa Kitko, PhD, RN, FAHA, FAAN | University of Rochester School of Nursing. “Keynote Title – “The Strength and Resilience of Nursing Science: Shaping Health Through Emerging Evidence, Innovative Strategies, and Policy Impact.”

❖ **PLENARY PANEL:** Moderated by Bridgette M. Rice, PhD, MDiv, APRN, FAAN; M. Louise Fitzpatrick College of Nursing, Villanova University
Session Title – “Nursing–Engineering Partnerships: Building Strength in Nursing Science Across Systems and Settings.”

Plenary Objectives:

- Describe the benefits of nursing-engineering partnerships in clinical, education, and community-based settings.
- Discuss established nursing-engineering partnerships designed to inform practice and policy in diverse healthcare systems and populations.
- Identify strategies for building, sustaining, and scaling nursing-engineering partnerships, including leadership engagement, institutional support, and funding pathways.

Panelists:

- Karen K. Giuliano, PhD, RN, FAAN, MBA - University of Massachusetts Amherst
- Frank Sup, PhD, MS - University of Massachusetts Amherst
- Tiffany Kelley PhD MBA RN, FAAN, NI-BC FNAP, UCONN, Elisabeth DeLuca School of Nursing
- Leila Daneshmandi, Ph.D. – UCONN, College of Engineering and Biomedical Engineering Department

- ❖ **PUBLISHING PANEL:** Moderated by Pamela de Cordova, PhD, RN-BC- Rutgers; The State University of New Jersey, School of Nursing.

Panelists:

- Christine Kovner, PhD, RN, FAAN- Editor of Policy, Politics and Nursing Practice
- Victoria Dickson, PhD, RN, FAHA, FHFSA, FAAN- Editor of Journal of Cardiovascular Nursing
- Heather Carter-Templeton, PhD, RN NI-BC, FAAN - Editor of Computer, Informatics and Nursing

- ❖ **FUNDING PANEL:** Meet and Greet with PCORI; Representative(s) from National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) will be attending. Moderated by Susan DeSanto-Madeya, PhD, APRN, FAAN - UCONN Elisabeth Deluca School of Nursing.

Representatives:

- Mary Elizabeth (Libbey) Bowen, PhD – **NINR**
- Karen Marie McNamara, PhD – **NINR**
- Maureen K. Akubu-Odero, DrPH, MPH, MBA, MSc – **NINR**
- Madelyne Z. Greene, PhD, RN – **PCORI**

- ❖ **WORKSHOPS** – Six workshops to be presented at the 38th Scientific Sessions – shown below (presenting speaker in bold):

- Qualitative Research Synthesis Approaches: One Size Does Not Fit All
Cheryl Tatano Beck
- Beyond the Binary: Advancing HIV Equity Through Multilevel Action
Leorey Saligan, **John Nelson**, Cho-Hee Shrader, Carl Kirton
- Advancing Health Equity through Electronic Clinical Quality Measure (eCQM) Development: Lessons from the Delayed Diagnosis of VTE Case Study
Patricia Dykes
- Building Nursing Science and Practice at the Confluence of Sexual Health Research and Education: An Assessment of a Sexual Health Simulation Project for Graduate Nurse Practitioner Students
Natalie Leblanc, Erin Baylor
- Stronger Together: Advancing Nursing Science Across Diverse Teams and Innovative Partnerships
Martha Coates, Justine Sefcik, Anne Pohnert
- Blueprint for Change in How Nursing Practice is Measured in Hospitals
Fay Wright, Margaret McCabe, Martha A.Q Curley

- ❖ **SYMPOSIA** – Five workshops to be presented at the 38th scientific sessions – shown below (organizer in bold):
 - Advancing Maternal and Preventive Health Equity Through Policy: Comparative Analyses of Implementation, Integration, And Justice Across Global and National Contexts.
Symposium Organizer, Evans Kyei
 - Creating A Culture Change: The Blueprint for Change in Acute and Critical Care Nursing
Symposium Organizer, Martha Curley
 - Nurse-Led Innovation in Correctional Health: Advancing Education, Equity, and Well-Being Across Diverse Settings
Symposium Organizer, Erin Kitt Lewis
 - Nursing Science and the Crisis Of Murdered Indigenous Peoples: Advancing Research, Justice, And Healing
Symposium Organizer, Elizabeth Dowdell
 - Redefining Healthcare Delivery Through Nurse Practitioner Workforce Changes: Implications For Policy, Practice, And Education
Symposium Organizer, Lusine Poghosyan

- ❖ **MODERATOR TRAINING**
 - First training for moderators of sessions was held on March 17th and led by Elizabeth Pasquale and Susan DeSanto-Madeya. Excellent attendance.

CURRENT ISSUES AND CHALLENGES:

- Need for new website and improved marketing of ENRS and related events
- Need for conference venues that allow for continued growth of the organization/scientific sessions yet remain within available budget.
 - Current Conference sponsorship goal met: \$172,530.00 committed to date (exceeded goal of 150K).
 - Registration as of March 22, 2026=771 registrants (among highest attendance in recent years).

GOALS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND PLANS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT:

- Continue to explore new conference venues that allow for continued growth of the organization and scientific sessions yet remain within available budget.
- Explore innovative strategies for increasing organizational development & sponsorship.
- Retain and attract new members, including interprofessional colleagues and students
- Initiate ENRS research grant for members (2026 – 2027).
- Increase collaboration with regional research societies.
- Initiate conference planning for 39th Annual Scientific Sessions, Loews Philadelphia Hotel, Philadelphia, PA - March 31th- April 2nd, 2027. Planning to begin in April 2026.
- Tremendous gratitude to the Marie Marino and members of the Executive Board, Conference Planning Committee, Association and Conference Group, Speakers/Poster Presenters, ENRS Members, and Sponsors for their continued support.

Executive Board Member Annual Report

OFFICER REPORTING: Mei Lin Chen-Lim, PhD, RN, CCRC

ENRS POSITION: Treasurer

DATE SUBMITTED: March 6, 2026

COMMITTEE MEMBERS (IF APPLICABLE): NONE

TASKS OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2025-2026:

1. Oversee the development of the annual budget and submit to the executive board.
2. Monitor all funds for the society, in accordance with the fiscal policy of the executive board.
3. Report the financial standing of the society to the executive board and membership.
4. Review and submit financial records of the society for review or audit by the society's independent accountant.
5. Review the audit report of the financial records of the society.
6. Serve as a consultant and guide to the incoming treasurer at the conclusion of the term of office.

The treasurer participated in the executive board meetings for the year 2025-2026 and served as the board liaison to the Sponsorship and Development Committee (SDC) (previously known as the Organizational Development Committee), assisting the SDC with outreach to partner organizations regarding the ENRS's annual partnership packages.

BUDGET: Total assets as of 12-31-2025 = \$774,761.17
Total liabilities \$195,085.42 and equity \$579,675.75 as of 12-31-2025 = \$774,761.17

CURRENT ISSUES AND CHALLENGES: The conference cost has continued to rise over recent years, especially for venue food and services, despite annual budget adjustments (expense increase by 14.3% in 2024 and 6.9% in 2025). The ENRS's annual partnership package continues to draw support at all levels. As of March 1, 2026, ENRS (and SDC) has brought in \$164,280.00 in partnership revenue, exceeding the annual goal of \$150,000.00.

GOALS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND PLANS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT:

1. Continue to operate according to the ENRS bylaws.
2. Financial transactions increase surrounding pre- and post-conference periods – related to the 38th annual scientific sessions in Boston, MA, from March 25-27, 2026.
3. Recommendation: Assess the ENRS bank balance after the 2026 conference and consider moving funds back to the investment account if need be. Increase conference budget to account for increasing expenses.

Executive Board Member Annual Report

OFFICER REPORTING: Lisa Duffy

ENRS POSITION: Secretary

DATE SUBMITTED: 02/27/2026

COMMITTEE MEMBERS (IF APPLICABLE): N/A

In accordance with the Bylaws and Policies and Procedures, the Secretary serves as the Chair of the Bylaws Committee and serves as board liaison to the Membership Committee and Nominations Committee. During the 2025-2026 year as ENRS Board Secretary, I participated in all Executive Board meetings, and membership and nominations committee meetings.

TASKS OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2025-2026:

The Membership Committee under the chair, Jennifer Viverios, has advanced several key initiatives aligned with ENRS's strategic priorities of engagement, growth, and member retention.

1. **Ongoing Monthly Webinar Series**

The committee successfully hosted a series of monthly webinars that were well attended and positively received. Topics reflected the breadth of nursing science and professional development interests across ENRS, supporting engagement across career stages and research areas.

2. **Proposal Development: Early Career Grant Program**

The committee engaged in substantive discussion regarding the development of a small grants program focused on supporting early career researchers. The goal of this initiative is to enhance research capacity building, foster scholarly productivity, and strengthen the pipeline of nurse scientists within ENRS.

3. **Auto-Renewal for Annual Dues**

To improve member retention and streamline administrative processes, the committee explored implementation of an auto-renewal option for annual dues. This is currently being implemented.

4. **Student Engagement and Conference Networking**

The committee supported student networking initiatives at the annual conference, facilitating structured opportunities for mentorship, peer connection, and integration into the broader ENRS community.

5. **Membership Growth and Diversification Strategies**

The committee brainstormed strategies to expand membership by:

- Engaging professionals outside the nursing discipline whose work aligns with ENRS's mission (e.g., interdisciplinary researchers in public health, informatics, implementation science).
- Developing targeted approaches to recruit and retain retired members, recognizing their expertise, mentorship capacity, and historical knowledge of ENRS.

Overall, the Membership Committee remains focused on strengthening member engagement across the career continuum, enhancing value to current members, and strategically expanding the reach of ENRS.

The Nominations Committee under the chair, Jane Flanagan, successfully completed its charge for this cycle, with all identified vacancies filled by highly qualified candidates. We are especially pleased to report that the final slate reflects a diverse group of nurse scientists representing multiple geographic regions within ENRS, as well as a range of career stages and areas of scholarly expertise. This breadth of representation supports the Society's commitment to inclusive leadership and broad member engagement.

The committee was able to solicit a strong and competitive pool of applicants through targeted outreach, member engagement strategies, and transparent communication about leadership opportunities. Interest in service positions remains robust, reflecting members' commitment to advancing the mission and strategic priorities of ENRS.

The committee carefully reviewed all nominations to ensure alignment with role expectations, leadership competencies, and the Society's goals related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and regional representation. The resulting slate positions ENRS for continued organizational strength, leadership continuity, and sustained impact. In my role as ENRS Secretary, I certified the election results in accordance with the Society's bylaws and procedures.

CURRENT ISSUES AND CHALLENGES:

As the committee continues to explore development of an early career grant program, several logistical and structural considerations require further discussion. Key questions include:

- **Committee Oversight and Governance:** Determining whether the proposed grant program should be housed within the Membership Committee or more appropriately aligned with the Awards Committee, given overlap with existing award structures and review processes.
- **Operational Infrastructure:** Establishing clear processes for application review, scoring criteria, conflict-of-interest management, and funding disbursement.
- **Financial Sustainability:** Identifying a reliable funding source, whether through existing budget allocations, philanthropy, conference revenue, or external sponsorship.
- **Administrative Support:** Clarifying staff capacity and workflow implications to ensure feasibility without overextending volunteer leadership.

Clarifying committee ownership and operational responsibility will be essential to ensuring alignment with ENRS governance structures and maintaining efficiency, transparency, and sustainability.

GOALS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND PLANS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT: In alignment with ENRS's Vision to be the premier organization for the advancement of nursing science and its Mission to empower a diverse community of scholars, the following goals are proposed for the Membership Committee:

1. **Support Governance Alignment**
Collaborate with the Board and Nominations Committee to review and update relevant sections of the ENRS bylaws to reflect current committee structures and strategic priorities.
2. **Increase Membership Growth and Retention**
Implement targeted recruitment and retention strategies with the goal of increasing ENRS membership by approximately 5% annually, with particular attention to doctoral students and early career investigators.
3. **Strengthen Member Engagement**
Expand professional development and networking opportunities for members across the career continuum, including continued development of webinar programming and conference engagement activities.

4. **Enhance Partnerships and Communities of Interest**
Increase engagement with interdisciplinary scholars and partners whose work aligns with ENRS priorities in nursing science and health research.
5. **Explore Collaborative Opportunities with Regional Societies**
Identify opportunities for collaboration with other regional nursing research societies, including potential affiliate membership models and shared programming.
6. **Advance Development of an Early Career Research Grant Program**
Work with the Board of Directors and Awards Committee to determine the feasibility, governance structure, and implementation plan for an ENRS early career research grant program.

The following goals are proposed for the Nominations Committee:

1. **Strengthen Leadership Diversity and Representation**
Promote a leadership slate that reflects diverse geographic regions, career stages, and areas of scholarly expertise within ENRS.
2. **Build a Sustainable Leadership Pipeline**
Develop proactive succession planning for board and committee roles by identifying and cultivating emerging leaders through intentional outreach, mentorship, and collaboration with the Executive Board, Committee and Research Interest Group (RIG) leadership.
3. **Increase Transparency and Member Engagement in the Nominations Process**
Clearly communicate leadership role expectations, required competencies, and pathways to service, and enhance member awareness of leadership opportunities through coordinated communication and informational sessions.
4. **Maintain Governance Integrity and Excellence**
Ensure election processes align with ENRS bylaws and governance procedures while maintaining transparent, fair, and equitable candidate review and selection processes.
5. **Enhance Member Participation in Leadership**
Encourage broad participation in the nominations process, including self-nominations, with the goal of increasing both the number and diversity of applicants for leadership roles.

Through these initiatives, the Membership Committee seeks to strengthen engagement across the career continuum, expand ENRS's reach and influence, and ensure long-term sustainability consistent with the 2025–2030 Strategic Scorecard.

Committees and Research Interest Groups

Name of Committee / RIG:

Awards Committee

Name, title, organization of Chair/Co-Chair(s):

John Merriman, PhD, RN, AOCNS; NYU Meyers College of Nursing

Name of Member Reporting:

John Merriman and Serah Nthenge

PRIMARY GOALS for 2023-2024:

Review and update award criteria and scoring rubrics across all award categories
Develop and implement a new Mid-Career Researcher Award to fill the gap between the Rising Star and Distinguished Contributions awards
Create a formal scoring rubric for the IDEAS Excellence in Social Justice & Health Equity Award
Align committee strategies with the new ENRS Strategic Plan
Increase award submissions, particularly for historically undersubscribed awards
Address travel scholarship accountability following issues from the 2025 conference
Enhance award promotion through partnership with the Communications Committee

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Serah Nthenge, Board Member-at-Large, Siena University
Kafuli Agbemenu, Associate Professor, UB School of Nursing
Deborah Benes, Fitchburg State University
Vicki Brzoza, The College of New Jersey
Dillon Dzikowicz, University of Rochester
Cherlie Magny-Normilus, Assistant Professor, NYU Meyers College of Nursing
Michelle McKay, Villanova University

FREQUENCY OF PHONE/IN-PERSON MEETINGS DURING 2023-2024:

The committee held monthly virtual meetings (30-60 minutes each) throughout the reporting period: August 12, September 24, October 29, November 25, and December 17, 2025; January 13 and February 11, 2026. An additional meeting is scheduled for March 2026 (pre-conference) to finalize on-site judging assignments. A committee breakfast gathering is planned for Friday, March 27, 2026, at the conference.

TASKS OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE MARCH 2023:

New Award Implementation
Created a formal scoring rubric for the Mid-Career Award
Developed a scoring rubric for the IDEAS Excellence in Social Justice & Health Equity Award in collaboration with the IDEAS Committee
Clarified that the Awards Committee (rather than the IDEAS Committee) will score the IDEAS award, removing a potential conflict of interest

Award Rubric Revisions

Conducted a review of rubrics for all existing awards

Distinguished Contributions to Nursing Research Award: added scoring for mentoring the next generation

of nurse researchers, impact on practice, and contributions to grant-funded research; clarified the publication requirement to three refereed research publications

Evidence-Based Practice Award: replaced the term "research" with "scholarship" to better align with clinical practice emphasis; improved gradability of scoring items

Rising Star Award: minor edits for clarity and adjusted publication requirements to be in line with criteria

CANS Dissertation Award: confirmed funding for the current year; began planning for the award's sunset as CANS is dissolved

Nursing Research Authorship Award: maintained current rubric while beginning discussions with the Board about the award's future direction

Strategic Plan Alignment

Reviewed and updated committee goals in alignment with the new ENRS Strategic Plan, presented to the Board in November 2025

Established key committee measures: (1) quantity and quality of award submissions, and (2) timeliness and rigor of the awards process

Set an aspirational target of a minimum of five qualified applicants per award over the next two years

Confirmed current strategic initiatives: improve quantity and quality of submissions, enhance award visibility through communications collaboration, and implement and evaluate the new Mid-Career Award Communications and Engagement

Partnered with the Communications Committee, welcoming Katie Ledwin as a communications committee liaison who began attending Awards Committee meetings in December 2025

Gathered and published testimonials from previous award winners on social media (e.g., Margaret Quinn Rosenzweig, Murielle Chihade)

Coordinated with ACG staff on targeted social media and email campaigns for undersubscribed awards

Initiated outreach through Research Interest Groups (RIGs) to promote awards to relevant audiences

Travel Scholarship Accountability

Addressed a 2025 issue in which multiple travel scholarship recipients did not attend the conference or did not present as planned

Updated award communications to clearly state that conference attendance is required

Switched to on-site travel award conferral

Awards Administration and 2026 Cycle

The committee managed the complete 2026 awards cycle on an accelerated timeline due to the earlier conference date (March 25-27, 2026). The call for awards opened October 30, 2025, with a submission deadline of January 8, 2026. Reviewers were assigned January 13, with conflict-of-interest screening completed for all assignments. Winners were selected by early February.

2026 Major Award Submission Numbers

Nursing Research Authorship Award: 3 submissions (2025: 3; 2024: 1)

Rising Star Research Award: 10 submissions (2025: 10; 2024: 13)

Evidence-Based Practice Award: 3 submissions (2025: 3; 2024: 1)

Distinguished Contribution to Nursing Research Award: 6 submissions (2025: 6; 2024: 5)

Suzanne Feetham Nurse Scientist Family Research Award: 2 submissions (2025: 4; 2024: 3)

ENRS/CANS Dissertation Award: 3 submissions (2025: 2; 2024: 6)

IDEAS Excellence in Social Justice & Health Equity Award: 4 submissions (2025: 10)

Mid-Career Researcher Award (new): 4 submissions

2026 On-Site and Student Award Submission Numbers

School-Selected Poster Snapshots: 43 (15 DNP, 14 PhD, 11 BS, 3 MS) (2025: 40; 2024: 60; 2023: 35; 2022: 39)

Emerging Clinical Nurse Researcher/Scholar Poster Snapshots: 11 (2025: 10; 2024: 7; 2023: 1; 2022: 2)

Student Travel Scholarships: 52 submissions (2025: 39; 2024: 36)

Student Podium Presentations: 32 (on-site judging)

Student Poster Presentations: 121 (on-site judging)

2026 Major Award Recipients

Excellence in Social Justice & Health Equity: Intima Alrimawi

Distinguished Contributions to Nursing Research: Elizabeth Capezuti

ENRS/CANS Dissertation Award: Myeong-ga Cho

Nursing Research Authorship: Brigitte Cypress

Rising Star Research Award: Erica Liebermann

Evidence-Based Practice: Michelle Cole

Mid-Career Researcher Award: Jill Demirci

Suzanne Feetham Nurse Scientist Family Research: Shelli Feder

The committee also requested exploring the Oxford Abstracts platform for potential future use in award and poster review processes, given the complexity of the current manual review process.

CURRENT ISSUES AND CHALLENGES, HOW CAN ENRS HELP WITH YOUR SUCCESS?

CANS Dissolution and Award Funding: The CANS Dissertation Award received funding for 2026, but the award will sunset in its current form after this year.

Nursing Research Authorship Award: This award continues to be undersubscribed despite promotional efforts. The previous involvement of the journal editor in identifying candidates no longer is part of the process. One option the committee would suggest the Board consider is broadening eligibility to include publications in any high-impact journal by ENRS members, though other approaches to restructuring this award may also be worth exploring.

Travel Scholarship Accountability: Although conference attendance is required, it may be helpful for ENRS to support formalizing a change to the payment mechanism (on-site vs post-conference reimbursement). This year it will be on-site payment.

Suzanne Feetham Award Submissions: This award received only 2 submissions for 2026, down from 4 in 2025. A longer-term promotional strategy could help ensure strong applicant pools for this named award. Targeted outreach through relevant RIGs and direct communication with family-focused researchers might be approaches worth considering.

Eligibility Criteria Consistency: The Rising Star Award criteria would benefit from specifying qualifying date parameters more clearly, as an eligibility issue arose this cycle with an applicant more than seven years out from conferral of the PhD. Additionally, the IDEAS award criteria do not currently include language about Board/committee member ineligibility that is standard for other awards. The committee would suggest standardizing this eligibility language across all award criteria for consistency.

Award Submission Volume: Several awards continue to receive fewer than five applications. A more reasonable target may be at least three applications per award, given that target provides a sufficiently wide pool of applicants. For those awards that received fewer than three applications, collaboration with the Communications Committee and organizational leadership would be valuable in addressing this challenge.

2024-2025 GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIONS PLANNED:

Determine the future of the Dissertation Award (CANS) funding, and explore developing a replacement award with the Board, if appropriate

Work with the Board to consider restructuring or broadening the Nursing Research Authorship Award to increase competitiveness and relevance

Continue efforts to increase award submissions across undersubscribed categories, considering the aspirational target of three or more (versus five) qualified applicants per award

Implement a communications plan in partnership with the Communications Committee for sustained award promotion

Explore migration of award submissions and reviews to the Oxford Abstracts platform to improve usability for applicants and reviewers

Establish direct outreach to schools of nursing as a long-term promotional strategy for student awards

Clarify Rising Star Award eligibility date specifications on award application announcement (management can do) and standardize eligibility/ineligibility language across all award criteria (requires Board approval)

Develop a targeted promotional strategy for the Suzanne Feetham Award

Continue refining rubrics based on each cycle's experience, with a focus on evaluating the new Mid-Career Award's first-year performance

Formalize the travel scholarship payment process to an on-site or post-conference reimbursement model

Executive Board Member Annual Report

OFFICER REPORTING: Fay Wright, PhD, RN, ACNP-BC, FNYAM

ENRS POSITION: Member at Large: Communications

DATE SUBMITTED: 3/13/2026

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Eileen Condon (Chair), Karen Alexander, Kelly Cheng, Kalei H. Crimi, Nicolette Fiore, Meg Hall, Kathryn Ledwin, Jean McHugh, Chrystina Manero Soloperto, Brittany Taylor, Abby Vasquez and Jennifer Ross, Scientific Session Committee Liaison

TASKS OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2025-2026: The Communications Committee continued its exemplary leadership in spreading the value of membership in ENRS this year. Through emails, social media postings, and innovative messaging, ENRS' contributions to advancing nursing science were widely and effectively disseminated.

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- The Student Discovery Network expanded its outreach to students at all levels. This initiative has increased ENRS membership of future nurse scientists to advance health equity and research. Kudos to Brittany Taylor, who led the evolution of the Student Discovery Network.
- Social Media ambassadors have spread the work of ENRS and its members through multiple platforms. Thank you, Abby Vasquez, for leading this initiative.
- For the first time, real-time Video Messages from members attending the ENRS 2025 Scientific Session were filmed and then posted on social media and our website to increase knowledge of the value of ENRS membership, attendance at the annual scientific sessions, and the value of ENRS membership.
- The committee partnered with the Conference, Awards, and Organizational Development committees for consistent themes and focused messaging.

CURRENT ISSUES AND CHALLENGES:

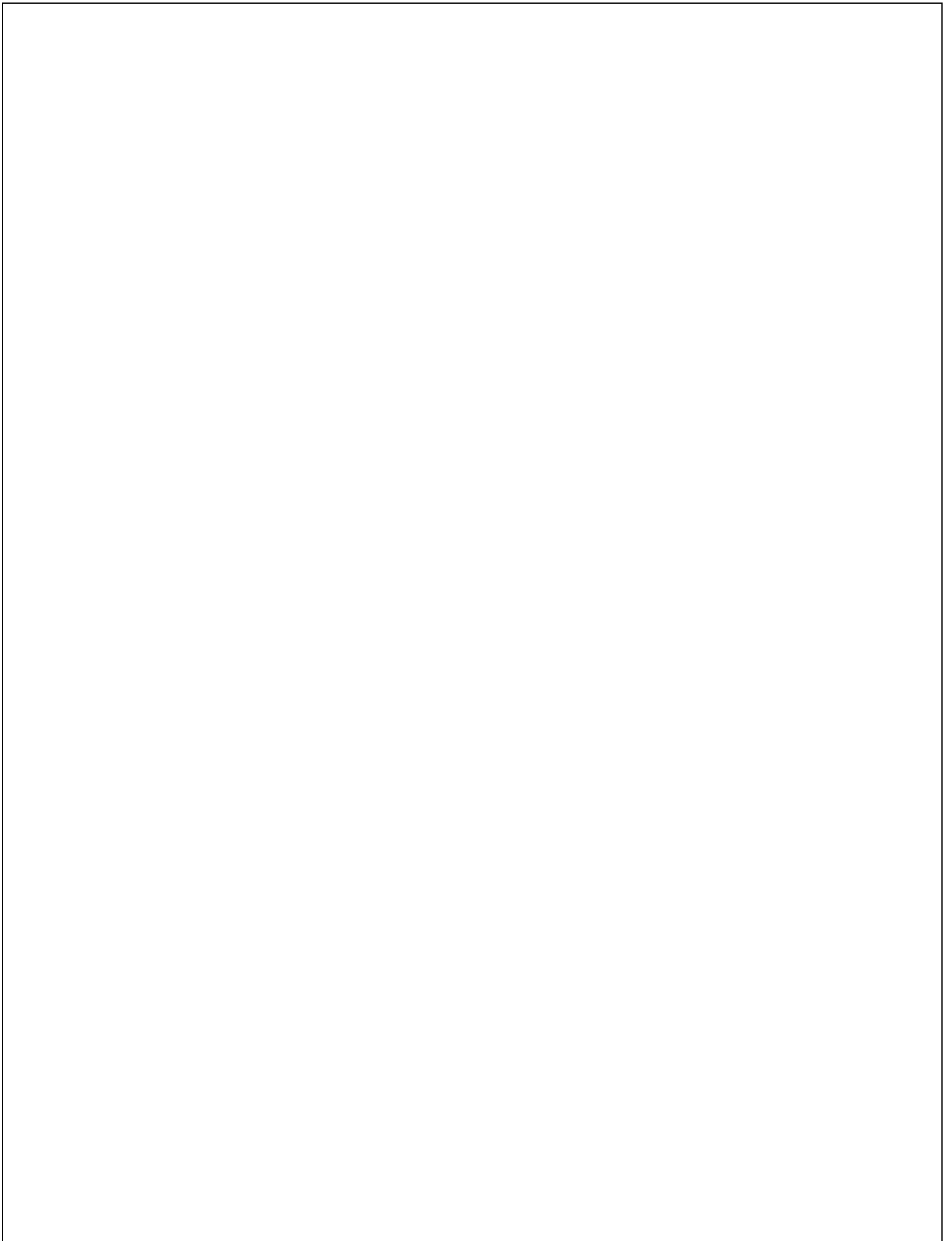
The website remains a challenge. The website doesn't provide an easy forum to disseminate ENRS value and events, and is difficult for members to connect and engage with each other and the organization. In 2026, a review of website alternatives/options for improvement is a priority. The social media platform is evolving. The impact of AI communication needs to be explored for value and benefit.

GOALS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND PLANS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT:

Continue to enhance the Student Discovery Network to build future membership.

Examine the impact of the evolving social media landscape on robust communication connections with members.

Maximize the voice and values of ENRS to our members, the nursing science community and the public.



Executive Board Member Annual Report

OFFICER REPORTING: Louise Reagan, PhD, APRN, ANP-BC, FAAN, FAANP

ENRS POSITION: Member at Large RIG Liaison to the Board

DATE SUBMITTED: March 19, 2026

COMMITTEE MEMBERS (IF APPLICABLE):

WE HAVE 17 RECOGNIZED RIGS

- Aging
- Criminal Justice, Trauma & Violence
- Early Career Nurse Scientists
- Evidence-Based Practice Improvement
- Family/Community Based Participatory
- Global Health
- Health Services Research
- LGBTQIA Health And Health Disparities
- Mental Health/ Substance Use
- Military & Veteran Health
- Nursing Education
- Nurse Scientists: Advancing Research In Practice
- Palliative Care
- Precision Health Rig
- Qualitative Research
- Reproductive And Maternal Health (RMH)(New)
- Theory Development

TASKS OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2025-2026:

1. Meetings

- Quarterly RIG leadership meetings were held throughout the year.

2. Collaboration with MNRS

- We held a collaborative meeting with MNRS that was well attended and demonstrated strong engagement from members of both organizations.
- Both organizations discussed shared challenges, including strategies for engaging members and addressing overlap among RIGs with potential opportunities for combining efforts.
- RIG chair contact information is now posted on both MNRS and ENRS websites, and collaboration between organizations was encouraged, although no formal agreements were established at this time.

3. Policy Manual

- The RIG Policy Manual was reviewed, with minimal updates required.
- The revised manual will be distributed to all RIG Chairs to support consistent operations across RIGs.

4. RIG-Led Webinars

- Three webinars were conducted this year, an increase from two webinars last year.

Webinars included:

- **Enhancing Care for People Living in Prison: Assessing Risk and Understanding Health** — September 22, 2025
- **Military & Veteran Health: The Experiences of Military Nurses in the Iraq and Afghanistan War and Reintegration** — February 18, 2026, 1:00 PM
- **Nurse Scientist RIG: Positioning Yourself for Funding Success as an Early Career Nurse Scientist** — April 16, 2026, 1:00 PM

CURRENT ISSUES AND CHALLENGES:

RIG Awards Development

- RIG awards have been discussed during several meetings; however, consensus has not yet been reached regarding the most appropriate approach.
- MNRS currently has 19 RIGs, each with varying award structures. During our collaborative meeting, MNRS representatives indicated that identifying award recipients can be challenging at times.
- Discussions have also occurred with ENRS Awards Committee members, who expressed interest in reviewing any proposed RIG award processes.
- Guidance from the ENRS Board is needed to determine an appropriate and sustainable approach to RIG awards.

RIG Leadership Transitions

- Two RIGs lost chairs this year:
 - Health Services RIG
 - Qualitative RIG
- Through networking and targeted email recruitment, the Health Services RIG successfully identified three co-chairs; however, one has recently stepped down.
- The Qualitative RIG continues to seek a new co-chair. The RIG Liaison plans to meet with a potential candidate during the ENRS conference to discuss this leadership opportunity.

Reproductive and Maternal Health RIG Leadership

- Efforts were underway to recruit an additional co-chair for the Reproductive and Maternal Health RIG. Alternative leadership options are currently being explored- see below new RIG request.

New RIG Request — Fathering RIG

- A request was submitted in late fall to establish a new Fathering RIG.
- Following discussion with RIG chairs during a quarterly meeting, it was recommended that this proposed group be incorporated into an existing RIG rather than formed as a stand-alone group.
- Potential alignment with the Reproductive and Maternal Health and Family/Community Based Participatory RIG was suggested.
- All parties agreed to pursue this direction, and discussions are planned at the annual conference to determine the most appropriate placement of the Fathering group as a sub-group within an existing RIG.

GOALS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND PLANS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT: (DEVELOP METRICS FOR ACHIEIVING GOALS)

1. Enhance member engagement

- Establish strategies to recruit and retain student members within RIGs, including mentorship and leadership opportunities. Track student membership
- Encourage participation of students, early-career researchers, and interdisciplinary members in RIG activities.

2. Establish Clear Guidelines for RIG Awards

- Develop standardized criteria for RIG-level recognition with guidance from Board and the Awards committee
- Consider phased implementation to evaluate feasibility before full adoption

3. Strengthen RIG Leadership Infrastructure

- Create a formal leadership orientation guide for new RIG chairs
- Establish formal mentorship between experienced and new RIG leaders
- Develop leadership mentoring strategies to support new RIG chairs.

4. Evaluate Opportunities for RIG Consolidation or Sub-Groups

- Review RIG structure periodically to ensure sustainability
- Consider incorporating smaller emerging interest groups as sub-groups within existing RIGs when appropriate
- Continue evaluating requests for new RIGs with RIG chairs

5. Continue dialogue with MNRS, and SNRS leadership to identify areas of mutual interest.

- Encourage informal collaboration between RIG chairs across organizations.
- Evaluate opportunities for shared educational programming.

6. Enhance Communication and Visibility

- Maintain updated RIG contact information on the ENRS website
- Work with RIG Chairs to evaluate and implement new communication platform
- Continue to promote RIG activities through newsletters, webinars, and conference programming

Committees and Research Interest Groups

Name of Committee / RIG:

Nomination

Name, title, organization of Chair/Co-Chair(s):

Past-President Jane Flanagan, PhD RN, ANP-BC, AHN-BC, FNI, FNAP, FAAN (Chair), Boston College, William F. Connell School of Nursing

Name of Member Reporting:

Jane Flanagan

PRIMARY GOALS for 2023-2024:

1. Have a minimum of 2 qualified nominees per position (Met)
2. Increase number of nominees from diverse and underrepresented backgrounds in nursing science among academic and clinical partners. (Met)
3. Maintain 100% compliance with bylaws and policies (Met).
4. Recommend potential candidates for open appointed committee chair/member positions (Met)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

ENRS Past-President Drs. Jane Flanagan (Chair), Lauren Ghazal, Mary McCurry, Lisa Duffy, Normajean Colby, Sukardi Suba, and Cindy Dady, (Staff Liaison)

FREQUENCY OF PHONE/IN-PERSON MEETINGS DURING 2023-2024:

The Nominating Committee met via Zoom on the following dates: 6/11/25, 7/10/25, 8/07/25 and 9/10/25.

TASKS OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE MARCH 2023:

The call for nominations was launched in June 2025 along with targeted recruitment of qualified candidates from diverse and underrepresented backgrounds in nursing science among academic and clinical partners. Special attention was devoted to encouraging members to participate in the nomination and election of the future leaders of ENRS.

A total of 26 nominations were received for the Fall 2025 Election. Online voting for the positions listed below was held from October through November 2025.

- President elect
- Member at large: Communications
- Member at large RIGs
- Awards
- Communications
- Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA) Committee
- Membership
- Nominating
- Organizational Development

Active ENRS membership was required to access the online ballot, Candidate statements and "Write In" options were offered for each position listed in the online ballot. The ENRS Executive Board has reviewed

and ratified the 2026 Election results.

The following slate of Executive Board and Standing Committee members have been elected and will take office at the Annual All Members Meeting on March 27th, 2026, at the 38th Annual Scientific Sessions in Boston, MA.

President-Elect

- Susan DeSanto-Madeya

Director of Communications

- Eileen Condon

Director of RIGs

- Louise Reagan

Awards Committee

- Kathryn Sabo
- Michelle McKay
- Billy Caceres

Communications Committee

- Nicole Perez

Membership Committee

- Clare Whitney
- Katherine Erbe
- Miriam Dowling-Schmitt

Nominating Committee

- Barbara Sinacori

Organizational Development Committee

- Audrey Snyder

IDEA Committee

- Sun Kim

CURRENT ISSUES AND CHALLENGES, HOW CAN ENRS HELP WITH YOUR SUCCESS?

Continued support in helping the Nominations Committee in its outreach to our entire geographic area for the recruitment of candidates.

The Nominating Committee wishes to extend its sincere appreciation to Cindy Dady ENRS Managing Director and her team for their support and dedication and to Dr. Lisa Duffy, ENRS Secretary for serving as the teller.

2024-2025 GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIONS PLANNED:

1. Have a minimum of 2 qualified nominees per position.
2. Increase number of nominees from diverse and underrepresented backgrounds in nursing science among academic and clinical partners.
3. Maintain 100% compliance with bylaws and policies.
4. Recommend potential candidates for open appointed committee chair/member positions.

Committees and Research Interest Groups

Name of Committee / RIG:

Sponsorship and Development Committee (formerly the Org. Development Committee)

Name, title, organization of Chair/Co-Chair(s):

Rhonda Maneval
Interim Provost and Dean of the College of Health and Wellness
Carlow University,
Pittsburgh, PA

Name of Member Reporting:

Rhonda Maneval Chair

PRIMARY GOALS for 2023-2024:

- 1) Committee members' engagement in meetings and participation in committee activities
- 2) Committee members contribute to the development of the annual partnership toolkit.
- 3) Committee members expand the number of potential contributors by adding 30 additional colleagues, schools/colleges of Nursing, and organizations to contact as part of the annual campaign.
- 4) Total revenue from partnership packages and add-ons sold will meet or exceed last year's total.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Krystyna deJacq
Karen Alexander
Marie Borgella
Maya Clark-Cutaia
Anne Mitchell
Mei Lin Chen-Lim (Board Liaison)

FREQUENCY OF PHONE/IN-PERSON MEETINGS DURING 2023-2024:

Monthly online meetings.

TASKS OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE MARCH 2023:

The committee surpassed its goal of \$150,000 in sponsorship, reaching a total of \$167,280, surpassing last year.

We are particularly proud of this accomplishment, given the budget pressures our sponsoring institutions and leaders are facing. This was the result of adding new potential sponsors to our list - identifying SON and CON that now have doctoral programs.

Collaboration with RIG leadership resulted in additional help and support for the work of the committee - helped to identify the best contacts at institutions

CURRENT ISSUES AND CHALLENGES, HOW CAN ENRS HELP WITH YOUR SUCCESS?

Overall, poor attendance at monthly meetings despite using polls to determine the best meeting times. Our colleagues are very over-extended, with demanding positions, making participation difficult.

Additionally, some members seemed uncomfortable with reaching out to solicit sponsorships.

2024-2025 GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIONS PLANNED:

The committee is very pleased that the new name has been adopted and revisions to the Strategic plan. For next year, the goals include:

1. Cultivate and secure sponsorships to support the ENRS annual conference, with a fundraising goal of at least \$150,000 annually.
2. 80% of committee members will attend 80% of meetings.
3. 100% of committee members will engage in the email campaign, sending the annual partnership opportunity to identified potential contributors.
4. Each committee member will reach out to at least 20 potential contributors.



Committees and Research Interest Groups

Name of Committee / RIG:

Aging RIG

Name, title, organization of Chair/Co-Chair(s):

Justine S. Sefcik, PhD, RN, Assistant Professor/Director of the PhD in Nursing Program, Drexel University College of Nursing and Health Professions

Martha C. Coates, PhD, RN, CRNP, AGPCNP-BC, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Drexel University College of Nursing and Health Professions

Miranda V. McPhillips PhD, RN, Eastwood Family Endowed Assistant Professor
M. Louise Fitzpatrick College of Nursing

Name of Member Reporting:

Justine Sefcik

PRIMARY GOALS for 2023-2024:

- Facilitate networking and collaboration among investigators studying aging-related topics.
- Develop a directory where members can learn about each other.

FREQUENCY OF PHONE/IN-PERSON MEETINGS DURING 2023-2024:

Leadership has met periodically via virtual meetings and has communicated over email to coordinate activities and planning for RIG engagement.

We held an in-person RIG meeting during the 2025 conference and a virtual member meet-and-greet.

We will hold an in-person RIG meeting during the 2026 conference.

TASKS OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE MARCH 2023:

- Initiated planning for opportunities to engage aging researchers during the ENRS Annual Scientific Sessions.
- Identified shared areas of research interest among members.
- Began discussing strategies to expand participation among early-career investigators and doctoral students conducting aging research.
- Held virtual meet-and-greet among members, which fostered networking, idea generation for the RIG, and helped problem-solve among the attendees.

CURRENT ISSUES AND CHALLENGES, HOW CAN ENRS HELP WITH YOUR SUCCESS?

The Aging RIG is focused on increasing member engagement and awareness of the group among ENRS attendees. We learned that members attended our meet-and-greet based on the calendar invite sent out from ENRS - rather than our posting on the community platform.

2024-2025 GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIONS PLANNED:

- Host networking and collaboration activities for aging researchers during the ENRS Annual Scientific Sessions through the poster session and in-person RIG meeting.

- Facilitate opportunities for collaborative scholarship among members, including development of conference symposia and collaborative manuscripts.
- Plan a webinar sponsored by our RIG.

Committees and Research Interest Groups

Name of Committee / RIG:

Criminal Justice Trauma and Violence

Name, title, organization of Chair/Co-Chair(s):

Louise Reagan, PhD, APRN, ANP-BC, FAANP, FAAN

Associate Professor & Director, PhD Program

University of Connecticut, Elisabeth DeLuca School of Nursing

Name of Member Reporting:

Erin Kitt-Lewis

PRIMARY GOALS for 2023-2024:

1. One manuscript development collaboratively from the RIG - in progress
2. One webinar on CJTV topic by a RIG member - completed in fall
3. CJTV symposium at ENRS 2026 - accepted
4. Build membership

FREQUENCY OF PHONE/IN-PERSON MEETINGS DURING 2023-2024:

1 in-person meeting at ENRS Scientific Session
3-4 virtual meetings (2 in fall and 1-2 in spring)

TASKS OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE MARCH 2023:

2 Webinars - Summer 2025 and Fall 2025
1 Symposium accepted at ENRS

CURRENT ISSUES AND CHALLENGES, HOW CAN ENRS HELP WITH YOUR SUCCESS?

Small RIG, we get a lot of student interest at ENRS, but few join the RIG after they graduate. Many are no longer in our region.

2024-2025 GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIONS PLANNED:

1. One manuscript development collaboratively from the RIG
2. One webinar on CJTV topic by a RIG member
3. CJTV symposium at ENRS 2027
4. Build membership

Committees and Research Interest Groups

Name of Committee / RIG:

Global Health RIG

Name, title, organization of Chair/Co-Chair(s):

Brittney van de Water, PhD, RN, CPNP; Boston College
Sharon Rainer, PhD, RN, FNP, PMHNP; Jefferson College

Name of Member Reporting:

Brittney van de Water

PRIMARY GOALS for 2023-2024:

- 1) Engage RIG members in networking
- 2) Advance global health nursing and global nursing research within ERNS

FREQUENCY OF PHONE/IN-PERSON MEETINGS DURING 2023-2024:

Co-chair meeting in September 2025; Zoom meeting in January 2026; Meetings scheduled for March 2026 at ENRS conference and April and June 2026.

TASKS OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE MARCH 2023:

- 1) Developed poster for 2026 ENRS Conference with RIG members
- 2) Worked with small RIG group on potential webinar related to global health and interest to present webinar in next few months (spring/early summer)

CURRENT ISSUES AND CHALLENGES, HOW CAN ENRS HELP WITH YOUR SUCCESS?

- Better engagement with RIG members; support survey development and distribution to RIG members.

2024-2025 GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIONS PLANNED:

- 1) Survey RIG members on their needs and preferences of what they seek to gain from being part of the Global Health RIG (i.e., more support with research, mentorship, guidance; providing mentorship; group for writing; frequency of meetings, etc)
- 2) Host a webinar with RIG members regarding global health

Committees and Research Interest Groups

Name of Committee / RIG:

Health Services RIG

Name, title, organization of Chair/Co-Chair(s):

Lynne Moronski, PhD, MPA, RN, TruMerit and University of Pennsylvania

Shiyon Mathew, PhD, RN, Montefiore Einstein and Lehman College City, University of New York (CUNY).

Name of Member Reporting:

Lynne Moronski

PRIMARY GOALS for 2023-2024:

The primary goal for 2025–2026 has been to reestablish the Health Services Research Interest Group following a period of limited activity. Since assuming leadership in 2025, the co-chairs have focused on reconnecting members, restarting regular meetings, and identifying priority areas of interest within health services research in nursing.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Please see roster.

FREQUENCY OF PHONE/IN-PERSON MEETINGS DURING 2023-2024:

The group resumed meetings in early 2026 and currently meets monthly via virtual meetings. These meetings are intended to facilitate networking, identify shared research interests, and explore opportunities for collaboration among ENRS members engaged in health services research.

TASKS OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE MARCH 2023:

- Reestablished leadership for the Health Services Research Interest Group.
- Restarted regular meetings after a period of inactivity.
- Reconnected with interested ENRS members and invited participation in the group.
- Began discussions to identify priority research themes and potential collaborative activities.

CURRENT ISSUES AND CHALLENGES, HOW CAN ENRS HELP WITH YOUR SUCCESS?

- Rebuilding participation and engagement following the period when the group was not meeting regularly.
- Clarifying the scope of health services research within ENRS, given the broad methodological and topical range of the field.
- Establishing sustainable programming and member engagement for future meetings.

2024-2025 GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIONS PLANNED:

The Health Services Research Interest Group aims to continue strengthening the group and supporting members through:

- Regular meetings to foster networking and collaboration.
- Research exchange sessions, where members can share ongoing projects or works in progress.

Committees and Research Interest Groups

Name of Committee / RIG:

LGBTQIA Health and Health Disparities RIG

Name, title, organization of Chair/Co-Chair(s):

Kasey Jackman, PhD, RN, PMHNP-BC, FAAN
Associate Professor of Nursing
Director of Academic-Practice Partnerships
Columbia University School of Nursing
Nurse Scientist
NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital

Jordon D. Bosse, PhD, RN (he/him/his)
Assistant Professor
URI College of Nursing

Name of Member Reporting:

Kasey Jackman

PRIMARY GOALS for 2023-2024:

- Hold at least 6 RIG meetings during the academic year, including 1 journal club and 1 guest speaker/presenter (invite other ENRS members), and an in-person RIG meeting at ENRS conference in 2026

Engagement

- Increase use of RIG community page for announcements, discussion, and other engagement. Goal: 6-8 posts
- Update the RIG webpage at least once

Networking

- Develop a list of members and bios to facilitate networking and collaboration
- Reach out to other regional nursing group RIGs for potential collaboration (e.g., health disparities research interest and implementation group at MNRS)

Mentoring/Mutual Support and Dissemination

- Host at least 30 writing accountability groups
- Develop a list of SGM-related research articles and save them to the Zotero list
- Submit at least 1 symposium for consideration for 2026 ENRS conference
- Facilitate peer review + feedback on abstract drafts in preparation for conference submission
- Offer practice/feedback session in preparation for the conference
- Consider the development of a SGM research related webinar (or related topic co-hosted with other RIGs)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Symposium committee: Kasey Jackman, Jordon Bosse, Tyler Gaedecke, Yashika Sharma, Michelle Stage, Caitlin Nye

RIG poster committee: Jordon Bosse, Kasey Jackman

FREQUENCY OF PHONE/IN-PERSON MEETINGS DURING 2023-2024:

Held 3 virtual meetings. One meeting was a journal club and members of other RIGs were invited to attend.

Hosted 36 weekly Writing Accountability Groups.

TASKS OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE MARCH 2023:

- Meetings with leadership of WIN Special Interest Group on LGBT Health. Discussed RIG's research study and WIN SIG's interest in replicating it.
- Multiple meetings with potential symposium presenters to organize symposium submission
- Attended quarterly ENRS RIG leaders meetings
- 3 posts in RIG online community
- Provided feedback on abstracts in advance of submission to ENRS
- Collaborated on development of the RIG poster for the 2026 Conference
- Symposium developed & submitted for 2026 ENRS Scientific Sessions, which includes work by two people new to the RIG; several members also submitted poster and paper abstracts (independently and with other RIG members)
- Hosted 36 weekly writing accountability group meetings with 2-5 active attendees, each about 2-2.5 hours. Meetings supported the development of dissertations; conference abstracts, posters, and papers; grant applications and reporting; manuscript development and revision; teaching related tasks, coding qualitative data, conducting quantitative data analysis, and peer review of manuscripts.

CURRENT ISSUES AND CHALLENGES, HOW CAN ENRS HELP WITH YOUR SUCCESS?

Our main challenge is engagement. We have tried sending messages in multiple ways (e.g., our Gmail account, discussion posts in the online community), but rarely get any responses. This seems to be true whether we're trying to elicit availability for planning or sending out announcements about meetings or other opportunities. We are unclear whether or to what extent our current RIG members receive the announcements we post in the online community.

Our meetings have historically been attended by a small, committed group of core members, which has been primarily graduate students. This year, many of our graduate students earned their PhDs and attendance has been lower than usual. We have invited members of other RIGs to several events (guest speakers, journal club, aims page discussion, writing accountability groups), but these have rarely resulted in any additional attendees.

We would appreciate any ideas from ENRS/all RIG members collectively about engaging senior scientists in the work of the RIGs as well as thoughts regarding legacy planning/leadership transitions. We'd like to bring some new energy into the RIG and get assistance with some tasks like helping schedule meetings and events, sending out meeting agendas and minutes, etc.

2024-2025 GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIONS PLANNED:

- Hold at least 6 RIG meetings during the academic year, including 1 journal club and 1 guest speaker/presenter (invite other ENRS members), and an in-person RIG meeting at ENRS conference in 2027

Engagement

- Increase use of RIG community page for announcements, discussion, and other engagement.
- Update the RIG webpage as needed
- Encourage 3 RIG members to volunteer to review abstracts for the 2027 scientific sessions
- Nominate 1 active RIG member for an ENRS award

Networking

- Reach out to other regional nursing group RIGs for potential collaboration (e.g., health disparities research interest and implementation group at MNRS)
- Collaborate with another RIG on a networking event

Mentoring/Mutual Support and Dissemination

- Host at least 30 writing accountability groups
- Develop a list of SGM-related research articles and save them to the Zotero list
- Submit at least 1 symposium for consideration for 2027 ENRS conference
- Facilitate peer review + feedback on abstract drafts in preparation for conference submission. Offer practice/feedback session in preparation for the conference
- Consider the development of a SGM-research related webinar (or related topic co-hosted with other RIGs)

Committees and Research Interest Groups

Name of Committee / RIG:

Military & Veterans Health RIG

Name, title, organization of Chair/Co-Chair(s):

Rosanna F. DeMarco, PhD, RN, FAAN

UMass Boston

Professor Emerita

Donna M. and Robert J. Manning College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Dept. of Nursing, University Massachusetts Boston

Nurse Scientist, Veterans Administration (VA) Boston Healthcare System

Co-Chair, Military and Veterans Research Interest Group, ENRS (Eastern Nursing Research Society).

Co-Chair, ANAMASS Awards Committee

Bonnie Charland, PhD, MBA, RN, NE-BC

Detail: MEDU Surveillance Center Nurse Executive

Nurse Scientist VA Boston Healthcare System

Co-Chair, Military and Veterans Research Interest Group, ENRS (Eastern Nursing Research Society).

Chair, Heritage Committee, Sigma-Delta Upsilon at-large Chapter

Name of Member Reporting:

Bonnie Charland

PRIMARY GOALS for 2023-2024:

1. Provide forums for discussion and critique of members' work (papers, grants, abstracts, etc.)
2. Facilitate collaboration (publications, presentations, studies, secondary data analyses)
3. Serve as research advocates and mentors
4. Facilitating sharing of diverse ideas and resources for those service Veterans across the spectrum of Health System.
5. A body of mutual supporters across the spectrum in promoting Military and Veteran Health

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Rosanna F. DeMarco

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FREQUENCY OF PHONE/IN-PERSON MEETINGS DURING 2023-2024:

Monthly meetings were held during the academic calendar year. Breaks were taken in July, August and December.

TASKS OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE MARCH 2023:

Presentations

3 Individual Presentations Accepted for 36th Annual Scientific Session .

Posters

2 Individual Presentations Accepted for 36th Annual Scientific Session

Webinar

"The Experiences of Military Nurses in the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars and Reintegration." with 24 registrants.

Collaboration

Introductory meeting held with WIN SIG and SNRS RIG

8 ENRS RIG Meetings held with good participation

Support

Robust discussions of challenges and opportunities

CURRENT ISSUES AND CHALLENGES, HOW CAN ENRS HELP WITH YOUR SUCCESS?

Finding a meeting time that coordinates with most members' schedules is challenging. Unfortunately, the ENRS Community platform has not been a preferred method for communication.

2024-2025 GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIONS PLANNED:

1. Continue to disseminate work on Military & Veteran Health
2. Continue to build a collaborative network for interprofessional research.
3. Continue conversation with other Regional Military & Veteran Health Rigs to leverage opportunities and strengths.
4. Develop approach for Co-chair succession planning

Committees and Research Interest Groups

Name of Committee / RIG:

Nurse Scientist – Advancing Nursing Knowledge in Clinical Practice through Research

Name, title, organization of Chair/Co-Chair(s):

Katie Hinderer, Ph.D., RN, CNE, NEA-BC (she/her/hers)
Senior Nurse Scientist
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Associate Director, Center for Nursing Research and Innovation
Mount Sinai Health System

Name of Member Reporting:

Katie Hinderer & Kimberly Souffront

PRIMARY GOALS for 2023-2024:

1. Defining the nurse scientist role in clinical practice through consensus.
2. Engaging with policy.
3. Addressing the lack of preparation for clinically based PhD roles in academic programs.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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FREQUENCY OF PHONE/IN-PERSON MEETINGS DURING 2023-2024:

Initial meeting occurred at the 2025 ENRS annual meeting in Philadelphia, PA, March 2025

Virtual meetings occurred in June 2025, October 2025, February 2026

In-Person meeting Thursday March 26th, 2026

TASKS OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE MARCH 2023:

Tasks:

~Quarterly RIG Chair Meetings; Monthly Chair/Co-Chair Meetings; Quarterly RIG Member Meetings; Submitted Symposium to 2026 ENRS Conference, 4 abstracts were accepted for poster presentation.

Accomplishments:

~Valeria Ramdin and Bevin Cohen, inducted to American Academy of Nursing, 2025

~4 RIG Member Posters

~Submitted RIG-specific Symposium to 2026 ENRS Conference, this was accepted as 4 poster presentation abstracts.

~3 Podium Presentations

~Kimberly Souffront PhD, RN, FNP-BC, FAHA, FAAN, Jen Moniz Educational Leadership and Nursing Excellence Award

~Katherine A. Hinderer, PhD, RN, CNE, NEA-BC, has been named the 2025 recipient of the Virginia A. Henderson Award for Outstanding Contributions to Nursing Research by the CT Nurses Association

CURRENT ISSUES AND CHALLENGES, HOW CAN ENRS HELP WITH YOUR SUCCESS?

1. Member listserv represents a large number of members. However, we have roughly 10-20 members that attend quarterly meetings. We would like ENRS to support updating the RIG listserv with active members only.

2. Ongoing issues with communication board, left unresolved. ENRS can support an improved platform for communication.

3. Hosting meetings on individual member's or outside organizational zoom platforms, ENRS needs to provide a platform for virtual meetings.

4. Administrative support for minutes, RIG member communication, and RIG support/keeping on track for activities would be very helpful.

2024-2025 GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIONS PLANNED:

To be discussed March 2026 at our in-person meeting at the annual conference in Boston, MA.

Goals.

1. Defining the nurse scientist's role in clinical practice through consensus.
2. Engaging with policy.
3. Addressing the lack of preparation for clinically based PhD roles in academic programs.

Objectives

1. Create a consensus statement about the nurse scientist role and addressing policy issues.
2. Foster active participation and informed engagement to influence policy and ensure alignment with organizational or community goals.
3. Discuss and engage with academic faculty on how to facilitate preparation and knowledge necessary for successful roles as a clinically based nurse scientists.

Action

1. Symposium submitted to 2026 ENRS Conference titled: Defining the Role and Responsibilities of Clinically Based Nurse Scientists, a poster was accepted for presentation. There are also future plans to review data from a previous survey of the RIG to help define the current state of nurse scientist roles and responsibilities in the Northeast. An interest group was created. This goal is one of our open forum topics discussed quarterly.

2. A poster was accepted for presentation titled: Navigating policy, workforce, and sustainability challenges". There is an interest group formed around this topic. A member has expressed interest on giving a webinar on this topic.

3. RIG Members have had several panels and speaking events with PhD students on the role of a PhD prepared nurse working in healthcare delivery settings. A poster was accepted titled: Shaping future pipelines for PhD-prepared nurses in health systems. An interest group was also created for this topic.

Committees and Research Interest Groups

Name of Committee / RIG:

Nursing Education RIG

Name, title, organization of Chair/Co-Chair(s):

Kathleen Horan, PhD, FNP-BC, CNE, CHSE, Rutgers University, (co-chair, December 2023-present)

Linda Merritt, PhD, RNC-NIC, CNE, AWHONN, Quinnipiac University, (co-chair April 2025-March 2026).

Actively seeking a new co-chair as of March 2026.

Name of Member Reporting:

Kathleen Horan

PRIMARY GOALS for 2023-2024:

Overall mission: To advance the science of nursing education

Goal 1: Promote networking and collaboration among researchers focused on nursing curricular development and evaluation.

Goal 2: Assess work that is being done regionally and nationally and work to develop multi-site research projects.

Goal 3: Support research involving self-care, the promotion of resilience and the development of a professional identity starting during nursing education.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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Alanna Kavanaugh College of Mount Saint Vincent
Amanda Cornine Tan Chingfen Graduate School of Nursing
Amy D'Agata University of Rhode Island, College of Nursing
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FREQUENCY OF PHONE/IN-PERSON MEETINGS DURING 2023-2024:

We met monthly, alternating between Monday evening and Friday morning/afternoon, always via this Zoom link:

<https://rutgers.zoom.us/j/95941237142?pwd=e3AbfFoQESYLKy68vzxSL0e7RF0kWc.1>

TASKS OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE MARCH 2023:

We have had valuable meetings getting to know each other and our shared goals. We obtained IRB approval for an exploratory survey to gain the opinion of practicing nurses, nurse scientists and nurse educators (in practice or academia). The goal of the survey was to capture broad voices and use the findings to help guide the curricular innovation and evaluation research we could do within our RIG. We created the survey with broad domains/content areas and sub-categories within, based on our membership's review for content validity and also aligned with national priorities. It was circulated within our RIG, to the whole ENRS membership and cascaded beyond via the AACN and NLN list serves, other nursing research organizations and via social media. We completed data collection in the summer 2025 (n=226) are currently analyzing data and summarizing findings via a manuscript in progress. There are also many robust write-in comments that we are working to analyze. This work will serve as a launching pad for further projects within our RIG.

CURRENT ISSUES AND CHALLENGES, HOW CAN ENRS HELP WITH YOUR SUCCESS?

Currently, although we have 89 members, at our monthly meetings, we have about 15-20 members in attendance. We are hoping to increase attendance at our monthly meetings.

2024-2025 GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIONS PLANNED:

Have a strong presence at the ENRS Scientific Sessions in March 2026
Publicize our RIG via a poster to increase attendance at our on-site lunch meeting and ongoing monthly meetings.
Disseminate our survey findings via at least one manuscript and podium presentation.
Create a competency-based educational activity that can be piloted and evaluated, potentially in collaboration, across multi-sites.
Explore a topic for a webinar.

Committees and Research Interest Groups

Name of Committee / RIG:

Palliative Care RIG

Name, title, organization of Chair/Co-Chair(s):

Kiernan Riley, Fitchburg State University, Co-chair
Raeann LeBlanc, UMass Amherst, Co-Chair

Name of Member Reporting:

Raeann LeBlanc

PRIMARY GOALS for 2023-2024:

Expand active engagement
Hold regular meetings

TASKS OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE MARCH 2023:

A survey was sent to members to inquire about goals and meetings.
No replies

CURRENT ISSUES AND CHALLENGES, HOW CAN ENRS HELP WITH YOUR SUCCESS?

Activating the RIG

2024-2025 GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIONS PLANNED:

Engagement and activating membership
Collaboration with ther RIGs

Committees and Research Interest Groups

Name of Committee / RIG:

Precision Health

Name, title, organization of Chair/Co-Chair(s):

Nicole Perez, PhD, RN, PMHNP-BC, Assistant Professor, NYU
Brittany Taylor, PhD, RN, Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Pittsburgh

Name of Member Reporting:

Nicole Perez

PRIMARY GOALS for 2023-2024:

- Create a space for collaboration and connection between members, increasing meeting frequency
- Work together on a collaborative project involving current issues in precision health and nursing
- Create space for students, post-docs, and ESIs to share ideas, expand mentor/ collaborator networks, and receive constructive feedback

FREQUENCY OF PHONE/IN-PERSON MEETINGS DURING 2023-2024:

Monthly meetings with the full committee; subgroup meetings as needed to discuss the collaborative projects

TASKS OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE MARCH 2023:

- RIG discussed and updated mission and vision statements on the website
- Increased frequency of meetings with many members in regular attendance
- Increased structure of meetings with invited presentations and journal discussions lead by members
- Identification of a project involving the use of AI and genomics, and working toward guideline development what what nurses need to know to deliver patient education and informed consent around these tools

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Increasing engagement of our current members, or perhaps reconsidering our current definition of membership beyond signing up. This would also reduce administrative burdens on RIG leadership.

2024-2025 GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIONS PLANNED:

- Submit abstract resulting from collaborative project at ENRS 2027
- Continue networking among RIG members and identify opportunities for collaboration and growth for students and ESIs
- Identify and connect with leadership and members of SNRS, MNRS, WIN RIGs related to precision health and/or biobehavioral research

ENRS Qualitative RIG 2025-2026 Annual Report

Current Co-Chairs: Susan Sullivan-Bolyai & Danny Willis

PURPOSE: Our purpose is to provide an opportunity for students at all levels of entry and for early, mid, and senior nursing researchers to share and learn from each other about conducting qualitative research. Advice in methods and methodological challenges can be sought out as well. The Qualitative RIG does not replace the guidance that faculty give to their doctoral students but can be seen as a supplemental resource for advice and problem-solving.

Primary Goals/Activities/Accomplishments: Our intent for 2025-26 was to continue the momentum and enthusiasm about working together as a group to develop partnerships within our RIG and with other RIGs such as the Theory RIG. Individual abstract submissions were sent in by members for March 2026 conference. We have continued to work on small group manuscripts such as a 2-part qualitative methods manuscript (in process and delayed); an AI and qualitative research (in process) and a use of theory in qualitative research (submitted/in revisions) manuscript. Future webinar based on some of these manuscripts are forthcoming. There have been attempts to develop a clearinghouse of key articles to help inform PhD students and those new to qualitative research/methods. That tentative list was sent out again last month to members to review and add but perhaps the new co-chair (Susan S-B has stepped down as co-chair) can work on this effort going forward.

Challenges: Again, limited active numbers of participants but those that are involved are supportive and motivated. We hope some of our planned activities for the next year might attract a few more engaged members of our RIG.

Qual RIG Tentative Plan for 2026-27

- *Identify new Co-Chair for Qual RIG
- *Submit part 1 & 2 qualitative methods manuscripts
- *Revised manuscript on theory use in qualitative research
- *? Revisit/Upload and add to a central clearinghouse for favorite qual references: Will ask Francesca to help us with this/how to store/house on our webpage
- *? Qual book/article club (quarterly?)
- *?Start monthly zoom hour (take turns) to discuss with PhD students or beginning novice researchers ideas, brainstorming, advice, mentoring

Respectfully submitted
Susan Sullivan-Bolyai & Danny Willis
Co-Chairs Qualitative RIG
2/12/2026

Committees and Research Interest Groups

Name of Committee / RIG:

Theory Development

Name, title, organization of Chair/Co-Chair(s):

Chairs:

Edwin-Nikko R. Kabigting
Associate Professor, Adelphi University

Ditsapelo McFarland
Associate Professor, Adelphi University

Name of Member Reporting:

Edwin-Nikko R. Kabigting

PRIMARY GOALS for 2023-2024:

- Foster engagement among ENRS members interested in nursing theory.
- Promote scholarly dialogue on extant and emerging nursing theories and paradigms.
- Support collaboration and dissemination of theoretically grounded research.
- Provide opportunities for emerging scholars to present and discuss theoretically informed work.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Chairs:

Edwin-Nikko R. Kabigting
Associate Professor, Adelphi University

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FREQUENCY OF PHONE/IN-PERSON MEETINGS DURING 2023-2024:

The RIG membership met during the 2025 Scientific Sessions (approximately 10 participants), and the collaborative initiative with the Qualitative RIG continues to advance. A core writing group consisting of members from both the Theory RIG and the Qualitative RIG has continued its work on a collaborative manuscript led by Dr. Jane Flanagan. The writing group met virtually throughout the year. The Theory RIG plans to convene an in-person meeting with its membership during the 2026 Scientific Sessions.

TASKS OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE MARCH 2023:

At the most recent Scientific Sessions, the Theory RIG held an in-person meeting during which PhD students and candidates were invited to participate. These students shared their theoretical perspectives in relation to their emerging research. This informal forum, entitled "Emerging Theoretical Research," has been well received by students, their mentors, and ENRS leadership. The session provides a valuable opportunity for scholarly networking, allowing both experienced and emerging researchers to exchange

feedback and engage in dialogue. The Theory RIG plans to continue this established forum as a regular component of its Scientific Sessions programming.

The Theory RIG also continues its collaborative work with the Qualitative RIG. A manuscript examining the importance of nursing theory in qualitative research has been submitted to a peer-reviewed journal and is currently awaiting review. Dr. Jane Flanagan served as the lead and corresponding author, with co-authors representing both the Theory RIG and the Qualitative RIG.

CURRENT ISSUES AND CHALLENGES, HOW CAN ENRS HELP WITH YOUR SUCCESS?

With regard to the Emerging Scholars Forum, the Theory RIG plans to continue offering this initiative as a venue for emerging scholars to engage in scholarly discourse about their theoretically grounded research. The forum has proven to be both successful and well received by participants. Moving forward, the RIG aims to expand this initiative across the region to further support doctoral students and emerging researchers interested in theory-driven scholarship.

In addition, the Theory RIG hopes to continue its collaboration with the Qualitative RIG on scholarly initiatives, including the recently submitted manuscript on the role of nursing theory in qualitative research.

2024-2025 GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIONS PLANNED:

The primary goal of the Theory RIG remains to promote and disseminate theoretically grounded scholarship among ENRS members while highlighting the theoretical contributions of our membership.

At the 2026 Scientific Sessions, the Theory RIG will again invite PhD students to present their in-progress theoretical work during the RIG meeting. Based on the strong positive feedback received from participants and stakeholders, the RIG is exploring ways to expand this opportunity to further support emerging scholars and foster dialogue around theory-driven research.

Additionally, the Theory RIG plans to continue its collaborative work with the Qualitative RIG, including the dissemination of scholarship reflecting our shared commitment to theoretically grounded qualitative research.

The RIG will also continue exploring additional avenues for dissemination and engagement that support the evolving scholarly interests and needs of its membership.



Mission: To empower a diverse community of scholars dedicated to advancing nursing science.

Vision: To be the premiere organization for the advancement of nursing science.

Goal: Drive Member Value:

- Increase total membership by 5% each fiscal year.
- Provide members accessible and affordable access to annual conference
- Expand opportunities for networking, career development, collaboration and support among ENRS members
- Use member feedback and other data to inform, organizational processes, and program development and effectiveness

Goal: Enhance Connection and Engagement with partners and communities of interest:

- Collaborate with other regional societies to leverage synergies among interest groups
- Expand outreach efforts to both existing and prospective clinical and academic partners to enhance engagement and align shared goals
- Broaden innovative communication strategies for members, partners and key communities

Goal: Promote high quality research and scholarship:

- Foster ongoing involvement and engagement of experienced researchers
- Develop opportunities and continuing education programs to enhance scientific rigor
- Increase RIG visibility and productivity

Goal: Sustainability Maintain organizational viability:

- Incorporate sustainable practices into operations to ensure long term viability and resource efficiency
- Foster a culture of innovation to develop new programs and services that meet emerging needs