

New Jersey League for Nursing
2017 Nominations Biographical Form for Candidates

Name: **Tracy A. Ortelli**, PhD, RN, CNE, ANEF

Current Professional Position: Executive Vice President, Postlicensure Nursing, Galen College of Nursing

Education: PhD (Nova Southeastern University, MS (Columbia University), BSN (The Ohio State University)

Past /Present NJLN Offices Held: Elected Board Member (2015 – 2016); Appointed Treasurer (2016 – present)

Position Statement:

As a current and active member of the NJLN Board of Directors, I am interested in serving in the position of **Treasurer**. At this time, the NJLN is undergoing a period of significant transformation, which includes the need for strategic thinking about the financial growth of our constituent league so that we can advance our ability to fulfill our mission. As Treasurer of the New Jersey League for Nursing (NJLN), I plan to contribute to our mission and goals by sharing my relevant experience as a board member as well as my professional experience as an executive vice president of a single purpose nursing college and former employee of the National League for Nursing (NLN). I believe this is an exciting time at the NJLN as we chart our course for the next 100 years. In my role as Treasurer, I am particularly interested in determining how we can increase our funding of nursing scholarships to those interested in pursuing a career in nursing or advancing their education.

Name: **Barbara Sinacori**

Current Professional Position: Professor, JFK Muhlenberg Snyder School of Nursing

Education: MSN, PhD (c)

Past /Present NJLN Offices Held: Past and present member of Membership Committee, present member of Nominations committee.

Position Statement:

I am thrilled to be running for **Secretary** of the New Jersey League for Nursing. I have been a registered nurse for over 16 years, and have a diverse background in nursing; starting out as a staff nurse, working my way to nurse manager, being involved in staff development, and ultimately, nurse education. My education includes an MSN, as well as PhD candidacy, and I have earned certification in both my medical surgical specialty (CNRN) and nurse education (CNE). I have served as chair of many committees throughout my career: professional practice, nurse management council, faculty self- governance, test development, and performance and evaluations.

In keeping with the mission and philosophy of the NJLN, if elected Secretary, I would uphold the duties as described in the bylaws by keeping minutes of all meetings of the Board, the Standing Committees and any Special Committees which the Board may appoint, as well as issue all notices required by statute, by the Certificate of Incorporation/Articles of Incorporation, or by resolution of the Board. My experience and education allows me to exemplify the mission and philosophy of the NJLN through professional advancement and lifelong learning, promoting excellence in nursing education by building a strong and diverse nursing workforce to advance the nation's rapidly changing healthcare environment, promotion of collaboration and partnerships, and most importantly, public recognition of nursing excellence.

Name: Mary E. Koch

Current Professional Position: Perioperative Educator Newark Beth Israel Medical Center

Education: MSN Walden University; BSN Bloomfield College; AS/Dip Muhlenberg SON, Union County College

Past /Present NJLN Offices Held: Present Chair of Membership Committee, Past Co-Chair NJLN Convention

Position Statement: Today's nurse faces multiple challenges. By providing education we can support them and also prepare the next generation of nurses to safely care for their patients. As a member of NJLN **Board of Directors**, I can positively impact the thousands of working nurses as well as mentoring the novices entering this profession.

Name: Margaret H. Fink, MA, RN

Current Professional Position: Visiting Professor, Center for Academic Success, Chamberlain College of Nursing, North Brunswick, N.J.

Education: Master of Arts Degree, New York University, Bachelor of Science Degree, Nursing, William Paterson College, Associate in Applied Science in Nursing, Felician College.

Past /Present NJLN Offices Held: Program Planning Committee, 2007-present, Nominating Committee 1991-1993 & 2014-2015, NJLN Advisor to NJ Nursing Students, 1982-1994, Nursing Convention Committee, 1996, NJLN Advisor to NJ Nursing Students 1982-1994.

Position Statement: In the position as an elected member of the **Board of Directors**, I believe I will strongly support and represent the diverse membership within the state organization. As an active member in NJLN, I have represented the organization in various positions. My nursing experience includes practice, nursing education and nursing leadership. I have nursing experience that encompasses the education of students in all of the RN undergraduate levels and PN education.

I am an advocate for the advancement of Nursing education. The profession of Nursing is experiencing many opportunities for advancement with changes in health care, education and practice. These connections need to be strengthened to promote unity among all nurses.

Name: Dawn M. Zimmerman, DNP, APRN, MSN, RN–BC, CNE

Current Professional Position: Associate Clinical Professor, TSON

Education:

DNP – Rutgers University, Newark, NJ

MSN, Adult NP, and BSN - University of Pennsylvania, PA

Past /Present NJLN Offices Held: None

Position Statement:

I believe that my leadership style is a blend of Servant Leadership and Transformational Leadership. As a nurse leader, my practice has always been based on the fundamental principles of building relationships and motivating others who share the same vision and mission. As a servant and transformer, and someone with the knowledge and skills to lead, I believe I will be able to communicate the mission and vision of the organization with the confidence and respect that inspires others, motivate individuals to reach higher levels, provide encouragement and praise to others, supporting and letting team members understand that they are important, as well as remaining loyal to the team. I hope that by contributing these leadership qualities, I will be able to act with integrity and passion to work effectively with the team in accomplishing the goals of the organization.

Name: Maryse M. Annulyse

Current Professional Position: Full Time Faculty

Education: MSN, RN, CCRN

Past /Present NJLN Offices Held:

Position Statement: My interest in running for a leadership position is twofold. Educating nursing students is quite different from other professions because we must emphasize in theory and in clinical practice the knowing of “when,” “why,” “how” and critical thinking. As an educator, it is important to teach the students to understand the reasoning and the logic behind their actions in the clinical field, at the bedside, and in their surroundings. Also, educators do need to continue and expand their professional development because it is as important for the well-being of the school as well as for the students.

Coming from critical care background and academia arena, my vision is to embark the integration of both arenas where both will assist each other and improve the experiences of nursing students. My networking in both the academic and the clinical areas will allow access to people which will result in a diverse ballot in the organization.

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Name: **Joann Ciampi**, MSN, RN

Current Professional Position: Lead Teacher/Associate Professor

Education: MSN in Nursing Education

Past /Present NJLN Offices Held: None

Position Statement:

My experience as a Lead Teacher/Nurse Educator, as well as my many years as Nurse Manager for Cardiovascular Services, my dedication as educator of Cardio-pulmonary Rehabilitation patients and service as a mentor to RN pursuing their BSN and MSN students pursuing nursing education are some of the essential core components that will assist me in a position on the **NJLN Nominating committee**.

I believe in wanting others to reach their potential both personally and professionally. Communication with peers and recognizing individuals of diverse groups and encouraging their input is what has helped my personal growth and professional competencies. I believe using these techniques and competencies in management and education foster a cohesive collaborative group. These same qualifications will assist me to be a successful member of the Nominating Committee.

At present I am Chair of the Curriculum Committee at JFK/ Muhlenberg Schools and I am on the Curriculum Committee at Union County College. I have been a Nurse Educator for 7 years at both the College of Saint Elizabeth (adjunct for RN to BSN) and JFK/Muhlenberg Harold B. & Dorothy A. Snyder Schools.

I have been a guest speaker at the New Jersey Student Nurse Association, (2016), the title of the program was Advocacy and Integrity: Finding Your Voice; speaker for heart month on the topic of Reducing Risk of Heart Disease through Cardiac Rehabilitation. I have also presented on the topics of Curriculum Design and Educational Strategies for High Risk Learners.

I look forward to working with you to choose the best candidates in 2018 and to uphold the philosophy and mission of the NJLN.

Name: **Judith DeLucia**, MA, RN

Current Professional Position: Faculty

Education: Master of Arts in Delivery of Nursing Services

Past /Present NJLN Offices Held: None

Position Statement:

I chose to be a candidate for the **nomination committee** because I feel that NJLN supports educators in their challenging role based on the ever changing healthcare environment. I would be honored to help in selecting candidates that want to work toward the common goal of excellence in nursing education while furthering the mission and philosophy of the NJLN.

I have been in education for seventeen years and strive for excellence. Being a role model for my colleagues and students, both in the classroom and in the clinical area, has made me a more effective educator and professional. I have been in a leadership position for the last eight years and have grown in that role by working with a diverse population of students and faculty and by continually incorporating evidence-based practice into our curriculum. We have updated our practice to align with rapidly changing trends in the healthcare environment. I was able to introduce these changes as the Curriculum Chairperson at our institution for four years. We strive to socialize our students into the nursing profession by encouraging higher education and professional growth through participation in professional organizations. The students of today must be prepared to work collaboratively with other disciplines and provide patient-centered care.

Name: Susan Karcher MSN,RN

Current Professional Position: Lead Teacher- Faculty

Education: Masters in Nursing

Past /Present NJLN Offices Held: Nomination Committee

Position Statement: As part of the **nominations committee** I feel I can be an asset for a variety of reasons. I have an extensive background in leadership which enables me to utilize accurate judgment in decision making. I have been lead teacher for 4 semesters in our senior nursing course as well as chair of our outcomes committee and test construction committee. In addition, I currently serve as co-chair of our curriculum committee.

Having spent the last fifteen years in education, I have been exposed to the latest evidenced based practice trends which helps to keep my frame of reference current. This position has also enabled me to see the importance of incorporating diverse experiential background in a decision making forum. I am a role model in the classroom and clinical and strive to maintain high standards. As a Nurse educator, I have the responsibility of preparing our student nurses for the challenges in health care, getting involved in professional organizations as well as professional development. I would be honored to serve on the nominations committee and further the mission of the NJLN addressing the needs of the community, students and recipients of health care.