



2018 NJLN Ballot

Biographical Information

Position: President-Elect

Name of Nominee:	Tracy A. Ortelli, PHD, RN, CNE, ANEF
Present Employer:	Galen College of Nursing
Education:	Nova Southeastern University
Major	Nursing
Credential Received	PhD

Position Statement:

As elected President for the 2020-2022 term, I would advance the goals of the New Jersey League for Nursing (NJLN) by focusing on strategies to increase our membership, advance our capacity to offer more scholarships, and increase the number of professional development opportunities we provide our members. I have had the honor of serving as a NJLN board member (2015-2016) and Treasurer (2016-present), during which time I have been committed to facilitating its ongoing transformation. For this 102-year-old Constituent League to continue to evolve, we must leverage our use of technology to better connect our current members and provide improved access to future members who reside throughout the state. To develop future nurse leaders, we must be innovative and strategic in our efforts to increase our funding of scholarships. As an active member of the scholarship committee, I have gained insights about our applicants' potential as well as their needs. To provide increased funding, it will be necessary to establish partnerships and increase the involvement of our members. Last, to offer increased value to our members, it will be important to create additional professional development opportunities. To accomplish these goals, I will apply my experience as an executive leader in nursing education and former employee of the National League for Nursing. The work experiences I have gained in these various roles have provided me with a national perspective about the challenges nurse educators face, as well as the opportunities that are available to advance the profession.

Professional Associations / Activities

Date	Activity	Organization
3/17 – Present	Treasurer	New Jersey League for Nursing
6/16 – 3/17	Appointed treasurer	New Jersey League for Nursing
3/15 – 6/16	Board member	New Jersey League for Nursing
2017	Abstract Reviewer	Sigma Theta Tau



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League Activities During the Past 10 Years

Date	Activity	Constituent League
2012 - 2015	Appointed Member, Certification Commission	National League for Nursing
2010 - 2012	Elected Member, Certification Commission	National League for Nursing
2013 - 2016	Grant Reviewer	National League for Nursing
2017	Grant Reviewer (alternate)	National League for Nursing

Awards, Honors, Publications

- Inducted in the Academy of Nurse Educator Fellows (2012) ☐ Inducted in to Sigma Theta Tau (2009)
- Business First Partners in Health Care Award Recipient (Louisville, KY), 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015

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Position: Board of Directors

Name of Nominee	Kathleen Mastice, PhD, RN, OCN
Present Employer	Hackensack Meridian – JFK Muhlenberg School of Nursing
Education	Capella University
Major	Nursing Education
Credential Received	PhD

Position Statement:

It is with great passion and enthusiasm that I respectfully submit my nomination to serve on the Board of Directors for the New Jersey League for Nursing. As a New Jersey registered nurse for the past 34 years, I have provided compassionate care to my patients and their families upholding the core values of caring, integrity, diversity, and excellence in an endeavor to advance the health of our nation and the global community. For the past 22 years I have been employed as a nurse educator in a college of nursing, devoted to building a strong and diverse nursing workforce who will provide safe care to all our consumers of health care. I have been a member of a task force on a national level to educate oncology nurses today for tomorrow, and internationally have been the recipient of a grant to educate nurses in Zambia, Africa.

If elected to the Board of Directors, I promise to promote excellence in nursing education by being a leader in nursing education and advancing excellence, innovation, and integrity in education. I will be committed to the members of the New Jersey League for Nursing by engaging a diverse, sustainable, member-led organization with the capacity to deliver our mission effectively and efficiently. Thank you for considering this nomination, as I would be honored to contribute to the New Jersey League for Nursing.

League Activities During the Past 10 Years (Most Recent First)

Date	Activity	Constituent League
2012-2017	Convention attendance	
2016-present	Membership Committee	New Jersey League for Nursing

Professional Associations / Activities

Date	Activity	Organization
2013, 2009	President	Oncology Nursing Society, North Central New Jersey Chapter
2013	Web Master	Oncology Nursing Society, North Central New Jersey Chapter
2008-2011	National Task Force on Educating Oncology Nurses Today for Tomorrow	Oncology Nursing Society National, Pittsburgh, PA
2009	Grant recipient to educate nurses in Zambia, Africa	Oncology Nursing Society National, Pittsburgh, PA



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Position: Board of Directors

Name of Nominee	Joan Merz
Present Employer	Union County College
Education	Walden University
Major	MSN-Education
Credential Received	MSN

Position Statement
<p>Over the last thirty-three years as a nurse, I have had the pleasure to practice in various positions throughout my career which has enriched my professional persona and I can truly say with tremendous conviction, that I love nursing.</p> <p>As a nurse educator for over the last eighteen years, I have had countless opportunities to teach the next generation of nurses with zest, humor, experiences to share, and rigor. My passion to teach has always been at the forefront of my pedagogy and still remains as a leader in my organization.</p> <p>Over the last few years I have had the opportunity to formulate processes, be a change agent, execute conceptual- based practices and mentor new nurse educators. Teaching faculty how important evidenced based practices are to enhancing critical thinkers in our profession has been monumental to positive outcomes in nursing education. Learning is life long and I am passionate about the journey.</p> <p>It would be an honor to serve as a member of the NJ NLN Board of Directors for the term of 2018-2021. I welcome this prestigious opportunity and hope to be a major contributor to the organization.</p>

League Activities / Professional Associations / Activities

Date	Activity	Constituent League/Organization
2009 - Present	President 2018/Member	PNEC
2000 - Present	Member	NLN

Awards, Honors, Publications

Sigma Theta Thao, Day in a Life, Broviac /Hickman Care
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Position: Nomination Committee

Name of Nominee:	Maryse M. Annulyse
Present Employer:	Trinitas School of Nursing
Education:	College of St. Elizabeth
Major	Nursing
Credential Received	MSN

League Activities / Professional Associations / Activities

Date	Activity	Organization
2017	NJLN Nominations Committee	New Jersey League for Nursing
2017-2017	Member	SIEGMA THETA TAU
2009 - PRESENT	Member	AACN
2015 - PRESENT	Member	New Jersey League for Nursing

Position Statement:

My interest in running for a leadership position is two-fold. 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 clinical areas will allow access to people which will result in a diverse ballot in the organization.

Awards, Honors, Publications

CCRN, ACLS, BLS



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Position: Nomination Committee

Name of Nominee	Judy DeLucia, MA, RN
Present Employer	Hackensack Meridian – JFK Muhlenberg School of Nursing
Credential Received	Master of Arts in Delivery of Nursing Services

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.



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Position: Nomination Committee

Name of Nominee	Florence S. Lee
Present Employer	Mercer County Community College
Education	University of Delaware
Major	Nursing
Credential Received	Master of Science in Nursing, (CNS Track)

Position Statement:

It would truly be an honor to provide service to the New Jersey League for Nursing. I have 10+ years of staff nursing experience and I am currently in my third year as a nurse educator. Since embarking on this amazing role, I have consistently challenged myself on how I can fully begin to embrace the core competencies held by nurse educators. An important part of fulfilling that commitment is becoming more involved in professional organizations. I was fortunate enough to be nominated by my Director of Nursing to be Mercer County Community College's ambassador for the National League for Nursing but I still have an overwhelming desire to do more and that led me to consider this position within the New Jersey League for Nursing.

What I lack in experience related to roles or positions within professional organizations, I make up for with a strong work ethic, outgoing personality, willingness to learn, and my trademarked sense of humor. As a member of the Nomination Committee, I will work tirelessly to ensure the candidates that are interested in serving in an elected position represent the values and diversity of the league as well as the various nursing roles and nurse educators in our state. I hope this statement reflects my desire and commitment to do more within the NJLN and if elected, I will do my very best to make our members proud.

Major Activities in Other Organizations During the Past 5 years

Date	Activity	Organization
October 2017	Ambassador	National League for Nursing



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Position: Nomination Committee

Name of Nominee:	Veronica Sanchez-Rico
Present Employer:	Newark Beth Israel Medical Center
Education:	College of Saint Elizabeth
Major	Nursing Education
Credential Received	MSN

Position Statement:

There are approximately 110,000 registered nurses in the state of New Jersey. Although they have the commonality of being in the nursing profession, they are one of the most diverse groups of professionals. Nursing leadership has an obligation to represent the interests of its members and advocate for the community it serves. It must be able to address and embrace the differences, while bridging them together and providing guidance.

As a nurse educator at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, and adjunct faculty at Rutgers University School of Nursing, I have the opportunity to interact with a diverse group of individuals, at various levels of their nursing careers. These roles would allow me to recruit candidates reflective of the NJLN, present a ballot of diverse nominees for the nominating committee, and help fulfill the mission of the organization.

Awards, Honors, Publications

- 2015: Certificate of completion for Stand and Deliver Leadership Training, TRMC
- 2013: Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing; Mu Theta At large Chapter, CSE
- 2013: Best Senior Presentation – Capstone Project, CSE