

Editor-in-chief's message



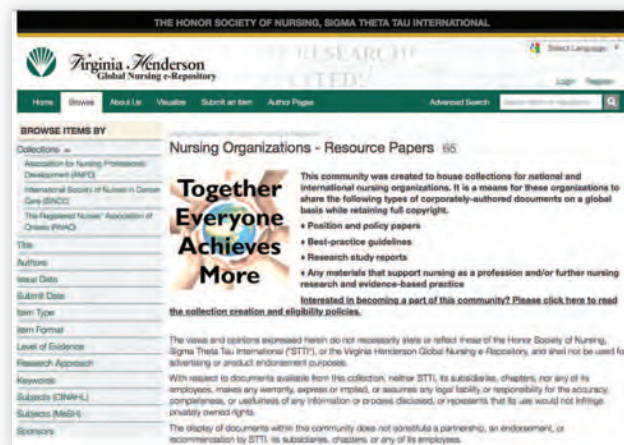
 Dear Colleagues,

I am excited to now serve as Publication Coordinator for NPWH along with my continuing role as Editor-in-Chief of the journal. In the role of Publication Coordinator, I work with the Board of Directors (BOD), our Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Gay Johnson, and our staff to expand the benefits NPWH brings to its members. It is my pleasure to share with you some of the activities with which I am engaged.

One of the responsibilities of my new role is to coordinate the development of position statements for NPWH. Position statements provide an explanation, justification, or recommendation for a course of action that reflects the organization's stance regarding a specific issue or concern. Position statements can be used to facilitate development and advocacy for health policies, direct educational activities, promote evidence-based practice, support research, and/or encourage collaboration with other agencies and organizations. In keeping with the mission of NPWH, position statements for the organization always advocate for women's health and the practice of WHNPs and other nurse practitioners who provide women's healthcare.

With input from the membership, the NPWH BOD and professional staff are charged with identifying priority issues and concerns. The process for writing position statements is inclusive, and requires active involvement of NPWH members—from identifying issues, to participating as a writing group member, to reviewing and providing feedback on drafts.

We have collaborated with Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing to establish collections in both the "Nursing Organizations—Events" and the "Nursing Organizations—Resource Papers" communities on the [Virginia Henderson Global Nursing e-Repository](#)^A. The NPWH events collection will en-



able our conference research and innovative clinical project poster and podium presenters to have abstracts posted in the e-Repository, making their work available to nurses around the globe. The resource papers collection will provide another avenue for NPWH to reach nurses and other constituents with our position statements, guidelines, and other important documents to promote women's health. Watch for our entries in both of these collections later this summer.

We have been hard at work on the online NPWH Certification Review Course for WHNPs and are pleased to let you know that it will be available early this summer. The course will have 21 modules covering the topics outlined in the NCC WHNP certification examination guide, with review questions at the end of each module. Continuing education credit will be provided.

I am looking forward to continuing to work enthusiastically with the NPWH BOD, our CEO, our staff, and our members to support our organization's mission and goals.

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Web resource

A. nursinglibrary.org/vhl/community-list