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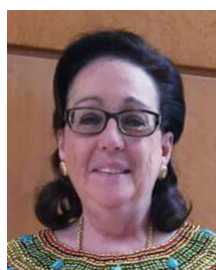
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Candidates for President-Elect (select one)

**Patricia Facquet, PhD(c), MSPH, MEdN, RN**



## Why are you interested in this office?

I am interested in the President-Elect Office because I am in a place in my nursing career to “pay-it-forward” and continue the great works of ACHNE. ACHNE should continue to have the presence as the leading academic authority on Community Health Nursing on a local, state and even more importantly the nation. We can also contribute to a global understanding of Community Health Nursing. I am currently working with a visiting nursing professor from China that wants to establish Community Health Nursing courses and programs in their institutions.

## What expertise and leadership experience do you bring to this position?

I have 38 years of nursing experience in numerous clinical and management roles that have given me a vast background in leadership. I possess communication skills that include uses of social media, email and discussions. I am responsible, accountable and have a passion for nursing and more importantly Community Health Nursing and education in this content area. To continue to be a successful organization we need have sustainability and succession plans in line with the vision and mission of ACHNE. I see this as a role the President-Elect can contribute to as a member of the Quad-Council Coalition.

## What do you see as the major priorities or issues facing ACHNE and how would you contribute to addressing them?

Two areas I would focus on are awareness of the organization and its sustainability. There should be an analysis of all the schools of nursing as to awareness of ACHNE and how the organization can collaborate with the Community Health Nursing faculty to improve communication, collaboration and awareness. As we begin to reach out to Community Health Nursing faculty, we should establish if there are local or state group or provide assistance to develop a more diversified organization with a broader outreach.

**Irene Felsman, DNP, MPH, RN**



## Why are you interested in this office?

I am committed to the mission, vision and core values of ACHNE, and believe strongly in promoting high quality education for future nurses in the field of community/public health. Collaboration among colleagues that work in this area is a powerful way to enhance content and share creative methods of teaching. One of the reasons I find it compelling to run for President elect is the opportunity to work with others on the board on important public health policy issues, giving a voice to those in ACHNE.

## What expertise and leadership experience do you bring to this position?

I have worked in the field of community/public health globally- both in the US and in developing countries- for over 35 years. My experience includes program development, leadership/management and evaluation, teaching, and community/population-based research (women, children, refugees, immigrants and displaced persons). I am currently a co-investigator for a 5-year NIH RO-1 study looking at the influence of stress and resilience on the health of young adult Hispanic Immigrants and work closely with a local refugee organization to collaboratively develop and sustain their health promotion programs. I am a PI on two other current studies: one looking at the influence of the current political climate on stress levels of Latinx population, and

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the other looking at a school-based intervention to prevent adverse effects of ACE's in children. I am an innovative, forward thinker who enjoys leading initiatives, networking and problem solving with others. I have served as Chairperson on three separate occasions for two different international school boards. I enjoy the challenge of working with others to develop creative, strategic, and effective leadership strategies with the goal of maximizing the potential of an organization. My other qualifications that pertain to this position include: Racial Equity Institute training; Fellowship in Teaching for Equity; Elected Program Committee member, Faculty Governance; Recipient of the Jerry Nance Community Service Award/ Durham Orange County Medical Society for work with the refugee and immigrant population; Sigma Theta Tau Board member (Beta Epsilon Chapter) and delegate to SIGMA convention

## What do you see as the major priorities or issues facing ACHNE and how would you contribute to addressing them?

A major priority of ACHNE should be to advocate for the increasingly important role of community/public health nurses, educators and policy makers in the creation of a strong community and public health workforce. Compelling evidence regarding the social determinants of health and the corresponding influence of inequity in our society on health status has created a level of awareness among both health professionals and the public as never before. Now is our time to step forward as nurse leaders to speak out about what we in community and public health circles have always known about protecting the health of the public. I am passionate about the mutual benefits that innovative academic-practice partnerships offer and find this one of the most exciting and rewarding parts of my job in higher education. I think there is much knowledge among our members in this area and will work to devise a way to tap this knowledge and expertise. To this end, I will promote the development of an advocacy agenda within ACHNE to encourage members to participate in shaping positive changes in public health by using the strong voice of ACHNE.

## Krista Jones, DNP, MSN, RN, PHNA-BC



### Why are you interested in this office?

I believe in the mission and objectives of ACHNE and have a robust desire to encourage, educate and inspire fellow scientists and educators to join an association dedicated to promoting high quality community/public health nursing education while advancing the science of public health nursing. If elected, I will focus on understanding the needs and experiences of public health nurses and nurse educators to enable me to apply appropriate influence through the ACHNE board of directors and other governing councils on matters related to the provision of quality primary and community-based healthcare services. With your vote of confidence, I will strive to increase societal awareness of the contributions of public health nursing towards improving the health of all citizens. I will commit to using my knowledge, experience, and passion to explore innovative ideas and capitalize on proven strategies to recruit and retain members and meet the needs of the membership while fulfilling the mission and goals of the association. Board members are charged with guiding the future direction of the ACHNE, being responsive to the needs of our membership, implementing the strategic plan to assure fulfillment of organizational objectives and providing organization oversight. This oversight includes assuring the effective and efficient management of all fiscal, material and human resources. I strongly believe that my wealth of experience and expertise in public health promotion, prevention and protection including fiscal and organizational management will continue to support and complement the abilities of other board members and strengthen the present leadership team.



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## **What expertise and leadership experience do you bring to this position?**

I am honored to have served the past six years as a member of the ACHNE Board of Directors, 4 as Secretary and a member of the Executive Committee and two as the Midwest Director at Large. In addition, I have and currently serve on several ACHNE committees: Member Research Committee, Member Finance Committee, Member Education Committee, and the Communications Committee.

I believe public health nurses should be involved in setting both local and government level health policy. I presently serve as President of the Champaign County Board of Health and on numerous community committees dedicated towards influencing the health of the citizens of Champaign County. In addition, my 6 years of recent experience serving on ACHNE's board of directors has allowed me to develop a comprehensive understanding of the day to day operations of our Association and the needs of our membership. If elected, I will support the efforts of our association to provide active representation for public health nurses and assure our activities are well documented and quickly disseminated to our membership as well as current and potential public health leaders. I have held several leadership positions in local, regional and national nursing and public health organizations. These include: Section Councilor of the Public Health Nursing Section of APHA and recent chair of both the Adolescent Health and the Public Health nursing research sections of MNRS. Most recently, I was appointed by the Director of the Department of Professional Regulation to serve on the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center Board of Directors. For the past 5 years, I have served as the Director of the University of Illinois at Chicago Urbana Campus following a three-year tenure as Associate Director. Our campus serves 128 undergraduate and approximately 60 graduate students in nursing. In this role, I am responsible for faculty, staff and student issue management, budget and human resource administration, curriculum and program development, recruitment and enrollment strategy development and implementation, and community relations. These skills align well with the duties and responsibilities of the President-Elect and President positions within ACHNE.

## **What do you see as the major priorities or issues facing ACHNE and how would you contribute to addressing them?**

The mission of ACHNE is to advance population health through quality community/public health nursing education, research and practice. Given present economic conditions, a major challenge we face is assuring the availability of a public health workforce competently and confidently prepared to meet the challenges of caring for clients in community settings. We must strive to create unique presentations of population focused content that promote student engagement and learning and inspire a desire to seek a career in public health nursing. As nurse educators we will be called upon to develop partnerships between academia and the communities we serve to promote the formation of skills necessary to meet these challenges with limited fiscal resources. As a member of the Illinois PHN Academic Practice Partnership Workgroup, I will bring my expertise in this area towards achieving our mission. Through funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, more than 20 Academic Practice Partnerships have been implemented throughout the state. In addition, our workgroup held a statewide PHN webinar in August and we are preparing for our third annual Illinois PHN conference to be held in March 2020. I know how to grow connections! Thus, my foremost priority will be to grow our membership! My previous leadership experience on multiple national organization membership committees including ACHNE as well as my experience with recruitment strategies as a Campus Director has prepared me to not only embrace but successfully meet this challenge.

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## Candidates for Treasurer (select one)

### Lisabeth Searing, PhD, RN



#### Why are you interested in this office?

More than 10 years ago, I discovered ACHNE through a google search for educational opportunities as a new nursing educator. ACHNE gives me ideas, opportunities, and a support community. I am interested in serving ACHNE--to give back to the organization that has given so much to me and to ensure ACHNE remains vibrant for current and future community health nursing educators.

#### What expertise and leadership experience do you bring to this position?

What expertise and leadership experience do you bring to this position? As a member of the ACHNE communications committee, I am familiar with the management company. I also have experience managing grant budgets, overseeing the disbursement of funds, and accounting for spending within different budget areas. As a member of the Community Development Commission in Urbana, Illinois, I advised city staff about spending federal dollars to improve access to affordable housing.

#### What do you see as the major priorities or issues facing ACHNE and how would you contribute to addressing them?

What do you see as the major priorities or issues facing ACHNE and how would you contribute to addressing them? The most important issue facing ACHNE is visibility to community/public health nursing educators as well as both nursing and public health colleagues. As a member of the communication committee, I have worked to implement a social media presence for ACHNE, which I believe will increase the number of professionals interested in joining this organization. As treasurer, I would address the issue of visibility as a member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee. I would be an active member in these groups and see the role of treasurer as helping the board make decisions about how to spend funds to promote ACHNE to potential members.

### Mark Siemon, PhD, RN, PHNA-BC, CPH



#### Why are you interested in this office?

I am a strong advocate for quality Community/Public Health Nursing (C/PHN) education. ACHNE is a leader in promoting C/PHN education, and I am interested in the office of the Treasurer so that I can continue to promote C/PHN education and ACHNE's Mission to advance population health through quality community/ public health nursing education, research and service.

#### What expertise and leadership experience do you bring to this position?

I have been a Community/Public Health Nurse (C/PHN) for 26 years. I have national certifications in Public Health Nursing (PHNA-BC) and Public Health (CPH). Prior to becoming a C/PHN educator, I worked as the Director for a tribally administered Health & Wellness Department for 8 years from 2010 to 2018. My responsibilities as the Director included developing an annual department budget for \$3 million in federal funding, monitoring expenses, and ensuring program expenditures met federal contract requirements and addressed the priorities of the Tribal Council and community. More recently I served as the Treasurer for the Idaho Public Health Association (IPHA) from 2015 to 2019. IPHA is a small non-profit, but the responsibilities of the IPHA Treasurer are very similar to those with ACHNE - providing reports on financial activities to the Executive Board,





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ensuring ACHNE funds are disbursed in accordance with the rules and instructions established by the Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

## **What do you see as the major priorities or issues facing ACHNE and how would you contribute to addressing them?**

The major priority issues facing ACHNE include (a) the need to promote educational competencies among C/PHN educators (b) the need to identify and support current and emerging roles of public health nurses (c) optimizing ACHNE's management with available resources to expand membership and promote retention. As Treasure, my contribution will be to work with the Executive Board and members to promote ACHNE as the premier leader in C/PHN education while optimizing financial resources to achieve the mission and vision of ACHNE.

## Candidates for International Member at Large (select one) **Mary Ahlers, MEd, BSN, ACP, CP-C, NRP, EMSI**



### **Why are you interested in this office?**

My passion and the work that I do surrounds education, community health and best patient care.

### **What expertise and leadership experience do you bring to this position?**

Executive Director, Clinical and non-clinical leadership positions.

AACN-Greater Cincinnati Board Member & Workshop Chair/ ACCT-Association of Critical Care Transport Board member & Secretary/ Sigma-Phi Gamma-Board Member Secretary-Treasurer/NEMSAC (for DOT)-representing education/Global Paramedic Higher Education Council/Mobile CE Board Member/ Community Paramedicine Association & Registry Board Member.

## **What do you see as the major priorities or issues facing ACHNE and how would you contribute to addressing them?**

Issues today are worrisome with nursing attrition, multigenerational workforce and mega-change in student learning styles. Contributions of global collaboration, the addition of a community health career pathway and young educators embracing today's change in learning styles would assist in furthering our mission.

## **Ayse Malatyali, MBA, RN, PhD candidate**



### **Why are you interested in this office?**

To spread the word of ACHNE's mission and opportunities to international community health nurse educators and leaders and serving to build sustainable approaches in community health nursing research, education, and practice

### **What expertise and leadership experience do you bring to this position?**

I worked as a nurse over 20 years in different positions and healthcare setting including community health and public health in the U.S. and overseas.

Currently, I work in home healthcare and conduct my dissertation research at FAU College of Nursing.

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## What do you see as the major priorities or issues facing ACHNE and how would you contribute to addressing them?

I believe that the major priorities include sustainable serving modalities for persons in underserved communities, especially aging population, people with disabilities, children and teenagers, and women. Since the resources and population structure of the countries are different, healthcare services in community settings of any country can be addressed in nursing education with cooperation between ACHNE members.

## Oluremi Abiodun Adejumo, DNP, MSc., RN



### Why are you interested in this office?

I have long been interested in contributing to building nurse capacity in Nigeria and other nations, to mitigate the rising rate of non-communicable diseases such as type 2 diabetes, drug addictions, etc. For example, upon reviewing a recent publication that revealed an increasing rate of illicit drug use in Nigeria, the urgency of the need to help grow. The rate of drug use in individuals in Nigeria aged 15 to 64 years has risen (5.6% in 2006 to 14.4% in 2016) [1]. The extent of use among women between the ages of 25- and 39-years is atypical (e.g., 1 in 4 women uses psychoactive substances illicitly). Yet, the stigma associated with drug use in age, class, and gender variations combined with the cost of treatment impedes accessibility [2]. These realities prompted my interest to strengthen the nursing workforce and commitment to high-quality care in the U.S. and abroad.

[1]. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijans.2019.05.001>

[2]. <https://doi.org/10.18203/2394-6040.ijcmph20170289>

### What expertise and leadership experience do you bring to this position?

I have worked in the U.S. acute care settings, as a staff nurse, and in leadership positions, for over 25 years. As a Doctor of Nursing (DNP) prepared nurse, I have the skills and knowledge to foster the delivery of effective, quality, and efficient education and workforce programs to meet the nursing needs at the local, regional, and international levels. Likewise, I have successfully planned, facilitated, and implemented health promotion programs that aim to strengthen organizational capacities and empower nurses. Numerous barriers were encountered for each one of these programs; however, gaining supports from the early adopters was the key to successful and sustainable translations.

## What do you see as the major priorities or issues facing ACHNE and how would you contribute to addressing them?

A key shortfall that I have noticed with ACHNE is inadequate strategic response to ensure stronger global community involvement. Thus, I can promote best practices in disease prevention and treatments, as I establish and maintain relationships with nurse educators and those employed in hospital settings.

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## Candidates for Southern Member at Large (select one)

### **Sara Brown, DNP, LCSW, RNC-MNN, CNE**



#### **Why are you interested in this office?**

I joined the organization after receiving a personal invitation from a previous board member and have attended the Annual Institutes ever since. I appreciate the spirit of mentorship and collaboration among organization members and enjoy meeting colleagues at the Annual Institutes. As a professional organization - ACHNE feels like home. I hold a DNP in Educational Leadership from Case Western University, an MSN from Jefferson College of Health Sciences, and a BSN from the University of Southern Mississippi. Additionally, I earned a Master of Social Work and Master of Divinity degrees.

I currently teach Health Policy in the DNP program at Chamberlain University and serve as the DNP Curriculum Coordinator. I previously served as Associate Professor of Nursing at Jefferson College of Health Sciences in Roanoke, VA and as Assistant Professor in the Department of Interprofessionalism at the Virginia Tech-Carilion School of Medicine and have taught Population Health, Community Health, Health Policy, and Interprofessional Leadership at the doctoral, masters and baccalaureate levels.

#### **What expertise and leadership experience do you bring to this position?**

I bring a passion for nursing and its powerful impact on population health. I also bring a keen interest in faculty and curriculum development. As a member of the Program Committee, I am working with this group to plan each Annual Institute and working with a small workgroup on the application for continuing education units for the conference. I also have served on several nursing, healthcare, and civic boards and recognize the power of collaboration that occurs among ACHNE members.

#### **What do you see as the major priorities or issues facing ACHNE and how would you contribute to addressing them?**

ACHNE has set priorities that include promoting engagement among members including mentoring. I believe I can influence this priority as Southern-Member-at-Large. The mentorship and collaboration among organization members are invigorating at the Annual Institute and I would like to promote opportunities to continue these conversations throughout the year.

### **Pamela Carver, DNP, MA, ANP-BC, COI**



#### **Why are you interested in this office?**

I am interested in continuing to serve the organization in any capacity in which I may have the means to contribute in an effort to foster its growth and development.

#### **What expertise and leadership experience do you bring to this position?**

As chair of the Small Grant Award for Research subcommittee, I oversaw the review of all research I have served on the ACHNE program planning committee since July 2018. I have served as president for the Central Alabama Association of Occupational Health Nurses and have served on the membership committee for the American Association of Occupational Health Nurses. Additionally, I serve as Governance Chair and Counselor for the Gamma Eta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society.





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Through the years of my career and practice, I have served in various capacities for organizations and committees, both as a dedicated worker bee and in leadership roles. Every person on a team is vital in accomplishing the goals at hand, so no role is too big or too small. Success requires all of us working together!

## **What do you see as the major priorities or issues facing ACHNE and how would you contribute to addressing them?**

As we anticipate the release of the new BSN Essentials and other changes that may impact nursing education and preparation, I believe it's crucial for us to continue championing the importance of community health education. My goal would be to listen to colleagues and share our collective voices so that our organization will strengthen and be an advocate for advancing the practice of community health nursing and preparing the nurses of tomorrow.

## **Barbara Emily Hekel, PhD, MPH, RN**



### **Why are you interested in this office?**

I have been a member of ACHNE for several years and have recently moved to a new area of the country. I am vested in Community Health Nursing education and practice and desire to meet other educators and practitioners, and to encourage others to join ACHNE. The position to serve as the link between ACHNE members in Southern Region would allow me to meet others and recruit new members. At my current school the community health nurse educators did not know about ACHNE and it is a goal to share the value ACHNE provides and importance of belonging to professional group that supports

excellence.

### **What expertise and leadership experience do you bring to this position?**

I have served on committees with Methodist College of Nursing from 2010 - 2012 and on committees with Cizik School of Nursing University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. I have served on advancement and placement, undergraduate, faculty development, faculty life and curriculum committees.

I have been a nurse since 1981 and have worked extensively in the community setting. While I was working at a rural health department in Illinois, I completed a Masters of Public Health from University of Illinois at Chicago. I have experience in the community health nursing field and have also taught at the baccalaureate level for 5 years.

## **What do you see as the major priorities or issues facing ACHNE and how would you contribute to addressing them?**

ACHNE is facing the challenge to grow the organization and add and maintain members. In today's world the demands on time and lack of knowledge make it difficult to reach out to new educators and community health nurses, many who may not be aware of what ACHNE has to offer them. The one issue that I could contribute to addressing would be sharing about ACHNE in the meetings and with other Community Health / Population Health educators.

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## Julie C. Jacobson Vann, PhD, MS, RN



### Why are you interested in this office?

I am interested in serving as a member-at-large for ACHNE because I am passionate about public health, public health education, population health, and the greening of health care. I believe that this role would provide the opportunity to lead, support the development of, and disseminate resources that can assist public health nurses, nurse educators, and researchers in their direct and indirect efforts to improve the health of populations.

### What expertise and leadership experience do you bring to this position?

I have 40 years of experience in health services as a nurse, administrator, educator, and scientist. I have practiced as a public health nurse (PHN) and PHN supervisor, developed and evaluated community-based care management initiatives for a Medicaid demonstration program, and have taught Public Health Nursing didactic and clinical. In my educator role I developed resources and toolkits aimed at promoting collaborative learning.

### What do you see as the major priorities or issues facing ACHNE and how would you contribute to addressing them?

I believe that ACHNE is facing a longstanding challenge of making public health a higher priority for nurses and society. Also, the current problem of increasing costs of obtaining publications from major publishers creates new challenges for educators; it also presents opportunities for ACHNE and our members to generate and disseminate educational and practice-based resources that are engaging, evidence-based, and can potentially fill some gaps in resources as costs of educational materials escalate.

## Linda Sue James, MSc, RN



### Why are you interested in this office?

I am interested in the Member-at-Large position as an entry level professional national organization because I believe that Community and Public Health Nursing educators are not supported in the academic environment as other courses are (i.e. Pediatrics, mental health). Because of this, academic resources are not available as readily. We need to continue to build a network of educators who can share resources, conduct research, and build a desire to enter this specialty in our nursing students. I believe that joining the board will allow me to network in a different way to build the organization but more, promote networking, collaboration, and communication.

### What expertise and leadership experience do you bring to this position?

I have sat on many boards in fundraising, advising, and president roles. In these positions, I was able to network to build a team who could identify issues and make suggestions to resolve, to raise funds, and to build a sustainable goal(s). I have been involved in branding and marketing and fundraising. Even though this was in a Booster club role, I believe these skills are transferable to a professional role. I have also been Course Coordinator of the BSN community nursing program for 3 years and have presented at various conferences which has slowed me to gain insight into the community nurse educator roles, challenges, and successes by networking at many conferences.

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## What do you see as the major priorities or issues facing ACHNE and how would you contribute to addressing them?

I believe a major priority should be advocating for resources that equal in volume, quality, and type as other specialties have. I believe surveying may be a method to retrieve data to advocate for resources. A second priority I have identified based on personal experience. I have felt isolated in the academic world and have struggled to make long standing connections with others in the field. I believe we need to network more formally. I would suggest some virtual meetings for sharing topics, innovations in teaching strategies, and research more frequently than the annual meeting to build camaraderie, decrease feelings of isolation, and build educational strategies.

## Kelly P. Strickland, MSN, RN



### Why are you interested in this office?

I joined the ACHNE Education Committee a year ago. I presented with them at the AI and I currently serve as a peer reviewer for Innovative Teaching Strategies.

The relationships and wisdom I've gleaned from ACHNE are unlike any I've received from other organizations. This position would allow me to deepen those relationships and invite others from my region to do the same. I enjoy writing and believe this opportunity would strengthen my scholarly voice as I contribute to written ACHNE material. I desire to grow my leadership skills and this position would be a great opportunity to do so through communication with

various stakeholders throughout the organization. This role would help me monitor what community health in nursing education looks like from a regional and national level.

## What expertise and leadership experience do you bring to this position?

I serve as the Community Liaison for our School of Nursing, which makes me the point of contact for all community activities in which our school is involved. I teach Community, Population, and Public Health across the curriculum for our traditional undergraduate and RN to BSN students. I lead our students in weekly community clinicals with various community organizations. I also lead our undergraduate and RN to BSN students through their Community Assessment Projects, a project that allows students to assess, formulate, implement, and evaluate a health promotion activity in a local community. I host Nurse Narrative, the Auburn University School of Nursing podcast which is dedicated to increasing the health of communities. I work closely with our Director of Outreach to create and streamline outreach efforts in our community. I serve on the School of Nursing's Outreach and Curriculum committees as the community content representative.

## What do you see as the major priorities or issues facing ACHNE and how would you contribute to addressing them?

I believe this organization is a gem and want more to know about it. I'd like to start increasing awareness of all the benefits ACHNE has to offer by developing personal contacts at schools across my region, and by helping to develop a strategic plan for a more robust social media presence.

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## Dana Todd, PhD, APRN



### Why are you interested in this office?

I welcome the opportunity to serve as a Southern Region Member at Large for ACHNE. As a nurse educator and public health nurse, I am committed to the development of caring, professional nurses in the workforce and to improving and protecting the health of populations, characteristics consistent with the ACHNE mission. I look forward to serving and share the opportunities of ACHNE with others.

### What expertise and leadership experience do you bring to this position?

Presently, I serve as the treasurer for the MSU Nursing Alumni Association and I am an active member of the Delta Epsilon chapter of Sigma Theta Tau and the West Kentucky chapter of the Kentucky Nurses Association.

I have served in a variety of professional, leadership roles. For example, in the past I have served on the Ethics and Human Rights Committee and served as vice-president for the Kentucky Nurses Association. Additionally, I have served as secretary and president for the Delta Epsilon chapter of Sigma Theta Tau and currently am treasurer of the Nursing Alumni Association.

### What do you see as the major priorities or issues facing ACHNE and how would you contribute to addressing them?

One of the major priorities facing ACHNE are educating students and faculty while improving the health of populations with limited budgets and resources. ACHNE allows for the development of collaborative relationships and to work in conjunction with others to promote population health. Sharing ACHNE information with those community health nurse educators in the Southern Region could result in greater collaborative opportunities and could contribute to the improvement of population health.

## Candidates for Western Member at Large (select one)

### Conni J. DeBlieck , DNP, RN



### Why are you interested in this office?

I am interested in the Western Region Member at Large. As a nominated individual, I recognize the viability of the organization and that I can support this by encouraging expansion and growth related to its members. It is significant for me to serve on the board and support the organizational western region.

### What expertise and leadership experience do you bring to this position?

I have been part of the NM-ANA as a member, STTI and Pi Omega Chapter current President, Southern New Mexico Advanced Practice Group member, and Committee Member of ACHNE Research Group. With my leadership and expertise, I bring extensive experience to the position. My experience within committees within the STTI Organization; in this New Mexico State University-Pi Omega chapter, I have been a Chairs of the Counselor, Leadership Succession, Vice President, and now current acting President. Furthermore, I have served on several committees within the NMSU - School of Nursing; such as the Evaluation Committee (member), Simulation Committee (Chair), and Faculty Affairs Committee (Chair). Also, I have been the RN to BSN Program Director at NMSU since 2015. In addition, within the ACHNE organization, I have served on the ACHNE Research Committee as a member and recently I have chair a Sub-Group Research. I can bring this knowledge and experience I gained from these positions to the ACHNE board position.

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## What do you see as the major priorities or issues facing ACHNE and how would you contribute to addressing them?

As a nominated individual, I recognize, it is important to encourage growth through active recruitment and maintain the membership through educational opportunities and networking with members throughout the year. I can support the ACHNE expansion and growth with the current and next generation of Community Health Nurse Educators, through successful initiative programs such as developing and offering a podcast, short video clips, or online educational opportunities from your office or home. In addition, setting up a website for faculty to use with the students learning the process and encouraging growth through the student populations.

## Julie Postma, PhD, RN



### Why are you interested in this office?

I am interested in serving as the Western Regional At Large member for the Association of Community Health Nurse Educators (ACHNE) because ACHNE plays an important role in strengthening community health education as priorities evolve in this dynamic political landscape. As an ACHNE member, I am proud to have received an ACHNE research award in 2018, and to have contributed and used the Educational Innovations website in years past. Now is the time for me to give back to ACHNE as a nursing leader. I am particularly interested in the Western Regional Member At Large position to broaden our regional network of community health nurse educators. I regularly attend the Western Institute of Nursing Research annual conference and participate in numerous community health events regionally.

### What expertise and leadership experience do you bring to this position?

I am involved in multiple regional efforts to advance public health education, practice and research. I represent WSU Nursing as a Community-based training partner for the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice (PI: Betty Bekemeier, UW). As chair of the Research Committee in the Puget Sound Asthma Coalition, (2014-2018), I secured over \$75,000 in contracts to support community health engagement in research. I am the Associate Dean for Research at the WSU College of Nursing and bring broad leadership experience in academic contexts. At the WSU College of Nursing I serve as chair of our Graduate Faculty and as past chair of our Faculty Affairs Committee (Chair, 2017-2019) and Diversity & Global Connections Committee (2017-2019). I have received awards for my leadership experience, including the Washington State Public Health Association's Public Health Leadership Award (2017).

## What do you see as the major priorities or issues facing ACHNE and how would you contribute to addressing them?

Broadening membership and meeting the needs of diverse members is a priority. As a board member I will assess the needs and current and potential members through targeted outreach and education and the annual WIN conference and through other social networks in the Western region. One way to attract new members may be to create a clearinghouse of grants and opportunities that fund innovative, community health education efforts. Generating funding to support scholarship focused on teaching and learning is a challenge. Two ideas to address ongoing funding needs to support community health nurse educators include hosting a pre-conference workshop or an online seminar with 1) representatives from funding agencies and organizations that host faculty development opportunities (e.g. HRSA, NLN, AACN), and 2) a development specialist to share ideas to cultivate new, private sources of funding (e.g. simulation; non-traditional partners).



# Meet the Candidates

Candidates for Nominating Committee (select three)

**Maryellen D. Brisbois, PhD, RN PHCNS-BC**



**Why are you interested in this office?**

I am interested in the office as associated with ACHNE in a more formal capacity that would allow me to be part of the 'meeting ground' to enhance and share my work in community/public health nursing education, research and practice.

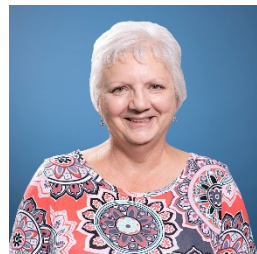
**What expertise and leadership experience do you bring to this position?**

As a board certified public health nursing clinical nurse specialist and community health nurse educator, both locally and globally, in didactic and clinical courses for the past 13 years. I have had the opportunity to teach and work with vulnerable aggregates in Massachusetts, Mississippi, Haiti and Portugal. I am currently interim Co-Chair of the Community Department (AY 2019-2020) and Co-Chair of the Curriculum Committee (2015-present) in the College.

**What do you see as the major priorities or issues facing ACHNE and how would you contribute to addressing them?**

The priorities as described by ACHNE are important to address but can historically be challenging to achieve in the public health arena. Through communication, collaboration and exposure of the important mission and vision of ACHNE can expand engagement and be a force in guiding faculty and future nurses through the transition from practice in acute care to community settings as current trends indicate.

**Becky Davis, DNP**



**Why are you interested in this office?**

Opportunity to support the mission and strategic agenda of ACHNE and engage with members considering nomination for leadership roles in the organization.

**What expertise and leadership experience do you bring to this position?**

As a member of ACHNE since 2011, I am familiar with the organization and membership structure. I have broad experience in practice as well as nursing education in public health nursing. I understand the vital role ACHNE has in supporting the development and scholarship of community health nursing faculty at a national level.

**What do you see as the major priorities or issues facing ACHNE and how would you contribute to addressing them?**

Highly collaborative, ongoing conversation among members remains essential to interpret and anticipate trends in community/public health nursing education. Creative use of technology to create spaces where members can gather will be a key consideration. As a member of the Quad-Council Coalition of Public Health Nursing Organizations, the collective voice of ACHNE is clearly contributing to developing policy and visioning future public health nursing practice. We need to be on the leading edge in identifying research opportunities and building evidence-based practice. I would contribute by actively supporting the work of the organization and networking among members to identify candidates for leadership positions.



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## Cynthia Rost, DNP, HFQE, RN



### **Why are you interested in this office?**

Having worked within the Community and Public Health sectors of nursing for over 30 years, I have a robust commitment to my various community populations, and feel they are not yet receiving paramount care. By educating our newest generation of nurses, I can assist with that major change.

### **What expertise and leadership experience do you bring to this position?**

30 years as an autonomous nurse within communities within the Commonwealth of PA. I have been the Executive Director for 10 Nurse Managed Wellness centers in underserved neighborhoods within Greater Pitt Unga, and exploded hundreds of nursing students to issues with these populations.

### **What do you see as the major priorities or issues facing ACHNE and how would you contribute to addressing them?**

I would like to see ACHNE as a more cohesive group of nurse educators who truly review and critique current curriculums and encourage the nurses who provide ideas for improvement. I am not currently seeing that.