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## Howdy SCR Members,

National Convention was in Minneapolis this past June. The weather was nice...not as hot and humid as it is in south Texas! It was great to see all of the South Central Members again at our Region's dinner meeting. Twenty-seven members attended the dinner which consisted of a house salad and Chicken Marsala. We were able to provide a very tasty meal for \$713. In the past, members have asked the board why they couldn't receive a meal at the Regional meeting. Many of the past conference centers provided catering service for groups starting at 100 servings. It was cost prohibitive to order for a small group like ours.

Prior to the national conference we received a list of this year's attendees and we counted over 70 SCR members. We had hoped that by sending out the email in March of this year to all members that we would be having dinner at the meeting there would be better attendance. (We also had it posted on our web site).

The conference center was very nice. A few of our SCR members (Kim Bookout, Janet Davis, Coni Ellis, and Myra Varnado) were conference speakers and made us proud!

This year the National Conference Planning Committee changed the evaluation process. We were able to go on line and fill out the conference evaluation and when done, we printed the certificate. It could be done at the conference or at home. That was really nice and very easy.

Hot topic this year is allowing other specialties into the WOCN. Kathy Murphy wants to remind everyone that the National Board wants to hear everyone's opinion about allowing other specialties into the WOCN and opinions/thoughts on education and/or accreditation for "other" wound nurses: ADN's, LVN's, RN's (not WOCNEP trained). You can send comments to Kathy and she will send them on, or people can contact anyone on the national Board with their opinions. **If you have a strong opinion about these issues, now is not the time to sit on them! Let our leadership know how we feel via [www.wocn.org](http://www.wocn.org) and link to the leadership section.**

The fall conference is just around the corner and the brochure should have come to you by now but if you didn't receive it just log onto our web site and register now. All of the information is there for hotels and get your flight now before they get too expensive! **We need volunteers for Nightmare on ET Street.** This session is a presentation of case studies. Each participant will be given 15 minutes to present and receive audience participation. A registration form is located on the web site. Please print out, complete and fax to Lynda Allen at 817-820-4994. <http://www.scrwocn.org/events.html>

The Hurricane Relief Fund is still available for those individuals affected by last year's storms. Go to our web site <http://www.scrwocn.org/Form.html> and then click on Hurricane Scholarship Fund. The eligibility criteria are listed and the form can be down loaded and sent to Debbie Fulmer, Scholarship Chairperson.

Call to nominations is currently underway. We need SCR members in good standing to run for President, Treasurer and Nomination Chair. Public Relations Chair position is also going to be open, and is an appointed position. If you are interested, please go to [www.scrwocn.org](http://www.scrwocn.org) where you can read the job descriptions of each position and download a Call to Nominations form. Deadline is July 31.

Also, now is the time to nominate candidates for WOC Nurse of the Year. You can do this online as well at <http://www.scrwocn.org/Forms/owcapplication.html>

Hope to see everyone at the "Blaze the Trail to WOCN Excellence" in Fort Worth.

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