By Kathleen McCoy (Membership Committee Chair)

Membership Committee Report

ISPCLN Division Director Update

2014 conference of the need to honor our history yet engage young professionals in passing the torch to the younger generation. This reminds me of a theme from the past year of Transitions: A Reflection on Change. That several of us are experiencing different phases in our lives such as births, deaths, or new jobs. Transitions in life can be challenging but also re-energizing, both in our personal and professional lives.

The Forecast

As an advanced practice child and adolescent psychiatric nurse and an African-American woman, I have experienced a variety of transitions in my career. One was from traditional therapies to family therapy, and for yet others, there was fear and flashback of things we've seen in the past. However, I am grateful for the opportunity to continue to contribute to the field of mental health nursing.

By Edilma L. Yearwood, PhD, PMHCNS-BC, FAAN (ACAPN Division Director)

The Foundation Board is busy making plans for our annual Event and Silent Auction featuring Dr. Judith Beck as the keynote speaker. The theme of the auction is Health Relationships and Collaborations in Mental Health and Wellness Research.

One of the main reasons was that our contract with Elsevier was much more expensive than what we could afford. We had to consider many factors when making this decision, including the quality of the journals and the impact they have on the field of psychiatric-mental health nursing. Ultimately, we unanimously voted to support the new journal, which will provide greater value to our members.