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The report of the Arizona State Board of Nursing, fiscal year July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977, is a resume of general information and an attempt to highlight recent policies of the Board.

Board Members:

	<u>Term Expires</u>
Ms. Floretta Awe, R.N., Ed. D., President	1978
Ms. Dorothy Carothers, R.N., M.S., Vice President	1979
Ms. Lilah Harper, R.N., M.A., Secretary-Treasurer	1980
Ms. Nancy Melvin, R.N., M.A., Member	1981
Ms. Sally Lewis, R.N., M.P.H., Member	1982

Committee Members:

	<u>Term Expires</u>
Ms. Josephine King, L.P.N.	1978
Ms. Viola Bowers, L.P.N.	1979
Ms. Thelma Barbour, L.P.N.	1980
Ms. Zelma Moore, L.P.N.	1981
Ms. Mildred Malyjurek, L.P.N.	1982

Professional Staff:

- Ms. Elaine Laeger, R.N., M.S., Executive Secretary-Administrator
- Ms. Daphne Morris, R.N., M.S., Nursing Practice Consultant
- Ms. Vurlyne Boan, R.N., Ph.D., Nursing Education Consultant

The Board of Nursing is a legally created administrative agency acting within the governmental structure to protect the health and welfare of the people as related to nursing practice. It possesses legal power to set standards, determine the competency of persons engaged in the practice of nursing and give approval through licensure.

The agency's main goal is to be certain that the public gets a quality and quantity of nursing services that are safe, effective and meet the parameters of society's needs in terms of honesty, integrity and morality.

Finances

For this fiscal year period, July 1, 1976-June 30, 1977

Receipts

Balance forward from prior year	\$ 46,900
Receipts* (90% of Fees Collected)	295,500
TOTAL	342,400

Expenditures

TOTAL	245,600
Balance Forward July 1, 1977	\$ 96,800

*10% of the income goes to the State General Revenue Fund to provide for agency assistance from the Attorney General's Office, Finance and Personnel Departments of State Government.

Report on Licensing and Certification

As of January, 1977, there were currently licensed:

- 17,309 Registered Nurses
- 5,423 Licensed Practical Nurses
- 116 Certified Nurses in Extended Roles

Dates for the State Board Test Pool Examination are:

R.N.	L.P.N.
1978: February 1-2 & July 11-12	April 18 & October 19
1979: February 6-7 & July 10-11	April 10 & October 16
1980: February 5-6 & July 9-10	April 15 & October 21

Report on Regulatory Matters:

Board actions taken in regard to disciplinary matters during the past year are:

<u>Denial of License (Professional Nurse)</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Richard Andrew McTevia	June 3, 1977
Sherry Lynn Graff AKA Roxanna Nelson	May 31, 1977

<u>Revocation of License</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Alberta Welton Hickman, RN #9088	Sept. 9, 1976
Jean Lorraine Pressey, RN #29446	Sept. 9, 1976
Jennifer Therese Botsford, RN #33621	Dec. 9, 1976
Catherine Bavaro Mangan, RN #24845	Dec. 9, 1976
Barbara Hunt Wooden, RN #20440	Jan. 20, 1977
Mary Frances Monacelli, LPN #4771	Jan. 21, 1977
*Donna Marie McAlee, RN #31915	March 10, 1977
Melodie Ann Barker, RN #33759	May 13, 1977

*Donna Marie McAlee has in her possession a 1977 license. This license is not valid.

<u>Reinstatement of License</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Mary Lee Mede, RN #23435	Sept. 9, 1977
Alreada Holzhauser Ezell, RN #29192	Sept. 9, 1977

CEASE AND DESIST NOTIFICATIONS

Lorena Faye, Hawthorne, employed as an L.P.N., using a fictitious license number, LP-082981-008;

Barbara Sylvester, employed as an R.N., using license number, RN-007273-007;

Lea Wilson, employed as a "private duty nurse," signed patients records using the abbreviation "R.N." after her name.

Report on Educational Programs:

Each nursing education program is reviewed during the year to assure that accreditation criteria are maintained. A survey visit is scheduled every 2nd and 4th year. Consultant services in matters relating to nursing education are provided.

Board approval has been granted to the following types of nursing programs:

Baccalaureate Degree	3
Associate Degree	6
Open Curriculum	8
Practical Nursing	4
Extended Nursing Role (R.N.)	2

The greatest number of nursing candidates were examined this year for minimum competency to engage in practice.

Registered Nurse	971
Practical Nurse	661
Total	1,632

Comparison of mean averages for candidates passing the National State Board Test Pool Examination.

a. R.N.

July 1976

Mean Average

	<u>Med. Nsg.</u>	<u>Psy. Nsg.</u>	<u>Obs. Nsg.</u>	<u>Surg. Nsg.</u>	<u>Nsg of Children</u>
Arizona	521.3	530.7	522.4	529.4	526.6
U.S.	518.9	524.5	523.0	523.7	521.3

Feb. 1977 Statistics are unavailable at this time.

b. L.P.N.

Oct. 1976

Arizona	513.9
U.S.	517.0

April 1977 Statistics are unavailable at this time.

**The Board Reports:**

1. That it meets approximately ten (10) times a year. Eight (8) of the meeting dates are considered regular meetings, the other two (2) meetings are necessary to review drafts of the National State Board Test Pool Examinations for Registered and Practical Nursing. Special meetings, other than those planned in advance, can be called providing sufficient notice is given to the public as provided in the Open Meeting Law.

Published schedule of Regular Meetings for 1976-1977:

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| 1. August 20, 1976 | Regular R.N. |
| 2. September 9, 10 | Combined 10th |
| 3. November 4, 5 | Combined 5th |
| 4. December 10 | Review of R.N. Examination Drafts |
| 5. January 20, 21, 1977 | Annual Meeting—Combined 21st |
| 6. March 10, 11 | Combined 11th |
| 7. April 13 | Regular R.N. |
| 8. May 11, 12 | Combined 12th |
| 9. May 13 | Review of P.N. Examination Drafts |
| 10. June 13 | Combined |

2. That because of its belief that professional employees of State Boards of Nursing should avoid the appearance and promotion of vested interests in carrying out responsibilities to the public and in support of the principle of the prevention of conflict of interest, a new policy has been instituted: "staff members shall not be an active member of a school of nursing advisory committee". The staff representative may serve as a non-voting member for the purpose of communication or clarification of Board Rules and Regulations.
3. That advice of Legal Counsel is that qualified nurses from other states whose engagement in Arizona is for the purpose of obtaining theory and clinical practice in short-term post graduate education courses ARE exempt from licensure in Arizona by A.R.S. Section 32-1631.4. It is the opinion of Counsel that if the general elements of: a) competent supervision, b) duly enrolled students, c) accredited schools of nursing are satisfied, terms of the exemption have been met.
4. That during the first regular session of the Thirty-third Legislature, House Bill 2300 was passed which amended the Nurse Practice Act, Section 32-1602 A.B. The amendment provides for the removal of the requirement that the Governor make an appointment to the Board from a list submitted by the Arizona Nurses' Association and provides for appointment of two public members to the Board. The Section reads as follows:

32-1602. Board of nursing

A. There shall be a state board of nursing which shall consist of *seven* members appointed by the governor. Five members shall be registered nurses. *Two members shall represent the public and shall not be persons who are licensees of any health occupation board, employees of any health care facility, agency or of a corporation authorized to underwrite health care insurance or who have financial interests in or are engaged in the governance or administration of a health care facility, agency or corporation.* Members shall be appointed for a term of five years, to begin and end on June 30.

B. On or before May 1 each year and at any other time a vacancy on the board occurs *the governor shall make an appointment or appointments to the board.* Appointment to fill a vacancy other than by expiration

shall be for the unexpired term. No person shall serve more than two consecutive terms as a member of the board.

One public member shall be appointed for a term beginning on June 30, 1978 and ending on June 30, 1980 and another public member shall be appointed to a term beginning on June 30, 1978 and ending on June 30, 1983.

5. That upon conclusion of an open public hearing, November 1976 and after having considered statements, arguments or contentions presented, the Board amended the Rules and Regulations. The change regarding Failures in Examination reads as follows:

R4-19-25. C., 1.

Candidates who fail one or more tests at the first writing of the State Board Examination shall be permitted to rewrite the tests failed when the next examination is offered. *If that person holds a temporary permit, it shall not be extended.*

The change regarding Renewal of Licensure reads as follows:

R4-19-29.

Ten dollars, current renewal fee.

Ten dollars, penalty fee, *plus the ten dollars renewal fee if license is renewed* after December 31, and for each year or portion of a year license has lapsed or expired, but such fee shall not exceed the current fee for an initial application for licensure by examination.

6. That communication from the Attorney General's Office advised that the Federal Privacy Act of 1974 made it unlawful for any state or local government agency to deny any individual any right, benefit or privilege provided by law because of the individual's refusal to disclose his Social Security number. Any state or local government agency which requests an individual to disclose his Social Security Account Number must inform that individual whether the disclosure was mandatory or voluntary, by what statutory or other authority such number was elicited, and what uses would be made of the number. The Social Security Number is no longer being requested on the applications for licensure.

The Social Security Number will be requested on the renewal application on a *voluntary basis* since the Social Security Number is needed to facilitate a national unduplication of record when nurses have licenses in more than one state and are, therefore, "counted" more than once in manpower data collection statistics.

7. That the Public Forum Series presented at the request of the Arizona Board of Nursing entitled "Educational Requirements for Entry into Nursing" has been presented for Registered and Licensed Practical nurses in seven locations around the state. Because increasing attention is being given to the legislative efforts of New York, Ohio and other states to revise their nurse practice acts so that by 1985 a baccalaureate degree in nursing will be the entry level for the registered nurse and an associate degree will be the entry level for the licensed practical nurse, the planners of this forum series have addressed the following objectives:

1. Present factual information both in support of, and in opposition to, the "1985 Proposal."
2. Project implications for Arizona from a variety of perspectives.