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Presenter

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- [Julia] It's my pleasure to report to all of you, membership and guests about the activities, the progress, the collaborative efforts that NCSBN has made over this past year.

And first of all, I would like to thank our board of directors. I introduced them earlier, but without the work of the board of directors and the staff, we would never be able to accomplish much of the things that we have accomplished. And last year, we celebrated our 40th anniversary and had fun. I'm Tina Turner in case you were wondering in that little scenario.

And today we're going to think in terms of what we've done now on this our 41st anniversary. So, a bit about the work and the activities that have gone on. We convened an APRN task force led by Kathy Thomas, our immediate past president.

And that task force has worked extremely hard on a very difficult issue. We're all aware of the differences in APRN recognition, regulation, and practice authority among states. So, the task force has put forth recommendations endorsed by the board of directors for your consideration at this delegate assembly.

In response to a resolution at the 2018 Delegate Assembly, NCSBN convened a conference for nurse regulators to explore and discuss the challenges and the nuances in regulation related to the APRN Consensus Model.

And Maryann Alexander will be presenting the gist of what came from that forum later at this meeting. Other activities, we published the *National Nursing Guidelines for Medical</i></i>Marijuana</i> which has garnered much interest and appreciation.*

And I have to tell you that when we were at the International Council of Nurses conference in Singapore, there was quite the feeding frenzy of appetite and request for that special edition of *The*

Journal of Nursing Regulation where those guidelines were published. So, people were very excited over it and very appreciative of that work.

During the past year, the board of directors also upheld the existing passing standard for the NCLEX-RN examination. And that standard will hold through March 31 of 2022. We convened a committee to focus on any needed revisions or updates to our Model Act and Rules, as it's been quite a while since we've had a thorough review.

You can expect some recommendations from that committee at next year's delegate assembly. We've also made tremendous progress with several of our initiatives, which I would like to highlight for you. The Global Regulatory Atlas now has well over 200 countries participating. I think that's amazing progress in one year.

And I have to give kudos to our CEO, David Benton, for conceptualizing and bringing the Atlas to fruition.

- As many of you are aware, we've made significant progress in advancing the Nurse Licensure Compact. And this work would not have been possible without the efforts of the NCSBN Compact team and those of you who at the state level worked very hard to get legislation passed.

I'm pleased to say that we now have 34 states that have enacted legislation for the Compact.

- We also have 57 of our member boards fully participating in NURSYS, reporting both licensure and discipline data. And many of you also utilize e-Notify. e-Notify has now almost 8,000 employers of nursing who are enrolled and well over a million nurses, individual nurses.

We continue to ask people to encourage nurses in your jurisdictions to enroll as an individual because this is a really important tool for us to have to track workforce data and have an accurate count of nurses and where they work. I have to share that I was one of the inaugural cohort of the IRE Regulatory Fellows.

And of course, we're phasing that program out to create a more inclusive and I think very well-designed leadership pathway, which Maryann will tell us about later. But I couldn't resist in thinking, well you know, it was IRE, so it was IRE when I was there.

And then mid-year, if you'll recall, we told you a bit about the leadership change coming up. And at that time, we were calling it the Global Leadership of Regulatory Excellence or something, but the acronym then was GLARE.

So, we went from IRE to GLARE. And that just didn't seem that it really conveyed the message we wanted. So, Maryann and her team continued to hammer this out. And now, you will hear more at this meeting about the International Center for Regulatory Scholarship or ICRS.

So, we'll move on a positive note from IRE to GLARE to ICRS. But seriously, it's a very exciting work that they've done and I think all the members are going to be very, very pleased with what it offers. We

also have had, I think, some excellent collaborative efforts that we've made with other stakeholders, and nursing stakeholders, in regulation.

And as a product of our collaboration with the American Nurses Association, we revised a position statement on delegation. Another collaborative effort, which engaged consumers was our request for the Citizens Advocacy Center to review and comment on Regulation 2030. We continue to seek out others to help us have an introspective view of Nursing Regulation and what it means to the larger nursing audience and consumer audience.

NCSBN is an active partner in the Tri-Regulatory Collaborative along with the Federation of State Medical Boards and the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy. And a few months ago, I was honored to attend the NABP, National Association of Boards of Pharmacy's annual meeting and to accept the Henry Cade Award from them on behalf of David.

And so, both David and the CEO at Federation of State Medical Boards were given the Henry Cade Award because of their support, their collaborative work with NABP and supporting that mission of public protection. So, I was very pleased to do that.

The last collaborative effort I want to highlight is our official invitation and membership into the Tri-Council. The Tri-Council is a long-established alliance of American Nurses Association, the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, the National League of Nursing, and the American Organization for Nursing Leadership.

NCSBN became a full member of the Tri-Council this year. I know this will be an impactful partnership that can strengthen us as we move to the future.

- Now, everyone loves to end with a quote. So, I'm going to share a quote from Benjamin Franklin. He said, "Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning."

I truly believe NCSBN has had continual growth and progress over these past 41 years. We continue to have it today and we are committed to sustaining it into the future. Thank you.