NCSBN remains an organization in constant motion, always evolving, and working to stay a step ahead of a rapidly-changing healthcare and regulatory landscape. In 2014, the multiple-award-winning *National Simulation Study* was published. It was the largest and most comprehensive research study to date, examining the use of simulation in prelicensure nursing.

It generated the National Simulation Guidelines for Nursing Programs to aid them in the establishment of evidence-based simulation programs for the undergraduate nursing curriculum. In partnership with 10 Canadian-registered nurse regulatory bodies, NCSBN developed and delivered the NCLEX exam that was implemented as a licensure requirement for most provinces in Canada in 2015.

A changing of the guard occurred in October 2015 when David Benton succeeded Kathy Apple as NCSBN's CEO. Apple was thanked for her skilled management, which spanned a tenure of 14 years, as the organization looked to Benton's wide range of leadership experience and work in nursing research, developing evidence for regulation.

Challenged to do audacious thinking about the challenges and opportunities of the future, Regulation 2030 brought together 80 regulators from around the world who set out to chart the future of nursing regulation by using concept mapping. A new era of nurse licensure in the U.S. was ushered in with the enactment of the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact, or eNLC, in July 2017.

Allowing nurses to have mobility across state borders, the eNLC increases access to care while maintaining public protection. The eNLC was implemented in 29 states in January 2018. Work continues toward the ultimate goal of having all 50 states in the compact.

In an effort to expand its membership, NCSBN added an exam user member category, approved by a delegate assembly resolution in 2017. NCSBN began accepting new members in this category in 2018, revolutionizing the regulation of nurses, protecting the public, and cultivating a community of skilled and innovative regulatory leaders.

NCSBN marks its 40th anniversary in 2018. It is a time to reflect, a time to celebrate, but also, a time to look to the future, building on successes, learning from missteps, and recommitting to advancing public
safety and regulatory excellence as the organization moves into its fifth decade.

It all started with an idea. The passion, creativity, dedication, and hard work of NCSBN and its members made that idea a reality. ♪ [music] ♪