

HISTORY OF THE SOUTHEAST REGION

Twenty-five years of Progress in Advancing a Nursing Specialty

“If we, in the Southeast Region, in our striving to achieve all of the benefits of a successful organization, forfeit gentleness, courtesy, and fineness of spirit of the past, then we have failed to achieve the lasting satisfaction of real accomplishment. The past has contributed its passions, its pains and its enthusiasm; its spirit you will see with us still.” Patrician M. Kynes, RN, ET, 1991

The Way it Was

Throughout America, the nation was celebrating the bicentennial of the American Revolution. A best-selling non-fiction book by Alex Haley, *Roots*, mesmerized millions and launched a new interest in genealogy. Test tube babies and nuclear power plant disasters were still the stuff of science fiction, but scientists warned about the destruction of the ozone layer caused, in part by the use of aerosol spray products. A southerner, James Earl Carter, Jr. from Plains, Georgia, was elected President of the United States for the first time since Reconstruction. Elsewhere in the world, North and South Vietnam were united under Communist rule, and the men and women of the Soweto ghetto in South Africa rioted in protest of the official government policy known as apartheid. This was the world as we knew it during the development of the organization now known as the Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society Southeast Region.

In 1976, Enterostomal Therapists worked with patients who experienced urinary or fecal diversion surgery. The roles of wound and incontinence care were yet to be developed. There were approximately 500 members of the organization known as the International Association of Enterostomal Therapy (IAET), most of them in the United States and Canada. A committee of four dedicated professionals (Anita Kotheimer, ET; Jane Walker, ET; Nell Perry, RN, ET; and Linda Gross, MA, ET) coordinated the affiliation of 18 Southeast Regional members with the IAET. The Southeast Region became the third regional group within the IAET on February 29, 1976 with 18 official members.

Early Leadership

Under the guidance of our first Regional President, Anita Kotheimer, bylaws were formulated, dues were set, and our regional newsletter, *Southeast Region News (SER News)*, was born under the watchful eye of editor Bobbie Brewer, ET.

During the first year of operation, the regional leadership consisted of the four officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) and three Trustees. In February, 1977, the region elected its second President, Carolyn Danson, ET. The group elected its first three Directors and one Trustee, Anita Kotheimer, who represented the region on the national level.

A major goal during the early years of the region was continued growth of the fledgling association. In 1977, Florida ET nurses sought recognition from the IAET as a constituent association through the Southeast Region, under the guidance of their State President, Mary Baum, LPN, ET. While endorsed enthusiastically by the Southeast Region, it was decided by the IAET Board of Directors that contingency state groups could not be officially recognized at that time. IAET felt that all resources were needed to stabilize regions, unify the

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organization, and gain strength. This proved to be a historical decision for the region. Since that time, members within Florida and several of the Southeast Region state have participated in statewide or local specialty groups, but nearly all have maintained their membership and loyalty to the Regional affiliate of the national organization.

A major decision by the national association to collect dues for the region, implemented in 1978, has also enabled the region to more easily recruit members and to grow. Within the first five years, the organization experienced a phenomenal 900% growth to 182 members in 1981. In 1985, membership topped 250, and in the 1990's it surpassed 500. Presently, the Southeast Region has one of the largest memberships of all regional affiliates.

From Cookbooks to Compassion

Funding is always an important issue for a professional organization. Initial funding for regional activities was, in part, procured from the American Cancer Society (ACS) Divisions of Tennessee and South Carolina, including initial mailing costs of the *SER News*. It was apparent in 1976, as it is now, that the major source of funding must come through educational programs and services. An early venture into fundraising was the development of a regional cookbook, published in 1978. In 1982, Carolyn Cuttino chaired a committee which developed a set of slides for sale to members and other interested ET's regarding ostomy care. In 1996 and again in 1997, slide sets were released for sale by the region. Other educational products developed for members have included publications such as *Basic Standards of Care for Enterostomal Therapy*, written by Ellen Shipes, RN, MN, ET, and Inetz Stanley, RN, MA, ET, published in August, 1977 and a series of Professional Growth Program Organizers developed by Carol Publicover, ARNP, CWOCN in 1998.

Fundraising has sometimes meant "fun raising" as well, with the region. In 1977, Ellen Shipes donated a handmade quilt that was raffled to benefit the region. Since that time, silent auctions, "split the pot" drawings, and other activities have also contributed to the financial stability of the region.

The leadership of the Southeast Region has been progressive in the use of operating funds to strengthen the association. The region's newsletter has undergone many transformations since 1976, including a name change to *Therapist on Call* before returning to the *SER News*. Support for Officer and Board member travel to regional meetings has been continuous since 1978. In 1989, the Region purchased a Macintosh PC for production of the newsletter, long before the majority of the U.S. population had access to a personal computer.

The Region has also used its funds for charitable purposes. Scholarships have been provided to nurses interested in studying for ET/WOC nursing practice since 1982. In 1983, the region sponsored its first child to attend the Youth Rally, a summer camp program offered by the United Ostomy Association. Both of these traditions continue today. Also in 1983, the region contributed \$1,000 to the national ET Foundation for Nursing Research. In 1992, after hurricane Andrew caused extensive damage in the Miami, Florida area, the region donated \$500.00 to an ET nurse whose home was severely damaged in the storm, and \$1,000.00 to Dade county public schools for replacement of children's' textbooks. In 1993, a Benevolence Fund was formally initiated to assist members who experience personal loss. The fund continues to the present day. In 2001, past Regional secretary Eydie Gibson Kirby, became seriously ill and required multiple organ transplants. At the national conference in Portland, Oregon, regional members distributed green "Organ Donor Awareness Ribbons" and collected donations for Eydie and her family. When Eydie died as a result of postoperative complications from transplant surgery, the entire region mourned the passing of a colleague.

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Producing Leaders for Near and Far

The Southeast Region has been fortunate to have strong leadership among its ranks, and has proven a source of leaders to the parent organization throughout its history. During the first year as an affiliate organization (1976), two members of the Southeast region served on the national Board of Directors: Betty Jackson, RN, EdD., ET, and Jane Walker, ET. Four of the fourteen Presidents of the national association have been from the Southeast Region: Bonnie Bollinger (1979-1981), Debra Broadwell-Jackson (1981-1985), Dorothy Doughty (1999-2001) and Laurie McNichol (2001-present). Patricia Kynes served as editor to the IAET Journal from 1982 until 1987. She also served as National Conference Planning chair as has Carolyn Cuttino. Other Southeast Region members who have served on the national board include Mary Kay Wooten, and Stephanie Yates.

Four regional members have been recognized at the national level for exemplary service to the specialty of ET/WOC nursing and the organization. The President's award is given at the national conference at the discretion of the President of the national association. Southeast region recipients of this highest honor are: Patricia Kynes (1987), Debra Broadwell-Jackson (1988), Norma Mash (1989), and Dorothy Doughty (1994).

Several members have also extended their leadership skills to the United Ostomy Association. Bobby Brewer, one of the early editors of the SER News, has been very active with the UOA since 1979. Dot Tuggle has provided many volunteer hours to support the UOA Youth Rally, and has been a tireless supporter of this program.

Southeast region members have used their leadership skills in effecting change on behalf of consumers. Elizabeth Emick was the first member to attend the Nurses in Washington Internship (NIWI) in 1986, a national program for development of nurses who are interested in governmental affairs. Elizabeth served as Vice President of the region from 1988 through 1989. Other attendees have included Julie Phelps (1988), Sue Schindler (1993), Barbara Munson (1996 and 1997), and Mary McNeil (2002). Since the inception of the regional DMERCS for Medicare reimbursement, several members have also worked diligently with our regional director to ensure proper reimbursement for wound and ostomy supplies. Carolyn Cuttino and Dorothy Doughty have been two of the pioneers in this arena.

Unity Despite Disagreements

While the Southeast Region has consistently provided leadership within the national organization, its members have also expressed dissension over key national issues during its history. A 1990 proposal to change the name of the national organization was defeated in the House of Delegates at the annual meeting in Las Vegas, largely due to the efforts of the Southeast region. The change was later approved at the 1992 annual meeting, also at Las Vegas, and the association became the Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society. In 1993, the organization adopted a new structure that eliminated the House of Delegates and the eleven Regional Trustees. Members were also given the option of joining any region, regardless of their residence. Although some members of the Southeast Region were opposed to these changes, they recognized the importance of remaining active in the one specialty organization devoted to education and practice of WOC/ET nursing. Membership in the Region continued to grow after the 1993 organizational changes, and the region has continued to provide a vocal and active role in national association business.

Educational Excellence

Throughout its history as a region, educational conferences have been an integral part of the region's activities. The Southeast region has served as the host region for three* national conferences, two in Atlanta, Georgia (1978 and 1991) and one in Miami, Florida (1985). But the crowning achievement for the organization has been the consistent presentation of an annual regional conference to benefit members. In 1980, the first annual meeting featuring continuing education for members was held in Mobile, Alabama. It

* The 1971 national conference was held in Hollywood, Florida, prior to the recognition of the region as an affiliate organization.

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was financially successful and enthusiastically received by those in attendance. Successful conferences followed in major cities throughout the region, a tradition that continues each year. Each of the five states shares in the responsibility of hosting the conference, which has resulted in diverse and stimulating conferences year after year.

In 2001, the conference was scheduled to begin in Greenville, South Carolina on September 13th. Following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack on America, regional leadership considered canceling the conference for the first time in the region's history. Conference planning committee members urged the Board to continue with the conference, so that members able to attend could receive education necessary to meet future demands for health care in an uncertain environment. The decision proved to be a sound one. Despite a nationally crippled mass transit system, members found alternate ways to arrive in Greenville, and the conference was a success.

Looking Back, Looking Ahead

What does the future hold for the WOCN Southeast Region? Much has happened in the world and within nursing since 1976. "Star Wars" became, first a blockbuster movie series, and later a national defense plan. Egypt and Israel made peace at Camp David in 1978, yet conflict in the Middle East is volatile and violent even today. Louise Brown became the first test tube baby in 1978, and science continues to push the limits of biomedical ethics as teams work to create a human clone. The human immunodeficiency virus, the virus that causes AIDS, unknown in 1976, has claimed the lives of millions of patients as well as several dozen health care workers infected in the line of duty.

Ostomy surgery has advanced dramatically since 1976, with continent diversions and surgical options increasingly in availability. Ostomy products have also advanced with innovations such as extended wear barriers and low profile pouching products. Wound care, integrally related to the aging of America, has become a major part of the health care industry. A proliferation of products and multidisciplinary wound care professionals now benefit persons who previously might have died from their wounds. In the realm of continence care, clinical practice and research is offering new hope to consumers, and the subject of incontinence has been brought out of the closet for the American public. There is no longer any question about the legitimacy of all three sub-specialties within WOC/ET nursing.

In concluding the first history of the region, past President Patricia Kynes wrote:

"We have come a long way and yet have room to grow. Regionalization invites professionals with divergent ideas to join with common interest. The leadership resources within the Southeast Region will guide the destiny of our region, as well as our national organization, with a spirit of enthusiasm and ability. The theme of the Southeast Region continues to be one of unity and strength -- together there is much we can do."

Her words are as appropriate today as they were more than a decade ago. We have much to celebrate, and still more to envision and achieve.

Susan E. Steele, RN, MS, CWOCN
Vice-President, 2001 – 2002

Southeast Region Conferences

1983	Charleston, South Carolina, Carolyn Cuttino, Chair
1984	Birmingham, Alabama, Jackie Doubleman, Chair
1985	Tampa, Florida, Gloria Simonzi, Chair
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1987	Atlanta, Georgia, Paula Freedman and Elizabeth Emick, Co-Chairs

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1988	Greensboro, North Carolina, Catherine Porpst, Chair “ET Nursing: A Folk Art”
1989	
1990	Mobile, Alabama “Love, Laughter and Healing the ET Way”
1991	Orlando, Florida, Barbara Bohannon, Chair “The Universal ET”
1992	Memphis, Tennessee “Building on the Past”
1993	Charlotte, North Carolina, Brenda Rutland, Chair
1994	Savannah, Georgia, Laura Shafer, Chair “Sailing the Waves of Change”
1995	Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Cindy Epps, Chair
1996	Birmingham, Alabama, Michelle Crocker and Dot Tuggle, Co-Chairs “Positioned for Change”
1997	Orlando, Florida, Carol Publicover and Dot Weir, Co-Chairs “The Magic of Caring”
1998	Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina, Claire Eloshway, Chair “Putting the Pieces Together”
1999	Knoxville, Tennessee, Julia Bithorn, Chair “Plotting a Course for the Future”
2000	Atlanta, Georgia, Marie Thompson and Jo Ann Waldrop, Co-Chairs “Spotlighting Key Issues in Practice”
2001	Greenville, South Carolina, Chappy Manning and Elaine Rush, Co-Chairs “2001 – WOC”N” to the Future”
2002	Birmingham, Alabama, Deborah Thedford, Chair “Stars Fall on Alabama – Shooting for Excellence in Clinical Practice”

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Leadership of the Southeast Region

1976	
President	Anita Kotheimer, ET
Vice President	Jayne Walker, ET
Secretary	Lloyd Fowler, ET
Treasurer	Pat Porcher, ET
Trustees	Donna Roulic, RN,BS, ET Joyce Loveless, RN, ET Nell Perry, RN, ET
1977	
President	Carolyn Danson, ET
Vice President	Nell Perry, RN, ET
Secretary	Lloyd Fowler, ET
Treasurer	Pat Porcher, ET
Directors	Ellen Shipes, RN, MN, ET Freda Roberts, RN, ET Harriett Scott, RN, ET
Trustee	Anita Kotheimer, ET
1978	
President	Nell Perry, RN, ET
Vice President	Patricia James, RN, ET
Secretary	Pat Porcher, ET
Treasurer	Linda Goss, MA, ET
Directors	Mary Kay Langston, RN, BSN, ET Freda Roberts, RN, ET Harriett Scott, RN, ET
Trustee	Carolyn Danson, ET
1979	
President	Ellen Shipes, RN, MN, ET
Vice President	Norma Short, RN, ET
Secretary	Pat Porcher, RN, ET
Treasurer	Billie Sue Broadman, RN, ET
Directors	Thomasena Wilson, LPN, ET Marcia Connelly, RN, ET Mary Kay Langston, RN, BSN, ET
Trustee	Nell Perry, RN, ET
1980	
President	Norma Mash, RN, BSN, ET
Vice President	Carolyn Cuttino, RN, ET
Secretary	Sylvia Illick, LPN, ET
Treasurer	Billie Sue Broadman, RN, ET
Directors	Thomasena Wilson, LPN, ET Paralee Davis, LPN, ET Mary Kay Langston, RN, BSN, ET
Trustee	Nell Perry, RN, ET
1981	
President	Norma Mash, RN, BSN, ET
Vice President	Carolyn Cuttino, RN, ET

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Secretary	Velma Bragg, RN, ET
Treasurer	Betty Broadhurst, RN, BSN, ET
Directors	Carolyn Danson, ET Cathryn Bratton, RN, ET Harriett Scott, RN, ET
Trustee	Nell Perry-Squires, RN, ET
1982	
President	Norma Mash, RN, BSN, ET
Vice President	Carolyn Cuttino, RN, ET
Secretary	Velma Bragg, RN, ET
Treasurer	Betty Broadhurst, RN, ET
Directors	Cathy Bratton, RN, ET Harriett Scott, RN, ET Barbara Muller, RN, ET
Trustee	Patricia Kynes, RN, ET
1983	
President	Norma Mash, RN, BSN, ET
Vice President	Carolyn Cuttino, RN, ET
Secretary	Sue Schindler, RN, ET
Treasurer	Gretchen Thompson, RN, ET
Directors	Paula Freedman, RN, BSN, ET Chris Martin, RN, ET Barbara Muller, RN, ET
Trustee	Patricia Kynes, RN, ET
1984	
President	Carolyn Cuttino, RN, BSN, ET
Vice President	Cathryn Bratton, RN, ET
Secretary	Sue Schindler, RN, ET
Treasurer	Gretchen Thompson, RN, ET
Directors	Paula Freedman, RN, BSN, ET Barbara Muller, RN, ET Nell Perry-Squires, RN, ET
Trustee	Norma Mash, RN, BSN, ET
1985	
President	Carolyn Cuttino, RN, BSN, ET
Vice President	Cathryn Bratton, RN, ET
Secretary	Sue Schindler, RN, ET
Treasurer	Gretchen Thompson, RN, BSN, ET
Directors	Paula Freedman, RN, BSN, ET Barbara Muller, RN, ET Dona Knight, RN, BSN, ET
Trustee	Norma Mash, RN, BSN, ET

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1986	
President	Carolyn Cuttino, RN, BSN, ET
Vice President	Sheri Barnes, RN, MSN, ET
Secretary	Sue Schindler, RN, ET
Treasurer	Gretchen Thompson, RN, ET
Directors	Paula Freedman, RN, BSN, ET Dona Knight, RN, BSN, ET Ellen Shipes, RN, MSN, ET
Trustee	Norma Mash, RN, BSN, ET
1987	
President	Carolyn Cuttino, RN, BSN, ET
Vice President	Sheri Barnes Smith, RN, MSN, ET
Secretary	Julie Phelps, RN, ET
Treasurer	Lois Petrie, RN, BSN, ET
Directors	Dot Tuggle, RN, ET Elizabeth Emick, RN, BSN, ET Ellen Shipes, RN, MSN, ET
Trustee	Norma Mash, RN, BSN, ET
1988	
President	Cathryn Bratton, RN, BSN, ET
Vice President	Elizabeth Emick, RN, BSN, ET
Secretary	Julie Phelps, RN, BSN, ET
Treasurer	Lois Petrie, RN, BSN, ET
Directors	Dot Tuggle, RN, ET Catherine Propst, RN, BSN, ET Jackie Doubleman, RN, BSN, ET
Trustee	Norma Mash, RN, BSN, ET
1989	
President	Cathryn Bratton, RN, BSN, ET
Vice President	Elizabeth, Emick, RN, BSN, ET
Secretary	Julie Phelps, RN, BSN, ET
Treasurer	Lois Petrie, RN, BSN, ET
Directors	Dot Tuggle, RN, ET Catherine Propst, RN, BSN, ET Jackie Doubleman, RN, BSN, ET
Trustee	Norma Mash, RN, BSN, ET
Nominations	Thomasena Wilson, RN., ET
1990	
President	Sandra Kirkland, RN, MSN, ET
Vice President	Deborah Taylor, RN, BSN, ET
Secretary	Stephanie Yates, RN, BSN, ET
Treasurer	Lois Petrie, RN, BSN, ET
Directors	Dot Tuggle, RN, ET Catherine Propst, RN, BSN, ET Rose Wynne, RN, BSN
Trustee	Sue Schindler, RN, BSN, ET

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1991	
President	Sandra Kirkland, RN, MSN, ET
Vice President	Deborah Taylor, RN, BSN, ET
Secretary	Stephanie Yates, RN, BSN, ET
Treasurer	Lois Petrie, RN, BSN, ET
Directors	Dot Tuggle, RN, ET Catherine Propst, RN, BSN, ET Rose Wynne, RN, BSN
Trustee	Sue Schindler, RN, BSN, ET
1992	
President	Sue Schindler, RN, BSN, ET
Vice President	Deborah Taylor, RN, BSN, ET
Secretary	Stephanie Yates, RN, BSN, ET
Treasurer	Lois Petrie, RN, BSN, ET
Directors	Jackie Doubleman, RN, BSN, ET Vi Poteete, RN, CETN Dot Wier
Trustee	Lynne Woods, RN, BSN, CETN, CDC
Nominations	Dot Tuggle, RN, CETN
1993	
President	Sue Schindler, RN, BSN, ET
Vice President	Deborah Taylor, RN, BSN, ET
Secretary	Stephanie Yates, RN, BSN, ET
Treasurer	Lois Petrie, RN, BSN, ET
Directors	Laura Shafer, RNC, CETN Brenda Rutland, RN, BSN, CETN Vi Poteete, RN, CETN
1994	
President	Sue Schindler, RN, BSN, CETN
Vice President	Ruth Wilson, RN, MSN, CETN
Secretary	Stephanie Yates, RN, BSN, CETN
Treasurer	Beth Hawkins-Bradley, RN, MN, CETN
Directors	Vi Poteete, RN, CETN Brenda Rutland, RN, BSN, CETN Laura Shafer, RN, BSN, CETN
Nominations	Suzanne Valencia, RN, BSN, CETN
Communications	Lynne Woods, RN, BSN, CETN, CNC
Conference	Laura Shafer, RN, BSN, CETN
Chair	
1995	
President	Stephanie Yates, RN, MSN, CETN
Vice President	Ruth Wilson, RN, MSN, CETN
Secretary	Eydie Gibson, RN, BSN, CETN
Treasurer	Beth Hawkins-Bradley, RN, MN, CETN
Directors	Laura Shafer, RN, BSN, CETN Brenda Rutland, RN, BSN, CETN VI Poteete, RN, CETN
Nonminations	Suzanne Valencia, RN, BSN, CETN
Communications	Lynne Woods, RN, BSN, CETN
1996	
President	Stephanie Yates, RN, MS, CETN

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Vice President	Barbara Munson, RN, BS, CETN
Secretary	Eydie Gibson, RN, BSN, CETN
Treasurer	Beth-Hawkins Bradley, RN, MN, CETN
Directors	Vi Poteete, RN, CETN Brenda Rutland, RN, BSN, CETN Chappy Manning, RN, BSN, CETN
Nonminations	Carol Publicover, ARNP, CETN
Communications	

1997

President	Stephanie Yates, RN, MSN, CETN
Vice President	Barbara Munson, RN, BS, CETN
Secretary	Kathy Kwiatkowski, RN, CETN
Treasurer	Beth Hawkins-Bradley, RN, MN, CETN
Directors	Terry Coggins, RN, BS, CETN Chappy Manning, RN, BS, CETN Brenda Rutland, RN, BSN, CETN
Nonminations	Carol Publicover, ARNP, CETN
Communications	

1998

President	Stephanie Yates, RN, MS, CETN
Vice President	Barbara Munson, RN, BS, CETN
Secretary	Kathy Kwiatkowski, RN, CETN
Treasurer	Carol Publicover, ARNP, CETN
Directors	Terry Coggins RN, BS, CETN Georgene Hadley, RN, MSN, CETN Susan Steele RN, MS, CETN
Nonminations	Melanie Mabry, RN, BS, CETN
Communications	

1999

President	Vi Poteete ,RN, BS, CWOCN
Vice President	Barbara Munson, RN, BS, CWOCN
Secretary	Kathy Kwiatkowski, RN, CWOCN
Treasurer	Carol Publicover, ARNP, CWOCN
Directors	Susan Steele RN, MS, CWOCN Phyllis Kupsick, RN, MS, CWOCN Georgene Hadley RN, MSN, CWOCN
Nonminations	Melanie Mabry, RN, BS, CWOCN
Communications	Donna Mellon, RN, BS, CWOCN
Conference Chair	Julia Bithorn, RN, BS, CWOCN

2000

President	Vi Poteete, RN, BS, CWOCN
Vice President	Barbara Munson, RN, BS, CWOCN
Secretary	JoAnn Waldrop, RN, MS, CWOCN
Treasurer	Carol Publicover, ARNP, CWOCN
Directors	Susan Steele, RN, MS, CWOCN Phyllis Kupsick, RN, MS, CWOCN Georgene Hadley, RN, MSN, CWOCN
Nonminations	Ann Marie Kahl, RN, BS, CWOCN

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2001	
President	Vi Poteete, RN, BS, CWOCN
Vice President	Susan Steele, RN, MS, CWOCN
Secretary	JoAnn Waldrop, RN, MS, CWOCN
Treasurer	Carol Publicover, RN, ARNP, CWOCN
Directors	Phyllis Kupsick, RN, MS, CWOCN Georgene Hadley, RN, MSN, CWOCN Rosalia Martin, RN, BS, CWOCNJ
Nonminations	Ann Marie Kahl, RN, BS, CWOCN
2002	
President	Vi Poteete, RN, BS, CWOCN
Vice President	Susan Steele, RN, MS, CWOCN
Secretary	William Burns
Treasurer	Alvin Word
Directors	Phyllis Kupsick, RN, MS, CWOCN Georgene Hadley, RN, MSN, CWOCN Mary McNeil, RN, BS, CWOCN
Nonminations	Ann Marie Kahl, RN, BS, CWOCN
Communications	Denise Groh, RN,

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Southeast Region Newsletter Editors

Bobbie Brewer	1976 - 1979
Patricia Kynes	1979 – 1983
Sue Schindler	1983 – 1986
Lynn Woods	1986 - 1994
Donna Mellon	1994 - 2000
Kathryn Dere	2000-2001
Denise Groh	2001 - present

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Outstanding Nurse Award Recipients

The Outstanding ET Nurse of the year award began in 1989. Nominations for the award may be made by fellow members or by consumers. The selection of the final award recipient from among the nominees is made by the Board of Directors. The award name was changed to the Outstanding Nurse in 2000, in recognition of the multiple sub-specialties of wound, ostomy and continence nursing that are represented within the society.

1989	Judy Zink
1990	
1991	
1992	Lois Petrie
1993	Jan Hale
1994	Kathryn Kwiatkowski
1995	
1996	Linda Dickerson and Marie Thompson
1997	Jill Fowler
1998	Vi Poteete
1999	Phyllis Bonham
2000	Laurie Lovejoy McNichol, RN, MS, CWOCN
2001	Jane Fellows
2002	Jan Johnson

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Scholarship Honorees

The state hosting the annual conference has the opportunity to designate a member who is honored by having the region's donation to the WOCN scholarship fund named in his or her honor for the year.

1982	Anita Kotheimer, ET
1983	Jane Walker, ET
1984	Norma Mash, RN, ET
1985	Debra Broadwell, PhD., RN, ET
1986	No award
1987	Edith Sykes, RN, ET
1988	Dorothy Doughty, RN, MN, CETN
1989	Norma Mash, RN, BSN, CETN
1990	Carolyn Cuttino, RN, BSN, CETN
1991	Lois Petrie, RN, BSN, ET
1992	Dorothy Tuggle, RN, ET
1993	Jan Hale, RN, BSN, CETN
1994	B.J. Woodward, RN, BSN, CETN
1995	Laura Shafer, RNC, BSN, CETN
1996	Sheri Smith, RN, Ph. D., CETN Michelle Crocker, RN, CETN
1997	Norma J. Short, RN, ET Harriet Scott, RN, ET
1998	Stephanie Yates, RN, CETN
1999	Julie Bithorn
2000	Prebble D. Smith
2001	Carolyn Cuttino, RN, BSN, CETN
2002	Sheri Smith, RN, Ph. D., CETN, CWS

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Archival Records Locations for Southeast Region Documents

Item	Years	Retained by
Minutes of Board Meetings		Secretary
Minutes of Membership Meetings		Secretary
Copies of Newsletters		Chairperson of Communications Committee
Financial Records		Treasurer
Fall Conference Brochures		Director for Conference Planning
Bylaws	1998 2001 2002	Vice President
Narrative History of SER	1981-current	Vice President