

## AEROSPACE NURSING SECTION

### A Message from the New President

As I assume the presidency of the Aerospace Nursing Section I would like to present my vision of the following year for our section and its relation with our parent organization.

After over 10 years' of flying I find my role changing. Though I am no longer in an active flying position I find I can still have an effect on that which I enjoy so much. The prospect of a new role became clear when I realized I had more to contribute than just being a flyer.

While many of you do contribute time and energy to the section I would like those who have unchallenged talents to give a little more. If you want to do more for the organization than fly, if you want to have an effect on the future of Aerospace Nursing, if you want to pave the way for those to follow as those before you, if you want to be recognized for your accomplishments, then get involved in a capacity other than being a flyer. There are so many avenues in which we each can be involved including research, editing, chairmanship, committee membership in both the ANS and AsMA. If you are interested in a greater participation in your organization and don't know how, call me.

Financially, while costs have increased, we are doing well. Thanks to new members, contributions, and fund-raising efforts of many of our members, we met all of our obligations and are looking strong for the next year.

I feel we have an outstanding group of section leaders for the coming year. Your executive committee for the following year includes Maj. Regina Aune, Vice President/President Elect; Lt. Col. Patricia Moss, Secretary; Lt. Col. Eileen Hadbavny, Treasurer; Past Presidents Lt. Col. (Ret.) Stacy Alger, Lt. Col. Marian Sides, and Lt. Col.

Patricia Ravella; and Executive Board Members-at-large Maj. Betty McCoy and Col. Georgia Hale. Committee chairpersons are as follows: Scientific Program—Lt. Col. Garye Jensen; Nominations—Maj. Anne Hamilton; Editorial/Publicity—Maj. Jana Campbell; Education/Training—Capt. Lee Williamson; Long Range Planning—Lt. Col. Sarah Wright; History/Archives—Maj. Charles Tupper; Awards—OTC Patricia Peters; Membership/Marketing Lt. Col. Patricia Ravella and Maj. Richard Holt; Convention Arrangements—Maj. Richard Holt; Constitution/Bylaws—Col. Elizabeth Hinze; Research—Maj. Ellen Lewis. Col. (Ret.) Stella Bellarts will continue to do her outstanding job as our parliamentarian.

At our closing business meeting we accomplished a great deal. Most of our committee chairpersons are returning, providing



**HOEFLY AWARD**—The E. A. Hoefly Award was presented to Lt. Col. Patricia C. Ravella, USAF, NC, (left) by Mr. Ben Daughtry, representing the sponsor, SmithKline Beecham Pharmaceuticals, (center) as Stacy Alger, R.N., M.S.N., President of the Aerospace Nursing Section, (right) as Stacy Alger, R.N., M.S.N., President of the Aerospace Nursing Section, looks on.

stability to the section. We have tentatively selected our speakers for the next year.

My focus for the coming year will be on communication. Communication tends to taper off after the annual meeting. I hope to see improved communication within the section and between the section and the parent organization. Through communication I expect to see greater involvement of our chairpersons with our parent organization committees.

As we look toward next year's meeting in San Antonio I anticipate an even better meeting than this year. Many of you are familiar with what San Antonio has to offer. As your president, I anticipate our committees can offer you an outstanding scientific program as well.



**GARRECHT AWARD**—The Brig. Gen. Claire E. Garrecht Award for the best scientific paper by a member presented at the meeting was awarded to Maj. Kirk Nailling, USAF, NC, for his paper, "Decompression Sickness of Flight Nurse Students at Brooks AFB." Pictured left to right are Brig. Gen. Claire Garrecht, USAF(Ret.), Maj. Nailling, Hans Krakauer, Ph.D., who sponsored the award, and Stacy Alger, President of the ANS.

### Space Medicine Branch Awards



**YOUNG INVESTIGATORS AWARD**—This year there was a tie for the best paper by a young investigator. Awards were presented to (left photo) Reiner K. Effenhauser, M.D., (left) for abstract #97, "Pulse Waveform and Transcranial Doppler Analysis During Lower Body Negative Pressure," and (right photo) Corinna E. Lathan (left) for abstract #33, "The Effect of Linear Acceleration on the Range of Optokinetic Performance in Humans." Presenting the awards is Jeff Myers, Secretary of the Space Medicine Branch.



**STRUGHOLD AWARD**—The Hubertus Strughold Award was presented to G. Wyckliffe Hoffer, M.D., (left) by Karl E. Klein, M.D., President of the Space Medicine Branch.