

Mission Statement

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Organization of Nurse Leaders (SWPONL) is a non-profit, personal membership society which promotes excellence in the practice of nursing administration. This is accomplished by:

- Providing regularly scheduled networking opportunities for nurse leaders
- Supporting research in nursing administration
- Advancing the practice of nursing administration
- Pursuing collaborative relationships with affiliated organizations

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Save the Date

SWPONL's 33rd Annual Educational Conference

August 30-31, 2012

**Nemacolin Woodlands
Resort and Spa**
Farmington, PA



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Leadership and Volunteer Opportunities

SWPONL provides various outlets for members to get involved and advance themselves as nursing professionals. SWPONL has several committees that members can choose to participate on:

- Education
- Membership
- Practice/Legislation
- Bylaws
- Nominating



We are always looking for new members to volunteer for committees and welcome anyone who is interested to contact the SWPONL Office!

Another great way to get involved is to nominate yourself or a fellow SWPONL member for one of SWPONL's Board of Director positions. In order to continue providing value to our community, it is critical we locate passionate individuals eager to help SWPONL with planning and development.

All committee members work closely with SWPONL's management team so you will have guidance throughout your journey. Assistance at any level is welcome!

Continuing Education Units (CEUs)

SWPONL offers several opportunities throughout the year to obtain Continuing Education Units. Our Annual Educational Conference is typically held in September and is two days packed with educational sessions, an exhibitor area, a poster area and networking opportunities! The conference is a great way for nursing professionals to take advantage of face-to-face time with expert speakers and vendor representatives in the industry, all while receiving approximately 8 CEUs.

Some other educational opportunities include networking sessions and webinars. Networking sessions are a great way for members to interact and learn in a relaxed setting, while webinars allow you to learn from the comfort of your own computer. SWPONL introduced its first ever webinar session in December 2010 and it was a huge success. Stay tuned for details about upcoming networking session and webinars!

And the best part: Members receive a discount on all educational events!

Member Benefits

Active SWPONL membership status is open to Registered Nurse (RN) leaders in administration/management positions who are accountable for strategic, operational, management, and performance outcomes in organizations. All active members are required to pay dues and will retain active member status until December 31 of the year for which their dues are paid. Some of the benefits that SWPONL members enjoy include:

- SWPONL's quarterly electronic publication, *News and Notes*
- Discounts on all educational events
- Networking opportunities
- Opportunities to develop professional skills by volunteering on a committee
- Legislative updates
- Membership directory

