

Editorial

Past, Present, and Future

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December has rolled around again, and the month seems to come faster every year. The Rural Nurse Organization (RNO) has matured, and our past brings many wonderful memories with a few sad notes as we have lost colleagues who contributed so much over the years. The present includes a very organized website, a professional management firm that has smoothed some processes, and many committed members and organizational leaders. The Online Journal of Rural Nursing (OJRNHC) continues to attract submissions from throughout the US, and with the occasional international contribution, the Editorial Board is now more representative of the span of our organization, including one international member. I want to recognize and thank the OJRNHC editorial staff, Barbara Ann Graves, Paige T. Johnson, Allison Roma, Erin Rushton, and Jesse Russell, for all their contributions to the journal's success.

Looking to the future, the next RNO International Rural Nurse Conference, hosted by the College of Nursing and Health Innovation at the University of Texas, Arlington, is set for Tuesday, May 27, 2025 – May 30, 2025! The conference is entitled 2025 International Rural Nursing Conference Advancing Rural Nursing: Innovations and Strategies for a Healthier Tomorrow.

The IRNC call for abstracts is open with podium or poster abstracts due no later than January 1, 2025 <https://common.forms.uta.edu/view.php?id=2390718> , and conference registration is open now! There are early bird registration options. For more details, go to <https://ruralhealthcenter.uta.edu/2025-rno-conference/> . I hope to see you in Texas for the conference at the end of May 2025!