



EASTERN NURSING RESEARCH SOCIETY

President's Message

Investment is a current topic of major interest in our society. Primarily, individuals are concerned about their financial investments and the impact of the stock market on their retirement and other savings accounts. When a person invests resources such as money, the expectation is that there ultimately will be a return on that investment or that the account will grow and show a profit.

The Eastern Nursing Research Society (ENRS) is also interested in investment and growth. While the ENRS Board needs to be concerned about the financial investments we make on behalf of the organization, of greater concern is the asset we have in terms of our members. Renewing members and new members provide the base from which ENRS can operate. At present we have approximately 850 members which clearly is an increase in membership from last year. ENRS expects that its members will invest in their organization through their dues and their active participation. This investment by members pays off in multiple ways for them personally, as well as for ENRS as an organization.

Active participation is reflected in attendance at the Annual Scientific Sessions; this year we meet in Boston from March 19-21, 2009. We had more abstracts than ever submitted for consideration for poster or paper presentation at our 2009 Scientific Sessions. Obviously, ENRS has become the destination place to present one's work, as well as to hear reports of the latest research findings that have the potential to influence clinical practice and improve patient outcomes.

Other ways that members invest in ENRS are through their involvement on committees and the Research Interest Groups and service on the Board. Additionally, members invest in other members through their networking and mentoring activities and research collaborations.

The return on these investments continues to grow; they are long term, safe investments. This return is not measured in dollars and cents but rather in the continued growth of nursing research and our young researchers in the northeastern United States. This investment in research and researchers is having a fantastic return; the sophistication and quality of nursing research continues to improve. ENRS members clearly are demonstrating how they are advancing nursing science.

As new and renewing members, we need to continue to invest in ENRS and the future of nursing research. Each of us, individually and collectively, will reap benefits that have lasting personal and professional value.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Judith A. Erlen'.

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