



*Our Mission*  
*To develop, support, and*  
*advocate for nurse leaders*  
*as they enhance the delivery*  
*of health care.*

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## About KONL

Our vision is to be an engaged community of nursing leaders with one voice of advancing health in the Commonwealth.

### Strategic plan priorities for 2016 – 2018:

- ◆ Foster the development of Nurse Leaders
- ◆ Promote the value of nursing
- ◆ Improve the value and engagement of membership
- ◆ Provide leadership that enhances the Nursing profession
- ◆ Promote a culture of safety and quality in health care

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## Upcoming Events

### District Meetings

Ohio Valley: March 17th - Norton Healthcare 11 AM

Cumberland: March 17th - Highlands Regional 11 AM - 2PM

Bluegrass: March 20th - Frankfort Regional 5:00 PM -7:00 PM



## HAPPY NEW YEAR KONL!

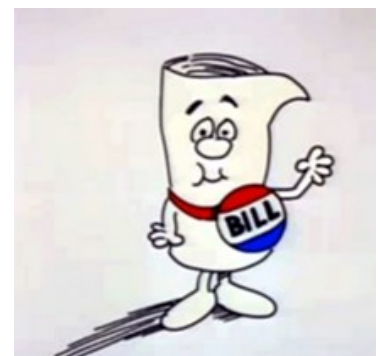
We are starting our new year with a new federal government group and I know everyone is anxious to see what this will mean to the ACA and our healthcare industry. In the meantime here in Kentucky our own legislative group is busy at work. We already have a change in abortion policy signed into law. In addition, our legislators are looking at bills about medical review panels, prescriptive authority of controlled substances for physician assistants, permitting pharmacists to administer immunizations to children age 9-17, changes in school curriculum for nurses and the lay midwife bill. KONL, our nurse leader voice in Ky., is watching these bills carefully and offering our support or opposition based on how these affect nursing and healthcare in our state. Please feel free to send me an email anytime you have a strong opinion about these and we can share this with our Board and our Legislative Committee and as appropriate KHA and other entities. As a group we have chosen to oppose the lay midwife bill based on the lack of emergency care and educational preparation of this group wanting to offer care to our communities. We are also opposed to the PA prescriptive authority bill when we compare the education level and authority given our APRNs; other bills we will watch closely. Please become involved because their decision affects YOU and your communities! KHA Hospital Day at the Legislature is coming up February 23<sup>rd</sup>. I hope to see many of you there.



Legislation is just one way to become really involved in what we do. We would love for you to increase your involvement in KONL. Call your district director to see when your next district meeting is being held and plan to attend. Be sure to come to the annual KHA meeting and attend the May 19<sup>th</sup> KONL meetings there. We have some KONL Board positions up for election this year. See those in this newsletter.

Here's hoping for a mild end of winter and the beginning of a beautiful Spring!

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### **KONL 2018 Election**

From Sally Davenport, Past President and current Nominations Chair

Federal, state and local elections have been on the minds of many of us! At KONL planning for the 2018 elections has begun. The KONL Committee on Nominations consists of at least four members appointed by the President, representative of the four association districts, and the immediate past president or the president-elect is the chairperson. The past president this year is Sally Davenport. Members from the Ohio Valley District are: Karen Higdon of Baptist Health System and Shirley McJohnston of St. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital. Trena Stocker of Marcum and Wallace Hospital represents Cumberland District and Michelle England of Frankfort Regional Medical Center is from the Bluegrass District. Adam Ogle of Baptist Health Paducah and Lois Morgan of Methodist Hospital represent the Twin Lakes region.

The positions that will be elected in the fall and will take office January 1<sup>st</sup> include: President Elect, Secretary, District Representatives from the Bluegrass District and the Ohio Valley District. If there are any members who wish to place their name on the ballot, they should contact any of the Committee on Nominations members or their current District Representative. The KONL Bylaws provide the duties of each of these positions and are available on the KONL website – [kyonl.com](http://kyonl.com). The ballot will be finalized at the August KONL Board Meeting.

### **Dates for the 2017 KONL Board Meetings**

**The following are the dates for the 2017 KONL Board Meetings from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

March 24, 2017 at Flaget Memorial Hospital/KentuckyOne Health

May 19, 2017 Annual KHA Meeting in Lexington (Convention Center)

August 11, 2017 Strategic Planning at Ephraim McDowell Fort Logan Hospital

September 21 & 22, 2017 Fall Leadership Conference in Louisville TBD

October 27, 2017 Transition Meeting at Medical Center Bowling Green

### **2017-2018 KONL Board Members**

President: Ina Glass  
Past President: Sally Davenport  
Secretary: Jenny Graves  
Treasurer: Cynthia Alvey  
Information Officer: Rick Vancise

### **2017-2018 Committee Chairs**

Bylaws Chair: Jenny Graves  
Scholarship Chair: Delisa Arnold  
Membership Chair: Lynne Warner Lynn  
Program Co-Chairs: Donna Meador  
Lois Morgan  
Nominations Chair: Sally Davenport  
Legislative Chair: Ina Glass  
KHA Representative: Donna Meador  
KBN Representative: Kelly Jenkins

### **2017-2018 District Directors**

Bluegrass District: Lisa Wallace  
Cumberland District: Mark Milner  
Ohio Valley: Michael Carr  
Twin Lakes District: Betsy Kullman

## Want to join KONL but not sure of your KONL district? The map below outlines the 4 regions

We welcome you to join so please visit the KONL website at  
<http://kyonl.com/members/contact-us/>

or contact

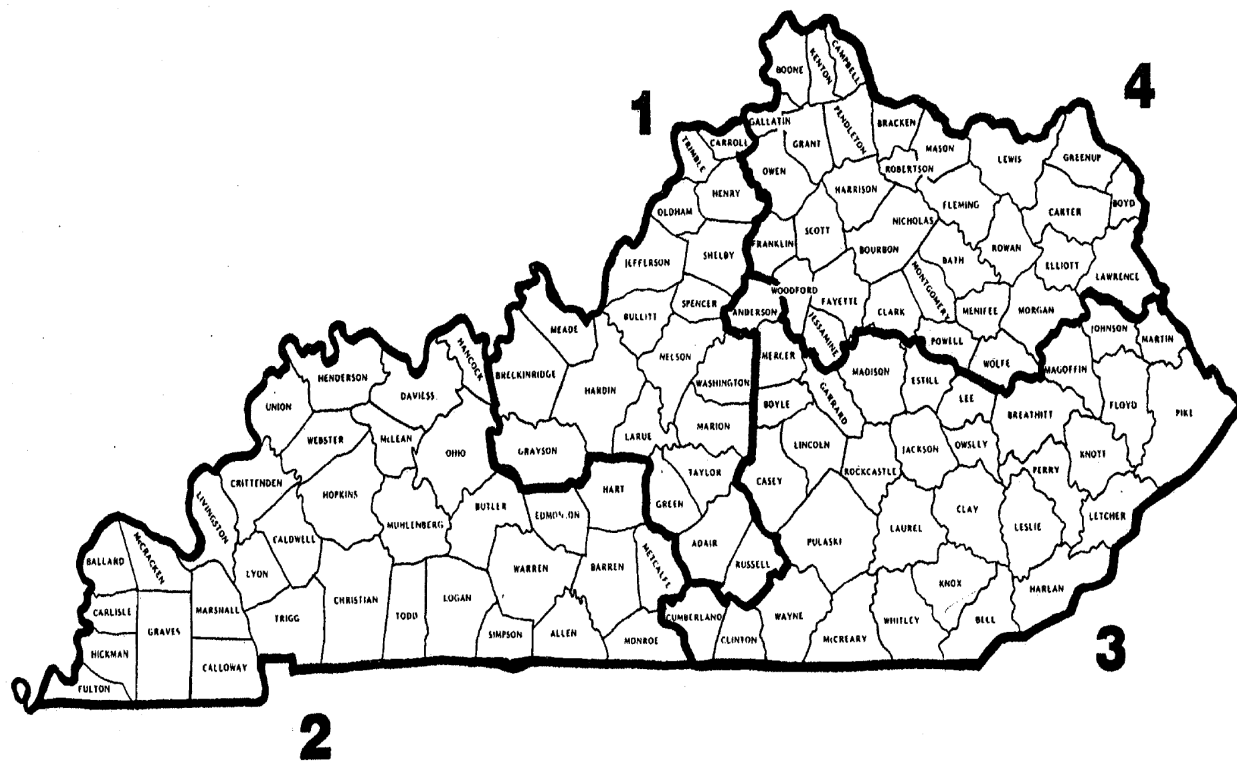
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Annual dues are \$50.00 and membership can occur throughout the year.  
The process can be completed online or by paper application.

## Kentucky Hospital Association

### Region Boundaries



Legend: 1. Ohio Valley Hospital Region  
2. Twin Lakes Hospital Region

3. Cumberland Hospital Region  
4. Blue Grass Hospital Region