

Candidate for Director at Large

Kaye L. Schmidt, MA RN NEA-BC CPHON®



Current Position

Senior Director—Center for Cancer & Blood Disorders
Children's Health
Dallas, TX

APHON Membership

APHON member since 1989

Local Chapter Membership

Dallas/Ft. Worth Chapter member since 2003

Education

MA, 1991, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
BSN, 1983, South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD

Qualifications

APHON National

- *APHON Counts*
 - Editor, 2014–2017
 - Assistant Editor, 2011–2014
 - Administrative Tidbits Column Editor, 2009–2011
- Steering Council: Member, 2009–2011
- Webinar Presenter: *“Leading the Battle at the Bedside: Do You Trust Others? Do Others Trust You?”*, 2016
- Annual Conference
 - Poster Presenter: *“Sickle Cell Pain: Strategies to Reduce Readmissions within 15 days of Discharge,”* 2018
 - Concurrent Session Presenter: *“The First 6 Months: Health Care Under a New President,”* 2017
 - Concurrent Session Presenter: *“Leading the Battle at the Bedside: Do You Trust Others? Do Others Trust You?”*, 2016
 - General Session Presenter: *“Healthcare Reform and Advocacy,”* 2015
 - Concurrent Session Presenter: *“Healthcare Reform a Year Later—Where Are We at Now?”*, 2014
 - Poster Presenter: *“Medication Safety: Strategies to Reduce Error,”* 2014
 - Concurrent Session Presenter: *“Change: The Guaranteed Constant in Health Care,”* 2013
 - Preconference Session Presenter: *“Telephone Triage 101: Keys to Assessment, Tools for Success,”* 2013
 - Poster Presenter: *“Utilizing the Quality Data from Alaris® Smart Pumps to Reduce Medication Errors,”* 2010

- Poster Presenter: *“Families as Partners in Designing New Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Facilities and Expansion of Services,”* 2008
- Concurrent Session Presenter: *“Professional Boundaries in Pediatric Oncology: Have You Ever Crossed the Line?”* 2007
- Poster Presenter: *“Professional Development Program Implementation in an integrated inpatient and Outpatient Hematology-Oncology Setting,”* 2007
- Poster Presenter: *“Making Chemotherapy Administration Safer: Use of a Multidisciplinary Failure Mode Effects Analysis to Guide Policy Development and Implementation,”* 2006
- Concurrent Session Presenter: *“Speaking from Experience: The Practical Information Needed by Patients and Families,”* 2005
- *Journal of Pediatric Oncology Nursing*
 - *“Consensus Statements: Ambulatory Pediatric Oncology Nursing Practice,”* 2010
 - *“Implementation of AHCPN Acute Pain Guidelines in Pediatrics,”* 1995
 - *“Pediatric Cancer Pain: What Do Nurses in Iowa Know?”* 1993
 - *“Pediatric Cancer Pain Management: A Survey of Nurses’ Knowledge,”* 1994

APHON Local Chapter

- Dallas Ft. Worth Chapter
 - Chapter president, 2018–Present
- APHON Iowa Chapter
 - President, 1997–1999
 - Vice President, 1995–1997
- APHON Southern California Chapter: Annual Conference Podium Presenter
 - *“Healthcare Reform: The First Battle in Obtaining Optimal Care,”* 2016
 - *“Leading the Battle at the Bedside: The Direct Care Nurse as a Leader,”* 2016

Other Nursing Leadership

- Professional Organizations
 - Association of Nurse Executives (AONE), 2008–Present
 - Oncology Nursing Society, 1996-1998; 2005–2011
 - Iowa Association of Nurse Practitioners, 1988–1995
- Publications
 - *Journal of Nursing Care Quality*
 - Author: *“Reduction of Medication Errors: A Unique Approach,”* 2017
 - Author: *“Implementation of the AHCPN Pain Guidelines for Children,”* 1994
 - *Journal of Pediatric Nursing*
 - Author: *“Pediatric Palliative Care: Starting a Hospital-Based Program,”* 2011
 - Author: *“Determining Research Priorities in Pediatric Nursing—A Delphi Study,”* 1997

- *AACN Clinical Issues*, Author: “Implementation of the Agency of Healthcare Policy and Research Pain Guidelines,” 1996
- *American Journal of Nursing*, Author: “How to Apply the AHCP’s Pediatric Pain Guideline,” 1994

Additional Qualifications for Office

I have 20 years’ experience as a volunteer camp counselor and medical director for the Iowa Children’s Oncology Camp, beginning in the late 1980’s through 2006 with a couple years missed. I also coordinated, planned, and organized all medical care for up to 135 campers each summer for a total of 7 years at The Heart Connection Children’s Cancer Programs, which has since been renamed to Children’s Cancer Connection. There, I served as a Board member and a year-long term as President of the Board between 1998–2003. I also have served on the Editorial Board of the professional nursing journal *Pediatric Nursing* since 2011.

Current Volunteer Commitments

- Leukemia-Lymphoma Society: First Connection Volunteer

Candidate Statement

I have been a member of APHON since 1986 and have enjoyed watching the organization grow to become the highly respected professional organization that it is today. APHON truly sets the standards for the profession and I have watched this grow nationally throughout my career. I have 31 years of nursing leadership experience in pediatric hematology/oncology, including management of an inpatient unit, a stem cell transplant unit, and a multispecialty outpatient clinic. I am currently the senior director of a large pediatric hematology/oncology service line, which covers two campuses in a children’s hospital. I enjoy leading a large program that is fortunate to be participating in cutting edge treatment options as they become available.

I completed 10 years of service on the editorial board of APHON Counts last year. This included serving as the initial column editor of the “Administrative Tidbits” column, and then serving 4 years as assistant editor, and 3 years as editor. Through that experience, along with a 3-year term on the Steering Council, I believe I have a broad understanding of APHON’s projects and priorities, as well as a general understanding of the varying needs of the membership. I would welcome the opportunity to serve as Director-at-Large and as a member of the national Board of Directors. My commitment would be to carry the mission forward, to continue assessing the needs and priorities of the membership, and to focus on mentoring our younger members to continue growing and leading the profession in the future.