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NOBC Community,

On this Earth Day, we're reminded that the health of our planet and the health of our communities are deeply connected and that nurses have a vital role in shaping both. As this month's features highlight, "nurses bring insight, accountability, and a systems-level lens to governance," and that perspective is needed on every type of board.

We're also celebrating momentum across our community. Between March 17 and April 19, 11 nurses shared new board appointments a powerful reflection of the impact nurse leaders are making nationwide. Thank you to everyone who shared their update with us.

Mentoring continues to be one of the strongest drivers of that progress. When experienced leaders open doors for emerging ones, we strengthen the entire pipeline of nurses ready to serve. I look forward to spotlighting more of this work in the months ahead.

This month also brought important milestones: the Memorial Hermann press release announcing our partnership, our NurseTRUST Summit presentation, our podcast with AONL and more, all of which sparked meaningful conversations about influence, readiness, and the strategic value nurses bring to governance.

As you continue your leadership journey, remember that NOBC offers a full suite of tools, from board readiness resources to mentoring guides to governance insights, all designed to support your next step.

Thank you for your commitment to advancing nurse leadership and creating impact, our third strategic pillar, where it matters most.

Dr. Cole Edmonson, DNP, RN, FAAN
CEO Nurses on Boards Coalition



NOBC Board Appointment Celebrations!

Between March 17 and April 19, 11 nurses have shared new board appointments. We're proud to honor every nurse stepping into governance.

Thank you to everyone who shared their update with us.

[Explore the full list](#)

If you have a new board appointment or election to report, we'd love to include you.

[Share your appointment](#)



Board Opportunities NOBC Is Working on This Month:

- **National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation** (Deadline: June 4, 5 p.m. ET)
- **AONL Board Election & Nominations** (Deadline: May 21)

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NOBC News April 2026

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NOBC Announces New Board Secretary



NOBC is thrilled to announce Jason Mott, DNP, RN, as Secretary of the Board of Directors. Dr. Mott has served as the NOBC board member and Governance / Nominations Chair representing American Association for Men in Nursing contributing greatly to the work of NOBC. Dr. Mott's leadership in nursing education and governance strengthens NOBC's work to expand nurse representation on boards nationwide.

Serving on Boards as a Nursing Intervention



NOBC founder Susan C. Reinhard, RN, PhD, FAAN, reflects on the power of nurse leadership in governance, the origins of NOBC, and why nurses belong at board tables shaping the future of health.

[Read more](#)

Insights from Brad Phillips



Nurses bring insight, accountability, and a systems-level lens to governance. In this month's feature Q&A, Brad Phillips, DNP, MBA, CRNA, NEA-BC, FACHE, CHFP, CPHQ, shares how his clinical expertise and emotionally intelligent leadership shape his approach to board service and the outcomes that follow when nurses help guide organizational strategy.

[Read more](#)

Mentoring for Success Launches Its First Cohort



We are thrilled to share that we have enrolled our first cohort of nursing students and mentors. One mentee shared, "I think having someone available to help me navigate the rest of nursing school and getting me across that finish line to the NCLEX will be very beneficial to my critical thinking skills on the job and test-taking as well. I'm excited for what's next."

We look forward to sharing more as the program continues to grow. Thank you to Vernell DeWitty, PhD, MBA, RN, FAAN, for leading and launching the NOBC Mentoring for Success Program, with the support of our Humana colleagues Emory Kent, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, and Ashana Bell, MSN, RN, NE-BC.

The CNO's Systemwide View: A Critical Asset for Governance

In the April issue of *BoardRoom Press*, our Dr. Cole Edmonson and Melissa A. Fitzpatrick highlight why the CNO is one of the most valuable strategic partners to the board. With visibility across the full care continuum, CNOs translate operations into insights that strengthen quality, workforce planning, culture, and patient experience. As the article notes, “CNOs are among the few executives who see the full continuum... and understand how day-to-day operations translate into quality metrics and patient outcomes.” In the article, behind a paywall, they emphasize that effective board CNO dialogue “moves beyond dashboards to diagnostic reviews and corrective action plans,” helping boards make more grounded, forward looking decisions.

[Learn more](#)

Empowering Nurses: Unleashing Your Leadership Potential on Boards

In this episode of Today in Nursing Leadership podcast from AONL, Pamela T. Rudisill, DNP, RN, FAAN, FAONL, NEA BC, and Cole Edmonson, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, FNAP, FAONL, FAAN, explore how nurses can step confidently into board roles and expand their influence across sectors. Together, they discuss the leadership qualities, governance mindset, and strategic contributions nurses bring to organizational decision making — and why now is the moment for more nurses to claim their seat at the table.

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NOBC Resources

Elevate Your Boardroom Communication

Explore NOBC's Language & Communication resource, created to help nurses communicate with clarity, confidence, and strategic intent in board and leadership environments. This guide offers practical tools and examples to refine how nurses describe their expertise, frame their contributions, and elevate their leadership presence in decision making spaces.

[Access the resource](#)

Support NOBC

Support NOBC Through On Demand Webinars

NOBC is pleased to share on-demand webinars in partnership with the Association for Leadership Science in Nursing (ALSN). Explore valuable leadership insights while helping advance our mission.

The Epidemiology of Compassion from the Board Room to the Bedside

Finance Made Simple: From Daily Operations to Boardroom Decisions

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Nurse Leader As Coach: Creating High Performance Teams

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Recognizing NOBC Member Organizations, Affiliates, Strategic Partners, Sponsors and Grantors:

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With appreciation, NOBC is proud to recognize the following supporters:

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

- American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology
- American Nurses Association
- Emergency Nurses Association

STRATEGIC PARTNER

- Stanford University

MEMBER ORGANIZATION AFFILIATE

- Indiana Center for Nursing

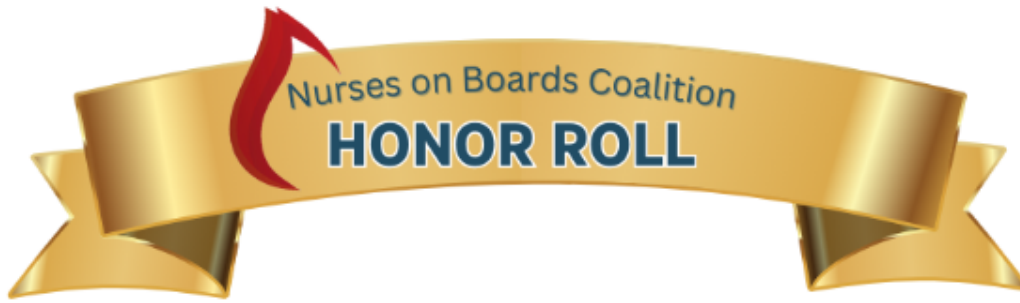
Elevate Your Event with NOBC's Speakers Bureau

Dr. Edmonson, CEO of the Nurses on Boards Coalition (NOBC) and a key panelist, shared how his leadership through NOBC continues to shift the national landscape by ensuring nurses are not only present but influential and essential in governance across every sector. NOBC's work opens doors for nurses whose insight, integrity, and lived experience shape decisions that impact patients, communities, and the future of healthcare. - Holly Hall, EdD, RN, Nurse Researcher, Premier Health; Immediate Past President, Zeta Phi at-Large

The NOBC Speakers Bureau is a powerful resource for elevating your events, trainings, and leadership development programs. Our curated network of seasoned nurse leaders brings deep expertise in governance, leadership, and health equity across healthcare, nonprofit, and corporate sectors.

Whether your goal is to inspire cultural transformation, strengthen board performance, or deliver evidence based insight, the NOBC Speakers Bureau connects you with leaders who can help drive meaningful, lasting impact.

[Meet the Speakers](#)



Recognize a Nurse on the NOBC Honor Roll

NOBC's Honor Roll is a dedicated space on our website where, through your donation, you have the opportunity to honor a nurse who serves on a board or recognize your own board service.

[View the Honorees](#)

How You Can Help

Here are 4 things you can do to improve the health of communities and the nation through the service of nurses on boards. NOBC encourages your involvement!

1. **BE COUNTED:** [Log in](#), update your profile with new information including registering any additional boards you are serving on.
2. **SHARE YOUR STORY:** Fill out our [SURVEY](#). Your experiences will provide advice and inspiration to other nurses on their journeys to the boardroom.
3. **RECOMMEND A BOARD OPPORTUNITY:** If you know of an organization with an open board seat, tell them about NOBC so that we can partner with them to **place a nurse on their board**.
4. **FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA:** to help our mission touch as many nurses as possible, follow us, share a post and leave a comment!



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Forward



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We want to **THANK YOU** for your unwavering support of our mission, to improve health in communities across the nation through the service of nurses on boards. Our significant progress and momentum is a result of your collective personal dedication, commitment, and engagement every day in the communities where you live and work.

Together, we are making a difference!

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