What a busy, but fulfilling year! NONL made good progress toward meeting or exceeding state NONL strategic plan goals:

- **January**- Letters of support to senators on requiring background checks for new graduate NCLEX exams, and APRN bills being considered.
- **February**- Provided funding to help support NNA’s Legislative Day
- **February**- Hosted a Continuum of Care Nurse Leader Summit to explore meaningful ways to partner on nurse leadership initiatives. Representatives from the Nebraska nursing organizations of NNA, NAC, NANDD, Public Health Nursing, Long Term Care Nursing, the Center 4 Nursing, and NAHCHA attended. Dialogue contributed to the early idea of developing a statewide nursing summit.
- **February**- Attended the NHA’s annual Educational Planning Retreat to provide input into statewide nurse and nurse leader programming.
- **March**- Began the search to find and hire a new NONL website administrator. (Ava Wendt from e-Smartz started in September).
- **April and May**- With NNA and NAC co-sponsored the showing of *The American Nurse* film at 5 venues across the state to celebrate Nurses Week. NONL reps attended the AONE Annual Conference in Phoenix, AZ.
- **May**- Negotiated reduced registration for NONL members wishing to attend the NHA’s Mid-Year Conference in Kearney.
- **May-September**- Program planning for 2 major October events.
- **October**- Co-sponsored the NHA opening day keynote speaker at the Annual NHA Conference held in Omaha. NONL presented 3 additional leadership sessions—the last in collaboration with Nebraska’s chapter of the Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA). Speakers included Liane Connelly, Sally Lienenmann, Tom Baker, and Dan Schonlau.
- **October**- Co-sponsored the 2-day Culture of Health Summit (*community and nursing*) with NANDD, NNA, and NAC held in Omaha and broadcast to Kearney, Lincoln, and Norfolk—the first of its kind in the nation!
- **October-December**- Met all of the new AONE regulations in order to maintain our Chapter Affiliation status.
- **December**- Pam Uhlir represented Nebraska by attending the annual AONE Affiliate Meeting in New Orleans, LA. Met with regional states.
- **December 31**th, welcomed Pam Uhlir as the incoming state NONL president!!

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve as your state president the past 4 years!!

Thank you for the opportunity and all of your support!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dee Ernesti