Purpose of the Committee: In collaboration with the Editor, the Editorial Board determines the journal content, style, and manuscript metrics to ensure high quality content to meet the needs of readers.

Progress Report:
1. In 2017, we had 263 manuscripts submitted and 160 as of August 31, 2018.
2. Continue to mentor Pat Bruckenthal as the new Associate Editor. She is steadily taking on more responsibilities related to her role.
3. Continue to take actions to increase the journal’s impact factor as well as increase the visibility of the journal nationally and internationally to inform others of the important articles within the journal (e.g., International Academy of Nurse Editors. ASPMN eNews, ANA, etc.).
4. Invited distinguished authors to contribute to the Jan/Feb. 2019 Complementary Therapy Pain Management with Wendy Umberger as the guest editor. We have had an excellent response and a high number of quality submissions.
5. Working on the Jan/Feb. 2020 Opioid Focused Issue with Pat Bruckenthal as the guest editor. For this issue, we will invite experts in this area to submit with an early spring 2020 submission deadline.
6. Have one Continuing Education article in journal issues (e.g., July/August and November/December 2018).
7. Submitted two presentations for the fall 2018 ASPMN conference (e.g., Ready Set Go – Writing, Developing Reviewers). The Ready Set Go was accepted for presentation and Editorial Board Members will participate in the group activities.
8. Have a booth at the fall ASPMN conference that will be manned by Elaine and Pat.
9. Almost 70% of the 2017 submissions were international which is why we have so many international journal articles. The number of international submissions we have been receiving is comparable to other nursing journals. In 2018, we have been rejecting more international submissions especially if they are not well written and the PMN Author Guidelines are not followed. We continue to encourage U.S. authors and others with English as their primary language to submit to PMN. However, in all instances, we only will accept those articles of highest quality.
10. We want more clinically focused and quality improvement articles, but the response from authors has been limited. We will continue our efforts and appreciate all assistance the ASPMN Board can provide.
11. We need more qualified journal reviewers. Despite targeted efforts, we still do not have the numbers required. We will continue to identify good candidates and help develop their reviewing skills as needed.
12. Our working relationship with Dawn Nahlen from Elsevier is going very well.

**Recommendations to the ASPMN Board for Action:**

1. Need to strategically place ASPMN members on organizational committees that will produce pain related statements such as American Academy of Nursing, American Heart Associations, Hospice and Palliative Care Nurses Association, etc.
2. Establish more collaborations with other nursing and interdisciplinary groups addressing pain assessment and management so we increase the visibility of ASPMN and the journal.
3. Encourage pain management nurses to read and cite PMN journal articles.
4. Recommend the ASPMN Board develop a position statement for submission to the journal that focuses on pain management during the opioid crisis.
5. Continue having one CEU article in four PMN issues per year. Consider having some pharmacological focused CEU articles per year.
6. Continue having at least 12 Editorial Board Members for the journal and perhaps expand to 15 if needed.
7. Assist the journal to have a greater presence on social media (e.g., Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram). If the journal editor or associate editor sends information to a designee, we would like ASPMN to facilitate this being disseminated in an effective manner to our members, other nursing groups (e.g., ANA, NLN, etc.) and interdisciplinary groups and potentially policy makers concerned with effective pain management as appropriate.
Communications Committee  
2018 Report

Chairman: Wade Delk
Board Liaison: Sharon Wrona, DNP, RN-BC, PNP, PMHS
Committee Members: Kathleen Broglio, DNP, ANP, ACHPN, CPE, Tamara Chambers, Janette E. Elliott, RN-BC, MS, AOCN, Dianna Goodwin, MSN, RN-BC, Lynn Grimaldi, RN, Cynthia R. Heck, MA, LCPC, RN-BC, Lynne H. McCoy, RN-BC, MS, CNS, June E. Oliver, MSN, APN/CNS, Linina Ragan, Alan Reschke, MSN, Marsha R. Stanton, PhD, RN, Dorothy M. Stratman-Lucey, MSN, RN-BC, BC, PNP

PURPOSE OF COMMITTEE:
The Communications Committee has three subgroups, Advocacy, Media and Policy. As a whole the committee monitors legislative events and activities and keeps the Board and membership apprised of events of potential interest and impact to ASPMN and pain management nurses; issues media press releases and serves as the main contact for media for the association. This full committee meets by conference call once or twice per year and subgroups meet via conference call on a basis determined on the needs of the association.

SUMMARY OF PROJECTS:
- Commented on the American Medical Association (AMA) position on opioid access for the treatment of pain. Our position in the letter stated our belief that the policies being enacted at the federal and state levels, which are designed to be “one-size-fits-all,” do not take into account the inter-individual variability of each of our patients, and at times victimize people with legitimate pain by reducing access to effective treatment.
- Submitted comments to the Oregon Health Authority on their proposed guidelines that would eliminate the option for long-term opioid therapy as part of a pain treatment plan for any patient > 90 days after the initial injury/surgery, and mandates a taper to end opioid therapy within one year, without exceptions.
- Developed letter to be distributed to legislators and administrators highlighting ASPMN’s already existing educational offerings, to promote their use in combatting the opioid epidemic, and provide continued education to address the need for more training in pain management to prevent future opioid epidemics.
2018 National Conference Committee
2018 Report

Chairman: Pam Geyer, JD, RN-BC, CFN, FACFEI, DABFN
            Chair

Board Liaison: Maureen Cooney

Committee Members: Cheryl Deters Co-Chair; Committee Members: Eileen Smith, Laurie Holmes, Kathy Baule, Tamera Brown, Sandra Davis, Pamela Merriam, Brandi O’Brien. Administrative direction/oversight Christie Ross.

PURPOSE OF COMMITTEE: 2018 National Conference

SUMMARY OF PROJECTS:
• Conference Preparation Complete; awesome collaboration and team effort!
• Speakers confirmed; great credentials! Strong breadth of information to include clinical, regulatory, enforcement, rehab etc.
• Preconference attendance respectable
• Successfully obtained multiple sponsors
• Booth space fully occupied (have added three additional booths to the hall to accommodate late exhibitors)
• Hotel has met required room capacity
• 1st Annual Fun Walk/Run set to go! T-shirts ordered, will have some extra for sale and can always take orders during conference
• Funding obtained through grant from Medtronic will support dinner for Event Party!
• Charity Chosen – New Horizon’s of Southwest Florida
• Financial position is strong (Maureen is able to validate)
• PROUD of this team of professionals!!!!!!
Research Committee  
2018 Report

Chairman: Jinbing (Bing) Bai, PhD, MSN, RN

Board Liaison: Ann N. Quinlan-Colwell, PhD, RN-BC, FAAPM

Committee Members: Patricia Bruckenthal, PhD, APRN-BC, ANP; Cathy Carlson, PhD, APN, FNP-BC; Brandi O’Brien, RN-BC, MSN, ACPNP; Susan K. O’Conner-Von, PhD, RN; Barbara J. St. Marie, PhD, RN-BC, CS; Tracy Trail-Mahan, RN-BC; Barbara L. Vanderveer, RN-BC, MSN

PURPOSE OF COMMITTEE:
The Research Committee represents the research interests and activities of the American Society for Pain Management Nursing®. It aims to foster, promote, and support high quality pain research by ASPMN® members. The Research Committee provides a mechanism for those conducting investigator initiated research to interact within the American Society for Pain Management Nursing®. The Research Committee is the responsible body for managing this interaction.

SUMMARY OF PROJECTS:
- The committee reviewed and selected abstracts for paper and poster presentations for the 2018 ASPMN® National Conference which will be held on September 26-26, in Bonita Springs, FL.
- The committee reviewed 3 grant submissions. All of the submissions were evaluated and discussed by the committee via conference call. The 2018 Research Grant was awarded to a PhD-prepared researcher from The University of Massachusetts Lowell, “Leveraging Parent Pain Perspectives to Improve Pain Practices for Schoolchildren with Intellectual Disability.”
- In the incoming year, the committee will further discuss working plans, potential topics including pre-conference workshop or webinars on research grant writing, mentoring team in research support, and the application materials and evaluation criteria for research grant.
K.E.L.P Task Force  
2018 Report

Chairman: Cynthia Klaess, MSN, APRN, ACNS-BC, CCM  
Jason Sawyer, RN-EC, BSc.N, MN, NP (BC), AP-PMN

Board Liaison: Jason Sawyer, RN-EC, BSc.N, MN, NP (BC), AP-PMN

Task Force Members: Cheryl Allen, DNP, APRN, FNP-C; Beth Ashmore, BSN, MSN, ACNS-BC, CEN; Jinbing Bai, PhD, MSN, RN; Sarah Brynelson, MS, RN-BC, CNS; Elizabeth Fitzgerald, RN, MSN, CCRN; Christine Kreider, BSN, CPAN RN-BC; Whitney Molasky, MSN, APRN, ACNS-BC, OCN; Pat Rosier, MS, RN, ACNS-BC; Fiji Simmons, BSN, RN PHN; Maripat Welz-Bosna, MSN, CRNP-BC; Christine Zdeb, BSN, RN, ONC; Pat Rosier, MS, RN, ACNS-BC;

PURPOSE OF TASK FORCE: Develop an ASPMN best practice guideline for opioid-sparing pharmacological pain management options with parameters for dosing, length of therapy and monitoring guidelines for adults in the acute care setting.

SUMMARY OF PROJECTS:

- Determination of modalities for focus
  - Ketamine, Epidurals, Lidocaine, Peripheral Nerve Blocks (K.E.L.P.)
- Literature review search terms and initial literature search
- Review strategy
  - PRISMA, Harms perspective, GRADE Evidence
- Assembly of Task Force members and 8 conference calls to date
- IRB submission and approval for nursing survey
- Nursing survey completed Fall 2017
- Review of BON directives on use of each modality (completed Fall 2017)
- Abstracts reviewed for Ketamine articles
- Protocol presented at ASPMN conference 2017

Ongoing Work
- Protocol nearing completion
- Abstract review of remaining modalities
  - Building database

Next Steps
- data entry and analysis
- Develop guidelines
- External review
- Publication
- Conference call with State Board representatives
EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

2018

Chair: Fran Hoh PhD APN ACHPN

BOARD LIAISON
Teri Reyburn-Orne MSN RN-BC PPCNP BC/CPNP-BC,AP-PMN

PURPOSE OF COMMITTEE:
1. Revise position statements
2. Review CEU questions for journal
3. Review slides for generic medications for annual conference
4. 

NAME OF COMMITTEE:
1. We have had 8 monthly meetings since 9/2017, all had a quorum. We had only 5 members and 2 Board liaisons. We posted an request for members on the list serve and got 8 new members in June. Our committee meets the second Wednesday of each month at 730 EST.
2. Chris Watson from our committee continues to work with Maureen Cooney on Opiate Sedation and Assessment
3. HPNA cosponsored the position statement on Pain Management at the End of Life with us and that was completed.
4. The following position papers have been reviewed, authors contacted, and below are the outcomes. All authors received a copy of the recommendations made by the Education Committee to incorporate into the revisions. All were appreciative to receive these recommendations.
   1. Male infant circumcision management-Helen Turner is working on getting a group together to revise this paper.
   2. Guidelines on monitoring for opiate induced sedation and respiratory depression Carla Jungquist has an active workgroup updating this paper. Unsure of time line..
   3. Pain assessment in patients unable to self report-Keela Herr has established a team and is working on this paper. Final timeline undetermined.
4. The use of as needed range orders for opiate analgesics in the management of pain- has been updated by Deb Drew and has been published in the journal.

5. Sharon Wrona is working with a group on revising the Procedural Pain Management position paper.

6. Teri Rayborn has taken the lead for revising Analgesia by catheter technique.

7. The committee has been reviewing CEU questions for journal articles.

8. We have reviewed the 2018 National Conference presentations for compliance with generic drug listings, as in previous years.

9. The placebo position statement was revised by Paul Arnstein and submitted to the board for approval.

10. Since September committee meeting is held at conference and not all committee members attend conference, we will be having a zoom meeting for members not attending conference.

11. Fran Hoh's term is up and Tandy Mallard has agreed to chair the Education committee for the next 2 years. We will attempt to recruit a cochair at the Sept meeting.

I. RECOMMENDATIONS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION:
   1. The committee agreed after much discussion that we should not support the position paper posted by The Emergency Room Physican group on pain in the ED. It is our recommendation that ASPMN develop a task force to work on pain management in the ED.
   2. Find someone to revise the male circumcision paper, we have not been able to locate Susan OConor and Helen Turner was not interested in revising.

II. LIST POLICIES/BYLAWS CHANGES NECESSARY DUE TO THE PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD, IF ANY:

None
Achievement and Recognition Committee
2018 Report

Chairman: Lucinda (Cindy) M. Brown, DNP, MSN, BSN, RN-BC, CNS

Board Liaison: Holly D. Swensen, MSN, RN-BC, APRN-NP-C

Committee Members: Joann A. Cassaro, RN, BSN, Suzanne Hanen, Susan Hodgkins, MSN, RN-BC, CRNP, Denise Sullivan, MSN, RN-BC, APRN, Ryan Telford, RN, Barbara L. Vanderveer, RN-BC, MSN

PURPOSE OF COMMITTEE:
The Achievement and Recognition Committee is responsible for soliciting nominations for the ASPMN® Achievement and Recognition honors. The committee sends a call for nominations for ASPMN® awards. ASPMN® members are encouraged to nominate fellow members as well as self-nominations.

SUMMARY OF PROJECTS:
• Initial face-to-face committee meeting at the 2017 National Conference.
• Monthly telephone conference call and numerous emails to committee members:
  o Reviewed current award requirements and rubric evaluation templates
  o Solicited and encouraged potential nominees: initiated listserv reminders on a weekly basis, listed award requirements and call for nominees on website, advertised call for nominees in JPMN, listed call for nominees in the E-news to members
  o Selected recipients for awards via conference call.
  o Power Point for Awards Presentation for 2018 National Conference
• Submitted names of awards to national office via Board Liaison.
• Contacted chapter award winner /award recipients via email requesting photo and further information for Power Point.
• Press Releases created and emailed to Stephanie Newman, Associate Executive Director.

The Award Recipients:
• ASPMN® Advocacy Award: Melanie Simpson PhD, RN-BC, OCN, CHPN, CPE
• ASPMN® Margo McCaffery Nurse Exemplar Award: Barbara J. St. Marie, PhD, ANP-BC, GNP-BC
• ASPMN® Distinguished Service Award: Marilyn Strafer RN
• ASPMN® Dr. Jo Eland, Excellence in Pediatric Nursing Award: Helen Turner DNP, APRN, PCNS-BC, AP-PMN, FAAN
• ASPMN® Clinical Practice Award: Barbara Wukovits RN, BSN, BC
• Chapter Award: Greater Kansas City Chapter

Goals for 2018-2019

• Face to Face committee meeting at the 2018 conference
• Recruit new members to join committee
• Review current award requirements and rubric evaluation templates
• Start call for nominations earlier in the year
• Increase numbers of nominees for awards and also make sure that we have nominees for all awards
• Consider a change in the award given to the chapters so that more chapters can participate in the award
Advanced Practice Commission
2018 Report

Chairman: James Derek Calhoun, DNP, APRN, RN-BC, ACNP-BC, AP-PMN

Board Liaison: None assigned

Committee Members: Rosalia G. Jannuzzi, DNP, RN-BC, AP-PMN; Jennifer Surprise, APRN, RN-BC, AP-PMN; Kimberly Wittmayer, APN, PCNS-BC, AP-PMN; Deborah Matteliano, PhD, ANP, FNPBC

PURPOSE OF COMMITTEE:
Review and selection of candidates for the advanced practice designation of Advanced Practice-Pain Management Nurse (AP-PMN). Advancement of guidelines for progression to recognition in the area of pain management.

SUMMARY OF PROJECTS:

We have approved several more highly qualified individuals to the roster of the AP-PMN designees. We continue to hone the process and have discussed various improvements over the last few months.

At this time, I would like to say that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve as chairman of the ASPMN Advanced Practice Commission. It has not only taught me much about the process of approving candidates for the designation, but also taught me better communication skills through various media.

It is my sincere hope that our organization can continue with this process and eventually find a way to make the AP-PMN designation an actual full-fledged secondary certification. I believe this will be an important tool in combating misuse of opioid pain medications and provide excellent care to those suffering from both acute and chronic pain issues.

I appreciate your faith in me for this position and am humbled to have served.