



TN Sim Alliance Conference Update:

The 11th TN Sim Alliance Conference was held March 28-29 in Knoxville, TN at the Holiday Inn Downtown. There were 111 conference attendees and 17 sponsoring vendors. Our conference attendees represented all regions of the state and included many from Tennessee nursing programs. Our plenary speakers were Dr. Amar Patel with CAE Healthcare and Dr. Mary Fey from the Center for Medical Simulation. There were twenty-four break-out session presentations, two plenary presentations and a Town Hall Panel with two international simulation experts (Dr. Mary Fey and Dr. Chad Epps). Additionally, there were Regional breakout sessions (West, Middle and East Tennessee) where needs and ideas were discussed and collected. This data has been collated and will be utilized by the Board as they plan for the Alliance future.

The TN Sim Alliance Board held the Annual Business Meeting on the final day of the conference and new board members were introduced: Mandi Dodson will serve as the President-Elect, Christie Cavallo as Secretary/ Treasurer, and Chasity Shelton as Director of Strategic Initiatives. Regional Directors: West TN: Chelsea Renfro; Middle TN: Mary Lee Lemley; East TN: Susan Hebert. New Committee Chairs for 2019 are: Education Committee: Beth Hallmark; Communication Committee: Rachel Hodges; Membership Committee: Keri Cochran.

Many have asked for this, so as a member benefit, we will be posting many of the conference Power-point presentations. Stay tuned for this – we are working to get these uploaded as soon as possible.

As a final note – *please* be sure to thank our many vendors as you see them in your daily practice. Their support was **phenomenal** this year and we literally could not have done this without their support! The vendor list is on the page below as well as under the sponsorship tab.

Information about Tennessee Simulation Alliance activities will be posted on the website and sent out to membership emails. Watch for future simulation development opportunities!