

Dear Southeast Chapter Members,

Happy New Year! I hope 2026 is off to a positive and energizing start for each of you. It is truly an honor to serve as President of the Southeast Chapter, and I am grateful for the opportunity to work alongside such a dedicated and engaged community of WOC nurses.

I would like to acknowledge the 2026 Southeast Chapter Board Members:

- President: Cordelia Lucas-Sherrod, MSN, RN, CWON
- President-Elect: Bryan Duttman
- Past President: Cyncerè Neal
- Secretary: Deborah Nelson
- Treasurer: Holly Brellenthin
- Chapter Liaison: Sonya Hicks
- Website Chair: Misty Edwards
- Leadership Development Chair: Laurel Simons
- Scholarship Committee Chair: Christy Williams
- Conference Planning Coordinator: Hannah Cleveland

I extend a warm welcome to all returning board members and those continuing their service in new roles. I would like to recognize Deborah Nelson and Hannah Cleveland, who have returned to the Board in different leadership capacities. Their willingness to continue serving the chapter in evolving roles reflects their commitment and experience, and we are grateful for their continued dedication.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to Holly Brellenthin, our newest board member, who is serving as Treasurer. We appreciate her willingness to step into this important role and look forward to the perspective and leadership she brings to the Board.

In addition, I would like to recognize our 2026 South Carolina Conference Co-Chairs, Katherine Hoffmann and Judith Burbage, along with the dedicated committee members supporting conference planning efforts. Their collaboration and commitment are essential to the success of our conference.

Looking ahead to 2026, our vision remains focused on delivering meaningful education, strengthening leadership development, and fostering member engagement across our chapter. The opportunity to come together for in-person learning and connection is an exciting step forward for our chapter.

I am pleased to share that the Board met recently and is actively working on planning our **2026 Southeast Chapter Conference**, themed **“Refreshing Wound, Ostomy, and Continence in Soda City.”** The conference will be held in **Columbia, South Carolina, August 27–29, 2026.** Additional information will be shared when registration opens—you won’t want to miss this opportunity to learn, connect, and recharge with colleagues across the Southeast Chapter.

Thank you for your continued involvement and support of the Southeast Chapter. Your engagement is what keeps our chapter strong. I look forward to a productive and inspiring year ahead.

Warm regards,  
Cordelia Lucas-Sherrod, MSN, RN, CWON  
President, Southeast Chapter