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## Interview with Board Member Dr. Lyn Stankiewicz Losty, PhD, MBA, RN

### The Benefits of ALSN Membership

From the moment you meet ALSN Board Member, Dr. Lyn Stankiewicz Losty, her passion for developing nurse leaders is palpable. Her love for the organization is only second to her love for the profession of nursing. It's a trifecta for understanding why Dr. Losty is a strong advocate for membership.

### A Sense of Belonging

When encouraged to join the Council on Graduate Education for Administration in Nursing (CGEAN) and while attending her first International Nursing Administration Research Conference (INARC), Lyn found her "peeps!" "I was immediately attracted to the group. Everyone was so warm and welcoming." Creating a body of knowledge for nurse leader development united everyone in purpose. However, that singularity did not prevent the flow of differing ideas for researching this topic. It was "eye-opening." Lyn shared that the members she met were genuinely interested in helping one another achieve their goals. The relationships she nurtured at the conference were the beginning of solid partnerships for research and professional growth.

### Collaboration to Shape the Future

Lyn was fortunate to embark on collaborations that fueled research and culminated in published articles in major nursing journals. This opportunity would not have existed without the ALSN organization. "Although the organization is relatively small in number, it is mighty, powerful and amazing!" The willingness of the membership to selflessly give to benefit the professional development of colleagues is unusual; not found in other organizations. Lyn reminds us of the importance of mentorship, both received, and given. "Pay it forward! Assist others to assure the future of nursing leadership, ALSN, and the profession of nursing."

### The Value of Membership

Lyn truly believes that this organization is special. She is confident that dialoging with this level of professionals helps advance your personal body of knowledge. ALSN provides a forum for discourse regarding cutting edge research and innovative ideas for nurse leaders. "When attending a conference, take the time to truly listen, process, and welcome candid feedback. Understand that these folks are true colleagues. There is no judgement. They have your best interests in mind." This is the value that Lyn finds in ALSN. "It is truly a special organization."