

## The Second Term (2009–2010)



Dr. Omana Simon was elected as the second president of NAINA for the term 2009–2010. NAINA continued to grow during this term. New chapters were formed in Connecticut, Tampa, and Florida. Though unable to join NCEMNA as a separate organization, we were able to obtain organizational membership in the Asian American Pacific Islanders Nurses Association (AAPINA) which is a member of NCEMNA.

The second Biennial education conference was conducted in Houston and was also a great success. Renowned theorist, Dr. Jean Watson was one of the main speaker. A majority of the other speakers were accomplished nursing leaders and educators from our own Indian nursing community. At this time, the nursing excellence awards for clinical practice and advanced practice along with the Graduate Nursing Student Research Award were established. Four undergraduate student nurses awards - two for students from the US and two for students from India were also established during this period, to be awarded during the NAINA biennial educational conference.