

The Alumni of Bronson School of Nursing (ABSON)

Compact Mission and Guidelines

Compact:

Alumni of Bronson School of Nursing (ABSON), formerly, the Alumni Association of the Bronson Methodist Hospital School of Nursing (AABMHSON) will continue to support Western Michigan University's Bronson School of Nursing (WMUBSN) through a compact with the Western Michigan University Foundation (WMUF). The ABSON will continue to address nursing issues which may extend beyond the interests of WMUBSN). Toward this end, the ABSON shall:

- Award nursing scholarships to baccalaureate and graduate students as set forth in the existing AABMHSON nursing scholarship guidelines.
- Support nurses monetarily in providing special services to local and global underserved populations.
- Support nursing student functions based on direct requests from WMU nursing students and/or their advisor, the director, and faculty, including, but not limited to nursing recruitment and support for specific requests.
- Support Bronson graduates (ABSON and WMUBSN) in project development, nursing research, publishing nursing history and/or health-related stories as well as sponsoring occasional social gatherings for graduates and their guests.
- Honor our relationship with Bronson Methodist Hospital by encouraging volunteer involvement and participation as requested by the hospital.

Collaboration/ Relationships:

We will organize an affinity group to collaborate with Western Michigan University (WMU) and Bronson Methodist Hospital endeavors that advance nursing. The ABSON will have liaisons to WMU's College of Health and Human Services (CHHS), including the development director and the nursing school director, the WMU alumni relations, the WMUF and Bronson Hospital.

Membership Records

- The ABSON membership records will be maintained by the WMUF.
 - Records shall be used only to support the mission of the ABSON.
 - The ABSON board shall have access to records.

Communications:

- The Western Michigan University Foundation, CHHS's communications office, and the BSON board of directors will support communications with active and inactive members.
- Western Michigan University Foundation shall cover communication costs.

Gift solicitation:

- Gifts shall be solicited only to support BSON programs, and projects.
 - Solicitations may include:
 - Member dues
 - Annual gifts
 - Annual appeals shall be accompanied by information regarding ABSON activities and plans
 - Endowment gifts
 - Planned gifts
 - Gift receipting and acknowledgment shall be the responsibility of the WMUF.
 - Update of records shall occur no less than every six months or as is the practice of the WMUF, with copy provided to the ABSON.

The compact will be reviewed periodically. Inquires can be made to:

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The Alumni Association of Bronson Methodist Hospital School of Nursing Board