It is rare that NCSBN has the chance to honor someone whose dedication to nursing regulation started before the organization even existed. NCSBN may be celebrating its 45th anniversary this year, but Suzanne Hunt has served the Tennessee Board of Nursing for more than 50 years. Suzanne has a wealth of historical information about the board and the go-to person for knowing how, when, and where to find things.

She has meticulous organization skills and attention to detail. She leads her team in upholding the highest standards of communication, consistency, and efficiency. Her ability to shine through as an exam team leader has resulted in Suzanne becoming an expert in credentials review and fraud detection. She also helps train other team members on preventing licensure of fraudulent applicants.

Her vast knowledge of internal processes and requirements was instrumental in supporting Tennessee's collaboration with NCSBN to add APRN information to Nursys, an endeavor that took several years to achieve. Because of her demonstrated active teamwork, sincerity of purpose for the improvement of nursing regulation, passion for excellence, and significant contributions to the mission and purpose of NCSBN, Suzanne is being honored with the 2023 Exceptional Contribution Award.