



ASNA Newsletter



January 2009

From the President

IMPORTANT DATES

School Nurse of
the Year (SNOTY)
Deadline:
March 2, 2009

June 25-28, 2009
NASN Conference
In Boston!

Mark your
Calendar☺

Happy New Year!! I am so excited to be over the hill as far as this year goes. I feel like the end is near and summer will be just around the corner. Yahoo! I hope all of you enjoyed the winter break and made the most of your time off.

Enclosed in this newsletter is the application for School Nurse of the Year. I would like to encourage each and every one of you to review this and see if you might qualify. We would really love to have several of you apply for this wonderful award. I know it can be quite difficult to brag on yourself. The deadline is March 2, 2009.

During the first week of March, we will need at least 3 people from 2 different districts to review the applications and decide who our next SNOTY will be. You can meet in person or we can arrange a teleconference for you. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested. There is a criteria sheet included for you to work from.

At the spring conference we will be having an election for Board members. This year, all of the positions are available, though at the moment, only one person on our Board is planning on not returning. I am very sad to say that Chris VanCleve's term as Director is coming to an end. She has accomplished so many things in her 4 years and she will be greatly missed.

On a positive note, I am happy to announce that Luann Fogels will be running for President, and that Jennifer Cottle and Annette Johansen are running again for their current positions on the Board. Also, I will be running again, but this time it will be for the Director position. The Vice President's position is currently open.

Every single position on the Board is available and if you are interested in running for a position, please let me know by March 2, 2009. It is a great opportunity to work with others in your professional organization and to have your voice heard. The time commitment is small and the job is pretty easy. The Board meets/teleconferences once a month for an hour.

Patricia Barker, RN

ASNA Spring Conference Donations Request

Happy 2009! My assignment for this year's conference is to have more items available for the Silent Auction. The cost for putting on our yearly spring conference is getting higher & higher and the money raised from the Silent Auction can help with these costs. You may not be aware of this, but the price for the ASNA Spring Conference had to be increased this year. This is the first increase in price for the conference in several years, although the price has varied from about \$80 to \$125 depending on various factors.

I need your help. I am requesting donations for the Silent Auction and door prizes. We are looking for high quality, sought after, new or very gently used items that you or your fellow school nurses would love to have. If you have items that you have been thinking of donating, think about your colleagues and what they might like. Perhaps a good book you just read, fine jewelry you never wear, art in your closet, a gift card you received for Christmas that you will not likely use, something hand made (knitted, crocheted, beaded, sewn, quilted), a night in your cabin, a dog sled ride, a designer handbag - the possibilities are endless. And the ASNA can even give you a receipt for your donation in order to use for tax purposes!

By offering great Silent Auction items and door prizes we can say "THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION" for giving up a weekend and coming to the conference! Not only will you enjoy your time networking, you will learn a great deal and you could go home with a great door prize or a very affordable Silent Auction item!

We are also looking for donations from local businesses. We have several places already in mind, however, if you have a suggestion regarding a business that would be interested in helping us please let me know.

Please think about what you would be willing to donate. And remember, the ASNA can provide a receipt for tax purposes! I will gladly come by and pick up your item and give you a receipt. Thank you so much for your help to make the 2009 Spring Conference more fun!

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ASNA Spring Conference
March 27-28, 2009
Anchorage

ASNA is Looking for a Few Good Nurses: ASNA is Looking for YOU!

Isn't it time for you to offer your leadership and expertise to your professional organization? Isn't it time for you to run for an ASNA office? Teleconferencing has made it easy to have our officers live anywhere in the state. Meetings are held once a month (from September - May) for one hour and you can attend while sitting in your very own home. At least once in your professional career you owe yourself this rewarding and exciting experience.

Please read the job descriptions below, pick out the area that best matches your special and write your name on the nomination form. If you would like to nominate a colleague please get her permission before writing in her name. You will never regret the time you spent leading your professional organization. The satisfaction is tremendous.

Eligibility: Only active members of the organization shall be entitled to hold office. All officers are eligible for re-election to consecutive terms.

Term of Office: The President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall each serve for a term of one year, or until their successors are elected. The NASN Director shall serve for one four Year term. All terms of office shall begin June 1.

The President shall:

1. Preside over all meetings of the Executive Board and Committee, the annual meeting, and at all membership meetings.
2. Appoint such special committees as deemed necessary.
3. Be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Membership/ Nominating committee.
4. Perform such other duties as may be required.
5. Attend the NASN annual convention while in office.
6. Fulfill term as president and one annual term as past president.

The Vice-President shall:

1. In the absence or disability of the President, perform the duties of the President.
2. Perform such other duties as may be required or assigned by the President.
3. Serve as member of Legislative or Professional Development committee.

The NASN Director:

1. Attend two meetings of the National Association of School Nurses annually.
2. Act as liaison for ASNA/NASN.
3. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.

The Secretary shall:

1. Record the proceedings of all meetings of the organization.
2. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.

The Treasurer shall:

1. Have general supervision of the financial affairs of the organization.
2. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.
3. Act as chairperson of financial Committee

Guidelines and Criteria for Selection of Alaska School Nurse of the Year

Purpose

To public ally recognize School Nurses in Alaska by annually honoring one School Nurse who demonstrates excellence in School Nursing Practice and leadership in School Health.

Sponsor

Alaska School Nurses Association

Eligibility

1. Nominee must be:
 - a. A registered professional nurse
 - b. A member of ASNA current and preceding two years
2. Nominee must have five years experience as a School Nurse, and currently practice full time as a School Nurse. IF the only School Nurse position in a community involves fewer hours than usual, it will be considered full time for

the purposes of these eligibility criteria.

- a. More than 50% of nominee's time must be spent in direct care.
- b. Nominee may not be on the ASNA

Board of Directors or an officer of ASNA at the time of nomination.

Nominee Application Folder Requirements

1. Nomination form completed by nominee and signed by District Representative.
2. Curriculum vitae signed by nominee.
3. At least two letters of recommendation from colleagues who may include coworkers, supervisors, or other school nurses. One letter must be from a practicing school nurse.
4. Brief narrative response to the Nominee Questions included in the application typed and signed by nominee on separate paper.

***Please open enclosed attachment
for application form***

Send completed application original and four copies to:

Annette Johansen
7800 Raymar Circle
Anchorage, AK 99518

From the Director

January 2009 begins the last several months of my four-year term. I continue to be privileged to serve as your NASN Director. This New Year brings some exciting news for Alaska's School Nurses, for the AK Dept of Maternal and Child Health is hiring Alaska's first State School Nurse Consultant! This position came about because of the persistence and vision of school nurses in our state, the AaNA, APHA, involved child and public health professionals, and Stephanie Birch (Section Chief, MCH, State of AK). Thanks to all of these people for their support in advocating for this crucial position of school nursing leadership in our state. We look forward to working with our new State School Nurse Consultant soon!

I am preparing to attend the NASN Winter Board of Directors meetings from Jan 31 to February 4th, 2009 in Washington DC. These meetings are held twice yearly (late January and just before the summer NASN Conference). This winter, these are some of the topics we are planning to discuss: the state of the economy and what it may mean to NASN and services we provide to our members, how the change in administration in Washington will affect our work advocating for children's health and supporting school nursing nationwide,

and how NASN can best meet the needs of its members.

NASN is continually increasing the quality and quantity of member services. Have you checked out the *NASN Weekly Digest* (sent to all members online each week)? It's a great electronic publication that keeps school nurses up-to-date on what's happening at NASN and in children's and school health nationwide. Just a few minutes of reading can provide health updates, advocacy information, research and grant information, and information on CE opportunities. NASN has recently changed publishers of its two print publications mailed to all members. This has also improved online access to our publications and provided discounts to members for other NASN publications.

NASN is also striving to continually update and increase both live and online CE offerings. ASNA is proud to have been able to provide two live NASN programs for CE, S.C.O.P.E and H.A.N.D.S., both in 2008! If you are considering offering any live NASN program in your district, contact ASNA President Patty Barker or myself and we can provide further information or assistance. Make sure to check out NASN online CE opportunities, too!

Finally, don't miss our upcoming ASNA

Conference in Anchorage on March 27th and 28th. The organizers are working hard to make it a really good experience for everyone. And if you haven't attended a NASN Conference before, consider coming to Boston this summer! Not only will it be inspiring to attend a conference with over 1000 of your peers, but Boston is a wonderful historic city!

Chris VanCleve
AK NASN Director

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