

## **Report from the NASN Board of Director**

April 29, 2006

### **Board of Director's Meeting, November 5 & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

#### **St. Paul, Minnesota**

Originally, the board meeting was scheduled in New Orleans but had to be relocated because of the devastation by Hurricane Katrina.

Prior to the meeting, about 25 pounds of books arrived at my home for me to review before my first meeting, including policies, procedures and a detailed agenda for the meeting. I am very glad that I sat in and observed in Washington, D.C. before Wyoming was my responsibility.

Eleven new members of the board of directors, including myself, were installed in a formal ceremony at the opening of the meeting followed by roll call. NASN employs a parliamentarian to oversee the meetings. Officers gave reports followed by staff, grants committee and other written reports. A consent agenda was reached, in which, unless members wanted items pulled for discussion, the entire agenda could be voted into practice. I will attempt to summarize the content of the meeting. One by one, changes in board policies, consensus statements, revision of guidelines, issue briefs were considered by the board. Language issues in written materials, and bylaw changes/revisions were covered. Discussion took place on the web site policy, links, advertisements and the audit committee policy took place. Permission to create task forces was given. Use of the NASN logo was clarified and eventually, I could use the logo in specified instances, such as for this report. Motions were made and passed to develop an amicus brief regarding the care of students with diabetes. Some details on the functions of the finance committee were decided along with specific duties of the members. Discussion took place on the unification plan to bring more states into the organization. The board also gave permission to hire a Professional Government Relations person to promote NASN in Congress. Decisions were made on the priorities for the development of potential new publications from NASN. Information also reviewed included reports from the various meetings in which NASN participates including AAP Continuing Medical Education, Tar Wars, review of the National Health Education Standards and Healthy Schools Summit 2005. An executive session followed in which information is deemed confidential and cannot be shared.

Along with the business aspect of the meeting, small gifts were passed out from one state representative to another resulting in a bagful of trinkets, candy and memorabilia from many states. In addition, copies of the state reports were passed out, which I shared with Susan Fabian. Staff from the NASN central offices was present and provided much support to the proceedings at hand. I was fortunate enough to share a room with the board member from Utah and found out that we share much in common as neighboring states.

The collegiality was tremendous and I quickly became proud of the job NASN is doing to represent school nurses throughout the country.

#### **Executive Committee Meetings:**

Although I am not a representative on this committee, I receive minutes from the meetings.

Meetings were held:

##### **September 15, 2005**

- Work was done to revise the Board interest survey which is done by each new board member as a means to identify interests and strengths of new board members.
- By-law changes were discussed
- Approval of a consensus statement
- Discussion of assistance for Hurricane Katrina victims who are members of NASN
- Conference reports reviewed

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- Discussed some benefits for employees of NASN
- Discussed issues for nominating committee for NASN
- Discussed awards ceremony at convention
- Reviewed some grant proposals
- Discussed NANDA task force

- Meeting reports
- **December 15, 2005**
  - Membership of specific committees was discussed
  - Business with NEA discussed
  - Resolution discussed
  - Discussed changes diabetic management curriculum
  - Discussed issue of “single disease management” legislation
  - Discuss grants
  - Meeting reports
- **February 16, 2006**
  - Discussed collaboration with School Nurse Educators
  - Discussed select policies and procedures
  - Discussed change in the School Nurse of the Year Procedures to incorporate the latest revision of NASN’s Scope and Standard document
  - Conference reports
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- **Position Statements under Review:**  
 Standardized Nursing Languages  
 Delegation  
 Disaster Preparedness, School Nurse Role  
 Medical Services vs. health Services in the School Setting  
 Role of the School Nurse in violence Prevention  
 Backpacks  
 Child Abuse and Neglect  
 School Nurse Role in the Care and Management of Children with Diabetes in the School Setting  
 Alternative Medicine Use in the School Setting  
 Field Trips and Extended Field Trips  
 Delegation  
 Health Care Reform: Managing the Uninsured and Underinsured

**Issue Briefs under Review:**

IDEA-Management of children in the Least Restrictive Environment  
 Management of students With Chronic Health Conditions in Schools

**NASN Policies and Procedures**

A copy of the new policies and procedure were provided to me on disk by the national office. I provided a copy to Susan Fabian who forwarded it to Karen Patton, the president-elect. NASN policies may act as a reference when WSNA considers changes.

**Annual NASN conference in New York City**

Please let me know if you are planning to attend. Traditionally, each state puts together something to recognize their state. I would welcome your help in this planning.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Chris Bartholomew  
 Wyoming Board of Director  
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