

Report from NASN Board of Director from Wyoming
Washington, DC
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Introduction

Washington, DC was chosen as the site for this board meeting because NASN has opened its doors in Silver Spring, Maryland, a suburb of DC. This meeting was the first one that was scheduled in January instead of November, as previously done. It is hoped that by spreading the meetings 6 months apart, more time is available for the needed committee work.

Day One: Leadership Training

Introduction:

A presentation over breakfast demonstrated the new "ARC" which is NASN's new Association Management System.

Leadership Day then focused on the role of a nonprofit board, which is, to provide direction for the organization. Discussions and breakout groups considered essential components of NASN's strategic plan, NASN goals and objectives and the results of the NASN Board member survey. Ideas were then collated in a format that will have a direct impact on NASN's future. Common themes were identified and it was amazing to me how the groups, though essentially independent, came up with similar outcomes. The process, to me, was dynamic and reflected, on a larger scale, many of the concerns and ideas of our state organization.

Day Two: Task Force Meetings and "Trip to the Hill" Visits

Task Force Participated In:

I have continued on the Position Statement-Issue Brief Task force since my first board meeting. Usually, Task Forces are rotated amongst the Board members. It was felt that more work could be accomplished if we kept the same members until the policies and procedures were rewritten.

- Research-Position Statements and Issue Briefs:
 - The foci of this task force remains the same:
 - Assess and revise the policies and procedures for development, revision, and review of Position Statements and Issue Briefs. Because these things were not seen as up-to-date or adequate, the Task Force has and continues to have telephone conference calls to finalize by the June board meeting. Proposals have been submitted to the Executive committee for their approval and will be presented to the board in June.
 - Five year review of Position Statements and Issue Briefs as determined in the Policy and Procedures of NASN was deferred for one year until the policies and procedures were revised. The goal is to have them reviewed by June.

Trip to the Hill Visits

Mary Lou Embrey has been hired as NASN's link to the legislators. As a new position at NASN Mary Lou orchestrated our visits with our senators and congresswoman. She prepared written outlines and gave us topics and handouts to cover when meeting with our Wyoming group. Although I did not meet directly with any of our senators or congresswoman, I was able to meet with a staff member in each office.

Day Three: Board of Director's Meeting

Installation of New Directors

Twelve new state directors were installed.

Reports from:

- President Sue Will
- Consent Agenda was passed, nothing was pulled and consisted primarily of grammatical and details in the Bylaws

Policy and Procedures Revisions

After every board meeting a revised Policy and Procedures is given to the board members that incorporate the changes voted upon in the previous meeting. I am happy to share any or all of these at any time to WSNA members and will make sure that the current president and by-laws committee will have copies at their disposal. Policies for NASN Web site links and Continuing Education Provider Unit (CEPU) were passed.

Position Statements

- All recommendations from the task force were put into motion form for discussion and voting. I have copies of changes if anyone has questions. The changes will be put on the web site ASAP.
- Case Management of Children with Special Health Care Needs was retired

New Business:

- Minor changes were approved to the Bylaws committee, nominating committee, membership status for NASN nurse employees, member rights and restrictions for Corporate & business members were discussed.
- Consistency of the use of the word “director” in the Bylaws was recommended
- Items that were recommended from the previous day’s task force were added.
- Some procedural changes for the School Nurse Administrator and the School Nurse of the Year were approved. These can be found on line in the NASN site.
- Issue Brief: “Third Party Reimbursement was reinstated.

Other Organization Statements

- National Consortium of School Violence Prevention was approved.
- ANA joint statement on Coalition for Patient Rights was approved

Elections:

- Nominating Committee: Edie Hessel from Washington, DC, Mary Lerrson from SD and Linda Davis-Aldritt from CA were elected

Officer, Staff, Committee and Task Forces Reports:

- Presented and approved

Conference and Meeting Reports:

NASN continues to have a presence at the following:

- ANA congress on Nursing Practice & Economics
- ANA affiliate Meeting
- ADA meeting
- Red Cross
- National Board of Certified School Nurses
- Association of School superintendents
- Healthy Schools Campaign
- National Asthma Education and Prevention Program
- children’s Health Group
- Tar Wars
- American Society of Association Executives
- Nursing Organizations Alliance

Conclusion:

The board meeting went smoothly, addressed issues that needed to be discussed on a national level. I am very proud of the professionalism of the organization and how we are being represented nationally.

If you want more information about this report please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

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