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E-NEWSLETTER FOR STATE PRESIDENTS
MARCH 2017

PLEASE FORWARD TO THE NEWLY ELECTED STATE PRESIDENT

Think Big: Nursing on a Global Scale
Hilton Anatole, Dallas, Texas
65th Annual Convention
April 5-9, 2017
Hotel Reservation Deadline – Monday, March 6, 2017

GREETINGS FROM THE COUNCIL OF STATE PRESIDENTS (COSP) PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIR
Marcus Henderson, Council of State Presidents; Ex-officio Director
Hello fellow State Presidents—I look forward to seeing you soon in Dallas. It is my pleasure to invite you to attend and participate in the Council of State Presidents. As you can see we have an exciting agenda planned.

COUNCIL OF STATE PRESIDENTS AGENDA
Hilton Anatole, Dallas, Texas
Tuesday, April 4, 2017
1:00 pm – 8:00 pm
ROOM: Monet

COSP Planning Committee
Chair: Marcus Henderson
Members: Kyle Navarro; Mary Vitullo; Chris Demezier; Adam Tebben

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Presiding: Mary Vitullo, COSP Planning Committee
Resource: NSNA Board of Directors
5:00 pm – 5:30 pm  Q & A Session for COSP Elections followed by COSP Planning Election Committee
   Presiding: Marcus Henderson
5:30 pm – 6:45 pm  **Annual American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE) Leadership Dinner**
   Introduction of Speaker Marcus Henderson
   Presentation: **Building a Culture of Ownership**  
   Speaker: Bob Dent, DNP, MBA, RN, NEA-BC, CENP, FACHE, Senior Vice President, Chief Operating and Chief Nursing Officer, Midland Memorial Hospital, Midland, TX  
   **Sponsored by AONE**
6:45 pm – 7:00 pm  **COSP Photo**
7:00 pm – 7:30 pm  **Summation and Evaluations** Marcus Henderson
7:30 pm – 8:00 pm  **White Elephant Gift Exchange** 
   *bring something unique from your state!*

**NSNA House of Delegates Information**

**Important Delegate Information for School and State Constituents**

Please read all information carefully and share with all delegates.

To prepare for delegate responsibilities, the [HOUSE OF DELEGATES INFORMATION](#) web page contains:

- Delegate information including credentialing hours, and mandatory delegate activities
- Eligible Constituency Report
- Business Meeting Agenda
- Slate of Candidates
- Parliamentary Procedure
- Code of Ethics
- Resolutions

It is mandatory that delegates or their alternates attend all of the House of Delegates meetings, the parliamentary procedure briefing, resolutions hearings, candidates’ forums, and elections. Please refer to the [CONVENTION SCHEDULE FOR DELEGATES](#) and plan accordingly.

State Delegates must first register for convention before they can credential as a delegate. The [Convention Schedule for Delegates](#) lists the times for Delegate Credentialing. All delegate credentialing forms will be electronic. In addition, please note the following:

- **State Delegates**: Each official state constituent is entitled to one voting delegate and alternate. The state delegate must complete the electronic State Delegate Credential Form at the Delegate Credentialing desk. **All state delegates must have** a current copy of their state bylaws and minutes for 2016 in order to be credentialed. (See NSNA Bylaws, Article VII, Section 3b if the state president is unable to represent the state association.)
- **Alternates**: Alternate delegates are entitled to sit in the House of Delegates only when the delegate is absent for the entire meeting.

Electronic voting for national officers takes place beginning at 12am on Saturday morning and ending promptly at 9:30am. Only delegates may vote for the Board of Directors and the Nominating and Elections Committee. Official delegates will receive an email after 12am on the Saturday of voting. This email will provide the delegate with a link to cast a vote. Please pay careful attention to all instructions provided so that your ballot is not invalidated due to incorrect procedure. You will vote by indicating your choices and casting your ballot electronically. If you require technical assistance with voting, the help desk will be open from 8:30am to 9:30am.
MEETING MINUTES SUBMISSION POLICY
State constituents are required to submit approved/accepted signed (by president and secretary) state board and annual state convention business meeting minutes.

If a state association has not conducted an annual membership business meeting within the calendar year, documentation as to why the meeting was not held and when an annual membership business meeting will be held must be provided. Refer to the STATE COMPLIANCE POLICY. Contact QIANA@NSNA.ORG immediately about 2016 missing minutes.

CAUCUS ROOM RESERVATIONS
State caucuses are informal meetings for delegates from a particular state to discuss issues. The state president is generally responsible for chairing a state caucus. Notices of state caucuses may be posted on the message board located at the registration area. Rooms are available on a first-come first-served basis for caucusing. Sign up for state caucuses online, Caucus Room Reservation.

COSP CHECKLIST

- Complete Sharing of Accomplishments form to share with the state presidents. Each state president should complete Sharing of Accomplishment Form and download to COSP ON FACEBOOK.

- Bring your business cards for networking. If you would like to be contacted by other state presidents be sure to bring enough business cards for everyone.

- If not submitted in advance, bring your state bylaws and submit them with your completed Official Constituency Application.

- Bring items for the White Elephant Gift Exchange. What, you may ask, is a White Elephant Gift Exchange? WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE RULES is an activity where you bring a gift item (e.g. bumper sticker, pin, figurine, etc.) that is representative of your state and exchange it with someone else. These items should be gift wrapped and limited to $5 to $10 in value. Bring something and participate in the fun. The exchange will take place during the COSP meeting.

FROM ADAM TEBBEN, NSNA PRESIDENT
Hello Council of State President Members!

As the new semester has advanced to full effect, there is much to be done to prepare your state members and organization to attend the 65th Annual NSNA Convention in Dallas Texas, April 5-9, 2017. See here for more details involving registration fees and hotel reservations!!! http://nsnaconvention.weebly.com/

On another note, the Council of State Presidents Planning Committee members are actively engaged in detailed discussion to make your experience better by providing information and collaborative sharing to impact your own association and presidency. It is without a doubt that you will gain much organizational insight, and leave as better leaders by engaging with other passionate leaders who will become life-long friends.

As your NSNA President, I hope to establish and connect with many of you while we are together at Convention. It is the last hoorah of the NSNA board, and we would like to fully extend our hands to...
help you in any way possible. As you may know, each of you are assigned a Board Contact who has been in contact with you and we invite you to ask questions and utilize us to your full potential. Our duty of service is to our members and it is our aim to make your tenure as state president successful in any way that we can. If you are unsure of who your NSNA Board contact is, please send an email to nsna@nsna.org attention Cathy Ramos in subject line.

I pray and hope that many of you are growing and learning as much as you can as you are starting your venture into leadership on whatever level and length that may be. I know that each of you will bring a new passion and insight to the profession as you become registered nurses who have the voice to make a change in the future of nursing. It is our unified voice that must provide vision to healthcare, with the motives of providing accessible, high quality healthcare, at an exponential rate. We cannot do it alone and I hope that we all will paint the future together with own unique strokes. May we all unite, grow, and provide continued success for the best profession in the world. Stay Blessed!

FROM MELANIE FLEURY, CHAIR OF CONVENTION & PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE
Greetings State Presidents!

In just a few weeks we will be in Dallas, Texas at the COSP meeting on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 from 1:00pm – 8:00pm. You will be inspired by the Convention Keynote Speaker, Dr. Mary Wakefield, who will discuss our role in Global Health as student nurses, and then join us for a Town Hall discussion with Dr. Wakefield on Thursday. The information you gather at the convention will be irreplaceable. Convention focus sessions will cover a variety of topics including previous resolutions, global healthcare, health policy, and a certificate course for your board’s treasurer. Make sure you take the time to visit the exhibit hall and bring those resumes for review to the Career Development Center where faculty look over your resume and give advice on the interview process for your job search. Convention’s Opening night party will be a great time to meet new friends and network. We will have music, games, and karaoke. So bring your boots and join me on the dance floor.

What else is exhilarating? The American Red Cross offers a certification in disaster preparedness, bone marrow donor registration is available, and the student activity tables with a wide range of items for sale. Come prepared and be ready for the exciting resolutions process and voting for next year’s Board of Directors and Nominating and Elections Committee. Can’t wait to see you there! Make sure you introduce yourself to me, I would love to meet with you!

FROM COVENTRY JANKOWSKI, VICE PRESIDENT, CHAIR, BYLAWS AND POLICIES COMMITTEE
Howdy, State Presidents

Many of you are aware of the efforts the NSNA has been putting into the Code of Ethics update that was initiated by the 2015 – 2016 Board of Directors. On Thursday, April 6th from 12:45 pm to 1:15 pm we are holding a Code of Ethics and Bylaws Forum. There I will be presenting the most recent revisions made to the NSNA Code of Ethics. These latest revisions were the direct result of the student input provided at the NSNA MidYear Career Planning Conference. I am proud of this collaborative effort and excited to share the final edits.

Individuals with questions about bylaws and/or policies will find the Bylaws and Policy activity breakout session held on Wednesday, April 5th from 12:00pm to 1:00pm extremely helpful. Those who attend this seminar will gain a greater understanding of bylaws, policy and procedure. These
tools are used by all organizations to ensure a high level of functionality. Attending this session will allow you to maneuver confidently within NSNA and professional nursing organizations like the ANA, putting you a step ahead of many new graduates. I hope to see you there!

Well-functioning organizations like NSNA are built on a solid foundation of bylaws, policies, and procedures – when they are well-established and up to date, the organization runs smoothly and its members are best served. Spearheading NSNA’s bylaws and policies committee has allowed me to develop a deeper appreciation of how vital these documents are to organizational health.

Feel free to contact me at vicepresident@nsnainc.org if you have any questions or concerns regarding bylaws and policies or the Code of Ethics prior to convention. Don’t forget to apply for the Bylaws & Policies Award, the deadline is March 10, 2017.

FROM COVENTRY JANKOWSKI, VICE PRESIDENT, CHAIR, MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
Howdy, State Presidents

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the 65th Annual Convention in Dallas next month! Don’t forget to bring your cowboy boots and hats – remember, THINK BIG!

As membership is the foundation on which the NSNA organization is built, I encourage you to make recruitment a focus for the remaining few months of the 2016 – 2017 school year and help us reach our goal of 65,000 members during our 65th year. I realize that some of you may be graduating soon; however, now is a great time to engage incoming students and increase the investment of those who will be taking the lead next year. I recommend that you send a representative from your school or state to the Membership Recruitment Association Activity Seminar, “NSNA: Paving Pathways, Finding Futures.” The seminar will be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 from 1:15pm-2:15pm and will feature discussions with fellow students and representatives from a few of the different avenues students can use to get involved. In the past, these representatives have included our Project InTouch winner and Stellar School Chapter recipients. There will be ample time for questions and networking, so be sure to bring your recruitment challenges and success stories along with your business cards. This is a wonderful opportunity to gain new ideas from members around the country that you won’t want to miss!

One of the goals of the Membership Committee established this year was to create a series of downloadable membership brochures to help with recruitment efforts and faculty engagement. I am excited to present these at the Association Activity Seminar for your review. In the meantime, please contact me at vicepresident@nsnainc.org if you have any questions or concerns prior to convention.

FROM KATELYN FINNEGAN, IMPRINT EDITOR, CHAIR, IMAGE OF NURSING COMMITTEE
Hello NSNA members and newly elected presidents!

Serving you as the Imprint editor has been a joy and I am looking forward to seeing you all in Dallas, Texas, yee-ha! This year I have worked hard to make Imprint your magazine. From the cover to the articles, I have made it my mission to tell your story. This year, we created a nursing school review section, increased the number of resolutions explored in the articles, and created a guest editorial contest for local and state newsletter editors from across the country. In addition to this, the Image of Nursing committee has been hard at work to “Reclaim Our Image.” We created a campaign called “A Healthier Them for a Healthier You” which includes articles on: 1. How to eat healthy in nursing
school when you have no time; 2. How to find the time to exercise; 3. How to quit smoking if you smoke; 4. Relaxation techniques and sleep.

This year, I had a presentation at the MidYear Conference about social media presence and how media can adapt in this internet age. The hashtag #leaveyourIMPRINTontheworld has been used by students around the country to note their achievements. In addition to this, Imprint is now on Instagram! Follow us @NSNAmprint. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about Imprint or the Image of Nursing through my email imprinteditor@nsnainc.org. Plus, join us at Convention to discuss communications and other topics at the Image Association Activity Seminar on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 from 1:15pm-2:15pm. Don’t forget to apply for the state or school Newsletter Contest, the deadline is March 10, 2017.

FROM RAYA CULPER, CHAIR, LEGISLATION/EDUCATION COMMITTEE
A new year and a new president!

I can’t believe it is 2017! It is a very interesting time legislatively speaking, with President Trump just over his first month in office! One of the big campaign Donald Trump ran on was repealing and replacing the Affordable Healthcare Act, and if you are a student member of ANA you will see a call going out to nurses to ensure they are involved in the process with their state congress representatives. I encourage all of you to get involved in this as well, as it will not only impact us as individuals, but also as nurses caring for our communities. Furthermore, NSNA recently reaffirmed its position that all individuals deserve high quality, evidenced-based, affordable and accessible health care, through a press release last month. I will be working to keep you all current on any updates through the rest of my term!

It is also an exciting time for NSNA as we are all gearing up for the 65th Annual Convention which will be in Dallas, Texas, April 5-9. We are all working diligently on incorporating feedback we have gotten and making sure that this Annual Convention is the best one yet. I look forward to seeing many of you there!

I know I had the great honor of meeting many of you at MidYear, and got to hear about some of the amazing work you have done in the legislative field. I highly encourage you to send me photos, articles or any other media you are passionate about, so that I may push your interests forward!

I would also like to take this time to highlight the Legislation/Education Award on both the State and the School level, the deadline is March 10, 2017. The purpose of the Legislation/Education award is to educate nurses and nursing students about legislation that impacts the nursing profession and the delivery of nursing services to the public; increase awareness of legislative matters on the local, state, and national levels; and to promote communication and networking on legislative issues. The purpose of the Get-Out-the-Vote School Chapter Award is to increase the number of people registered to vote; promote educated voters; and assist students who are not in their home state to obtain absentee ballots. I strongly encourage you all to participate, submit for the awards and be recognized for the work you have done.

As always I am available to you, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, concerns, comments, or ideas! After all, we are stronger in numbers! I can be reached at directorn@nsnainc.org.
I feel like the time is flying by and it was only yesterday when we were at the MidYear Conference in Kansas City, Missouri. Thank you to all that attended the Breakthrough to Nursing workshop and participated in the BTN video project. I am happy to say the video is coming along nicely and with the help of YouTube and Google, I am getting very good at IMovie! I look forward to premiering the video at the BTN Association Activity Seminar on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 from 12:00pm-1:00pm. If you plan on attending, I encourage you to come to the BTN Association Activity Seminar to learn more about Breakthrough to Nursing and to meet students around the country that share the same passions as yourself. I sincerely hope that this workshop will solidify all loopholes and provide you with the knowledge to carry out your chapter successfully. Don’t forget to apply for the state or school Breakthrough to Nursing Award, the deadline is March 10, 2017.

The BTN committee and I are working on the BTN video project. Between taking photos at MidYear and collecting additional photos from students who could not attend, we have a total of 49 images to be featured in the video. This is super exciting and I am blown away by the participation that I have received in helping with this project.

In addition to the video project, the social media campaign is thriving and has been a huge success in achieving the goals we set forth at the beginning of the year. These pages have allowed us to shed light on all four goals to some degree and have been a great tool to pass information along to students in a way that is easily accessible and frequently viewed. Since starting the pages, our following has increase weekly adding new students from around the country. The most important aspect is that this has been a vehicle of communication between students when searching for projects, events, and general information about BTN and NSNA. If you have a BTN Story, article, or project that revolves around BTN, contact me for more information on how to get them highlighted on the pages!

I encourage you to develop BTN initiatives at your state and school chapters. I believe that there are numerous ideas and goals that you have and that can be accomplished this year. If you have anything that you feel would be beneficial to Breakthrough to Nursing, please email me at BTNdirector@nsna.org. The NSNA Breakthrough to Nursing Facebook Group is steadily growing. In order to be added into the group, please send your email to BTNdirector@nsna.org. To follow our other pages, you can search @nsna_breakthroughtonursing for Instagram and @NSNA_btn on Twitter. Each month these pages highlight information on a new BTN topic, NSNA information, and much more!

Hello State Presidents!

I hope you are all doing well and I am excited to see you all in Dallas. The theme for the 65th NSNA Annual convention is “Think Big: Nursing on a Global Scale” which aligns with the theme of the Global Initiatives in Nursing Committee. Be sure to join the Association Activity Seminar for this committee on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 from 1:15pm-2:15pm, so you can learn more about the Global Initiatives.
in Nursing Committee and what we’ve been up to. Also I would recommend that you all check out the Johnson & Johnson “Go Global!” room because it will be an exceptional experience.

I am also looking for NSNA members who have completed International Service-Learning (ISL) abroad to participate in a panel for the Global Initiatives in Nursing Association Activity Seminar during the Annual Convention. If you are planning to attend the convention and have an ISL experience you would like to share, please complete this form no later than March 22, 2017, https://form.jotform.com/nsnainc/international-service-learning. If you know of any NSNA members who meet the criteria and will be attending the Annual Convention, please email me at directorw@nsnainc.org with their contact information! I look forward to the NSNA Annual Convention and meeting with you all! Don’t forget to apply for the state or school Global Initiatives in Nursing Award, the deadline is March 10, 2017.

FROM LAUREN EARNshaw, CHAIR, COMMUNITY HEALTH/DISASTER PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE
Hello everyone!

The Annual Convention is right around the corner. The theme encompasses Global Healthcare and will bring a variety of speakers that will focus on many trending topics. The convention will draw thousands of nursing students from across the country for you to meet and network with. I hope you will enjoy every aspect of the NSNA 65th Annual Convention in Dallas, Texas. The Community Health/Disaster Planning Committee is happy to announce that the American Red Cross will once again partner with NSNA and have 2 sessions on “Disaster Health and Sheltering.” Convention registration is required. Information on how to register will be sent to all those who pre-register. There are still seats available for the both sessions, and please don’t forget there is pre-work for this session. Delete Blood Cancer will be available to register you for the bone marrow donor registry. I am personally excited to see all that the Johnson and Johnson brings with their Go Global! Room and our Association Activity Seminar that will highlight the committee’s activities this past year and in the future. Don’t forget to apply for the state or school Community Health Project Award, the deadline is March 10, 2017. We hope to see you in Dallas!

FROM ASHLEE HALSTEAD, CHAIR, NSNA SECRETARY/TREASURER, FINANCE COMMITTEE
I am looking forward to seeing you at the Annual Convention in Dallas, TX, as well as meeting those whom I have not been able to network with yet!

Leading up to the 65th Annual NSNA Convention in Dallas Texas, April 5- 9, 2017, I am preparing for the Treasurer’s and Secretary’s workshop, the LeadershipU Treasurer’s Certification on Tuesday, April 4, 1:00pm – 5:00pm as well as the Finance Forum. I urge all attendees who are treasurers and other board members if possible, to attend the Leadership University Treasurer’s Certificate Workshop which covers financial reporting, planning an operating budget, establishing a reserve fund, bank reconciliation, internal controls and IRS filing requirements. Take an open-book exam at the end of the workshop and earn a Leadership University Certificate for competency. Treasurers, association and chapter leaders, advisors and consultants are urged to attend. Don’t forget to apply for the Robert V. Piemonte Financial Excellence Award, the deadline is March 10, 2017.

There are resources available on the NSNA website for secretaries and treasurers. I am always willing to help you and answer any questions you may have. Please feel free to reach out to me at secretary-treasurer@nsnainc.org or the staff at nsna@nsnainc.org.
FROM NEVA FARMER, NEC-WEST, CHAIR, NOMINATING AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Hello COSP!

The Nominating and Elections Committee is excited about seeing all of you at the upcoming 65th Annual NSNA Convention in Dallas, TX. We are pleased to announce that this year, we have pre-slated 22 qualified and dedicated individuals for NSNA leadership positions! One aspect of the application process is to have a character reference from an executive officer of a local or state chapter. Thank you to all the state President’s that assisted their members in the application process.

At this time, the pre-slate deadline has passed, but there is still an opportunity to be nominated from the floor during the House of Delegates. Please be sure to review the “Running from the Floor” nomination process in the 2017 Business Book because all individuals running from the floor must be nominated by a delegate and have then completed application submitted online. Additionally, you may be asked to write a character reference at convention by an individual running from the floor, so please be prepared.

Finally, please educate your members on the “Meet the Candidates” sessions and the importance of meeting each candidate. Please note that candidates may be requesting time to speak during your state caucus for campaigning as well. We recommend one minute to speak and one minute for questions per candidate in order for states to have sufficient time to conduct state business. The specific caucus guidelines can be reviewed in the 2017 Business Book. You should also be familiarize with NSNA’s Campaign Regulations. If you have any questions about the nomination or campaigning process, feel free to reach out to me. I am looking forward to an amazing election and seeing all of you at convention.

PASS IT ON: SPECIAL CONVENTION PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR NSNA SCHOOL ADVISORS AND STATE CONSULTANTS

Share the SPECIAL FACULTY PROGRAM with your consultants and advisors! Several programs have been submitted to the North Carolina Nurses Association for approval to award contact hours. The North Carolina Nurses Association is accredited as an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.

Tuesday, April 4, 2017, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm Consultants and Advisors Certificate Program Part I
Wednesday, April 5, 2017, 7:15 am – 8:15 am Consultants and Advisors Certificate Program Part II (continued)

This is a great opportunity to obtain continuing education credits and validate your role as a state consultant or school advisor. Offered in two sessions totaling 4.25 hours of formal education, it is specifically tailored to enhance the experience and effectiveness of faculty engaged in guiding and assisting chapter leaders to understand NSNA’s shared governance model.

Sponsor: National Student Nurses Association, Brooklyn, NY

ANNUAL CHALLENGE

During the House of Delegates break on Saturday, April 8, 2017, the FNSNA challenges all Convention attendees to raise funds for the undergraduate scholarship program. Anyone can walk up to the microphone and pledge their contribution (or donation commitment) and challenge others to make a contribution. State associations, delegates, seniors, faculty... all rise to the occasion in this spirited and fun event. The Annual Challenge is a great way for attendees to come together as a community supporting scholarships and the future of nursing.
Everything is Bigger in Texas Live Auction
Going once! Going Twice! Sold!
Join your fellow convention attendees at a live fundraising auction to benefit the Mary Ann Tuft Scholarship Fund. Participate by donating an item to be put on the auction block (minimum $30 value) and/or bid on an item of interest to you. The auction takes place in the Exhibit Hall on Friday, April 7, 2017 at 1:45 pm. For more information visit http://nsnaconvention.weebly.com/fnsna-auction.html to see how you can participate in the auction.

FNSNA Forever Nursing 5K Care Run/1K Walk
On Saturday morning of the convention, put on your running shoes to run for a cause! The CARE Run sponsored by the Johnson & Johnson Campaign for Nursing’s Future, promotes health and wellness while raising funds for the undergraduate scholarship program. To register visit: http://nsnaconvention.weebly.com/fnsna-care-run.html.

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