



National Student Nurses' Association

COSP Connection

**E-NEWSLETTER FOR STATE PRESIDENTS
SUMMER 2016**

PLEASE FORWARD TO THE NEWLY ELECTED STATE PRESIDENT

Greetings from the Council of State Presidents (COSP) Planning Committee Chair

Hello State Presidents! Summer is upon us and I hope you all are enjoying it while preparing for the incredible year ahead of us. NSNA is gearing up for our [34th Annual MidYEAR Career Planning Conference](#) on November 10-13, 2016 in Kansas City, MO, and I hope all of you are as well! I am especially excited for our COSP this year, which will be on November 10-11, 2016. The COSP Planning Committee is hard at work planning this year's MidYEAR COSP meeting. We have reviewed your surveys from the COSP at the 2016 Annual Convention in order to ensure that this upcoming COSP will be helpful, informative, and enjoyable for everyone. If you have any additional thoughts or suggestions that you would like to share, please do not hesitate to contact me, ex-officio@nsnainc.org.

COSP PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Chair:

Marcus Henderson, President, President, Student Nurses' Association of Pennsylvania, Inc.

Members:

Taylor Sublett, Utah Student Nurses Association

Brooklyn Tate, Minnesota Student Nurses' Association

Hannah McRoberts, Florida Nursing Students' Association

Adam Tebben, President, National Student Nurses' Association

The COSP meetings are a perfect place for you to network with other state presidents and share ideas in order to benefit your association. It's all about connecting with each other and discussing what is going on around the country, but don't be surprised if you make some new friends in the process.

In order to maximize your COSP experience, there are a few preparations that I suggest you make before attending. Firstly, fill out the [Sharing of Accomplishment Form](#) to share with other attendees (specifics on sharing forms to follow in the future). Also, bring business cards to exchange with each other in order to keep in contact throughout the year. Lastly, we will be holding a [White Elephant Gift Exchange](#) for those who wish to participate. If you wish to take part, plan to bring a small gift representing an element of your state to exchange with everyone.

I encourage you to join the [NSNA Forum](#). This is a tool that will open up conversation for state and school chapter boards. There are columns for membership, legislation/education, image of nursing and so many more as well as general questions. This tool has the great potential to allow you all to communicate with your peers across the country. Sign up for free today at [NSNA Forum](#). I also encourage you to stay active on the [COSP Facebook Page](#). This is a great medium for networking with other state presidents throughout the year, asking questions, exchanging ideas, and so much more!

Remember to register as soon as possible for the MidYear Career Planning Conference. I look forward to seeing each of you at our upcoming COSP! If you have any ideas, questions, or concerns, please feel free to contact me at EX-OFFICIO@NSNAINC.ORG.

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NSNA Board of Directors Ex-Officio
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Links: [Sharing of Accomplishment Form](#), [COSP Policies & Procedures](#), and [White Elephant Gift Exchange](#)

Message from NSNA President

Greetings State Presidents! Summer is near an end, and that means that a new school year is about to begin. As we enjoy our last few breaths of summer freedom, I would like to bring our focus to the legacies that we all want to leave for our organizations. Will your legacy be known from your contribution to the success of your state convention? Will it consist of internal board policies to pass down to the next board? Or will your legacy have a direct impact on the increased membership that many state leaders strive to attain? Regardless of the legacies you strive towards, I have full faith in all of your leadership skills to leave what was given to you, better than you received it. A couple of things that have become increasingly important in my NSNA legacy will follow.

Over the summer, I have been blessed to have met many professional leaders from around the country and establish many relationships with them as mentors. Networking and mentorship are everything to a novice nurse. By networking I have increased my collaborative efforts to discuss many of the resolutions that NSNA has passed in our house of delegates, find future jobs, and gain insight to where the future of nursing and nursing leadership are going. As many know, networking comes more easily to some, than others. I encourage you all to be the networking vessel to the membership of your state. When it comes to bringing vendors to your events, your board is essentially responsible for the connections established. Take the responsibility in finding the best nurse recruiters in the hospitals around your state, encourage your members to bring résumés and business cards to the conventions, take time to ignite discussion between two parties that you know, and encourage those around you to establish lasting relationships so that mentorships may flourish.

Communication is often one of the biggest factors contributing to a board's success, or hardship. As state presidents, we have the responsibility, through communication, of ensuring that accountability and order are maintained. The term "communication" is meant to be broad, as it is not only intended to be focused on internal board function, but also within our membership and faculty. What are you doing to reach out to membership? Are you using the most effective form of communication whether it be through mail, emails or social media platforms? Have you taken the time to survey your membership to see what is more likely to gain their attention for your announcements? Sometimes it is the smallest thought or extra step that will have the biggest impacts on success. As I mentioned faculty earlier, many discussion points amongst the COSP meetings is gaining faculty support for schools of your states. If emails are not working, perhaps writing personal letters or taking the time to call them might be the difference maker. Connect and encourage your state professional organization to aid in distributing the information you wish them to engage in. Use your connections with active faculty members, to connect with the schools that may not see the benefits of student organizations and their impact of students' lives.

I hope that you all start the new school year determined, refreshed, and ready to tackle the path towards the profession of nursing. Whatever you put your mind to, you can accomplish. Take care of yourselves and ensure that the legacy you want to leave, leaves your organization better than when you received it.

Be sure to check out [NSNA's Chapter Resources](#) to aid in your organizational success!

Adam Tebben, NSNA President
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Message from Secretary-Treasurer

Greetings State Presidents! I hope everyone is having a restful summer and is getting ready for a wonderful school year. Congratulations to all of you for stepping up and being voted leaders by your peers! I look forward to working with you all.

A few reminders and helpful tools to pass onto the Treasurers and Secretaries; Treasurers please reference the [Treasurer's Handbook](#), and the [NONPROFIT AND TAX STATUS INFORMATION](#) provided on NSNA's website. Secretaries, please utilize the [SECRETARY'S HANDBOOK](#).

- Please remember that in order to ensure your state's constituency status at Annual Convention; you need to send signed copies of your state meeting minutes to the NSNA.

There is a webinar located on the NSNA website WWW.NSNA.ORG/ELECTEDOFFICIALS/SECTRES.ASPX : FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY FOR STATE ASSOCIATIONS & SCHOOL CHAPTERS Presented by Rebeka Rivera, NSNA's 2014-2015 Secretary-Treasurer, this 51 minute webinar discusses some of the skills needed to ensure compliance with finance rules and regulations. There are several other links available on the site that is very beneficial for a successful year.

I invite you all to attend the workshops being provided for secretaries and treasurers workshop at MidYear. I look forward to seeing you! If you have any questions, or if I can be of assistance, please contact me. Have a wonderful year!

Ashlee Halstead, NSNA Secretary-Treasurer
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Message from *Imprint* Editor and Chair, Image of Nursing Committee

Hello everyone!

I am so excited to work with you this year. As state presidents you are the liaisons between the students of your state and the national board. If there is one thing I wish to convey during my time as the *Imprint* Editor it is that your stories matter. We have several goals that we are working on accomplishing, however, in order to do so, we need your help.

- We would like to get nursing students on the cover of *Imprint*. It's your magazine, you should be on the cover! With that in mind, please consider submitting a photo that relates to the theme of each issue. We already have Sept/ Oct settled but we still need pictures for our other issues. This year the themes will be: Nov/Dec: Give a Damn (Election Issue), Jan: Networking: Building Your Career from the Group Up, Feb/March: The Heart of the Matter (This is our issue that will focus on cardiac topics. If you volunteer at a heart clinic or do anything cardiac related please consider submitting a photo!), April/May: Beyond Nursing (those who started off as Nurses and used it as a stepping stone for another career.)
- For the Image of Nursing, we have several goals we would like to accomplish as well. In order to increase interdisciplinary education we would like each state to create a video explaining who a nurse

is. At the Annual Convention the top submissions will play. The submissions should be no longer than 5 minutes. Please post your submissions on Facebook with the hashtag: #nsnaimageofnursingVIDEO

- We are also redesigning the website award to have a social media component. We have noticed that social media coverage can be a pretty exhausting thing. Consider creating a social media committee on your state board. This way, your Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat and websites are up to date.
- We are going to be launching a campaign called, “A Healthier You for A Healthier Them.” Over the course of my nursing school career, I have noticed that while we are encouraged to promote the health and well-being of our patients, we often neglect our own. If your community health directors, image of nursing directors, newsletter editors or any member on your board are interested in writing an infographic for this campaign please encourage them to contact me!
- *Imprint* is now on Instagram! Please follow us at NSNAIMPRINT.
- If you have a story – tell us! We are so lucky to have amazing writers with us, working hard to deliver your stories. Mary Vitullo is the Up Close reporter and Jamie Platt is the Happenings’ Reporter. They can be reached at nsna@nsna.org with ATTN: Up Close or ATTN: Happenings, respectively.

It’s going to be a great year and I can’t wait to work with all of you. Please follow me on my social media page on Facebook, Katelyn Finnegan *Imprint* Editor 2016 – 2017. If you have any questions, comments or concerns feel free to reach out to me. And remember, we can all leave our imprint on the world.

Katelyn Finnegan, Chair, Image of Nursing Committee
NSNA *Imprint* Editor
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Message from BTN Director

I am very excited to be serving as your Breakthrough to Nursing Director for 2016 to 2017. I have already had the honor to meet several amazing student leaders thus far and I am looking forward to meeting more along the way. I had a great time attending the NSNA Summer Leadership Conference in NYC and can't wait to see everyone at the [34th Annual MIDYEAR Career Planning Conference](#) on November 10-13, 2016 in Kansas City, MO. At MidYear, I will be having a Breakthrough to Nursing Seminar filled with helpful information. Also, please give a warm welcome to your BTN committee members, Katelyn Finnegan and Amina Aiden.

This year we decided to create a tagline instead of a theme that can be carried on from year to year and still represent the mission of BTN. The tagline is, "Breakthrough to Nursing: Empowerment through Diversity and Scholarship." Although the goals will change with each passing year, this tagline is timeless in representing the true meaning of BTN.

Here are the goals my committee members and I have created for the year:

- 1.) Continue on the previous work done with the Breakthrough to Nursing Stories by increasing the number of stories submitted and utilizing social media and *Imprint* to highlight stories and make them more accessible to students.
- 2.) Increase education, resources, and awareness to the underserved communities and school aged students on nursing as a career.
- 3.) Increase the awareness and knowledge of cultural diversity and sensitivity among nursing students within the profession.
- 4.) Encourage leadership amongst students to take on roles that help them develop personally and professionally within nursing.

The biggest resources we will use to accomplish these goals is the implementation of social media pages specifically for Breakthrough to Nursing. By using this outlet, we can take the BTN stories to a whole new level by making them more accessible to students and public. On top of that, these pages will also supplement in accomplishing the rest of our goals. Each month, the social media pages will cover a different BTN subject and put out pictures, videos, stories, facts, and statistics surrounding that month's topic. Since starting these pages in June, it has already been a huge success in putting out information and also getting people connected and curious about BTN.

To stay updated with the NSNA BTN committee, please look check out the website and the social media pages to stay connected. I am also available via phone, Skype, email, etc. I am here for your BTN needs and whatever else you may need. I look forward to working with you all this upcoming year and taking BTN to new heights!

Social media pages:

Facebook: NSNA Breakthrough to Nursing

Instagram: @nsna_breakthroughtonursing

Twitter: @NSNA_btn

Jennifer Kalenkoski

NSNA BTN Director

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Message from Convention & Program Planning Chair

I hope all is well for everyone in school or enjoying their summer break. It is rather hard to believe that the summer is quickly coming to an end. With that said, allow me to take a moment and update you on what the NSNA Board of Directors has been doing and additional information on future conventions.

The NSNA Board of Directors met in New York City for an orientation meeting that allowed us to plan for each of our committees and make collective decisions regarding the organization's future. During that time, I had the opportunity to meet with the fellow Convention Planning Committee members, Ashlee Halstead and Marcus Henderson. We are excited to begin the planning process of the [34th Annual MidYear Career Planning Conference](#) on November 10-13, 2016 in Kansas City, MO.

The 65th Annual Convention theme is "Think Big: Nursing on a Global Scale." The Convention will be held at the Hilton Anatole Hotel in Dallas, TX, on April 5-9, 2017. As more information is available, the NSNA website will be updated to keep you informed.

This November 10-13, 2016 is the NSNA MidYear Career Planning Conference in Kansas City, MO. The conference focus and theme is "Pump Up Your Career in the Paris of the Plains." A few highlighted programs worth mentioning will be the Nursing Specialty Showcase (includes representatives from many nursing specialty organizations); the Council of State Presidents (COSP); Treasurer and Consultant/Advisor Leadership University Certificate Programs; and the FNSNA Fundraiser on Friday night. I strongly encourage you all to make plans to attend the Annual MidYear Career Planning Conference—a strong force in helping you navigate through the profession. It is our goal that you will leave the conference more informed on career planning, looking for your first job, how to write a resolution and running for national office. [Click here](#) to stay tuned to the NSNA Website for future updates and more information about MidYear.

I strongly encourage you to plan ahead and join us for both the Annual MidYear Career Planning Conference and Annual Convention. If for some reason you have any questions in regards to the information above or even with your own state conventions, feel free to contact me (directors@nsnainc.org) and I will be delighted to get in contact with you and help you out any way that I can. Please take time and visit the [Guidelines for Planning Booklet Meetings and Convention](#). If you need additional resources for your state organization's mission and planning endeavors. If you would like to request a NSNA Board Member to attend your convention, complete the [Field Visit Request Form](#).

I hope to see you all in Kansas City this November and again in Dallas, Texas March 5-9, 2017 at the Hilton Anatole!

Melanie Fleury, Chair, Convention and Program Planning Committee

NSNA Director

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Message from Legislation/Education Committee Chair

Congratulations on your role for this upcoming year! I hope you all are enjoying the end of summer! Our theme for this year is "Strength in Numbers, Nursing Matters." We picked this theme because we are really going to focus on not only getting nursing students registered to vote but making sure they are educated and informed voters. There are so many opportunities for nurses to make a difference but in order to make these changes we need to be informed!

As you all know this year is an election year! We will be continuing the work my predecessor started with the Get-Out-the-Vote Campaign, encouraging all nursing students to get registered to vote, and to exercise that right. State and School chapters will have the ability to get involved with our campaign. We will be kicking off in September gearing up to the November presidential election which will coincide with our MidYear Career Planning Conference. State and School chapters will have the ability to be recognized for their efforts and work through shout-outs on NSNA's official social media pages, the Legislation Education page, and will have the ability to apply for an award to be presented at the NSNA's 65th Annual Convention in Dallas!

The committee will be working hard to provide your chapters with all the support, resources and recognition you all deserve!

I invite you to join the Facebook NSNA Legislation Education forum that will allow you to communicate with other legislative directors and other chairs from across the country. This tool has the great potential to allow people to share their ideas, projects and more! If you have any questions or want to discuss your ideas with me please don't hesitate to contact me at directorn@nsnainc.org and connect with me on Instagram @NSNADirectorNorth and Twitter @NSNADirectorN where I hope to be spotlighting all the fantastic work you all do!

Raya Cupler, Chair, Legislation/Education Committee

NSNA Director North

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Message from Membership Recruitment

Congratulations on your office! As a state president, you will be given the opportunity to meet with other state presidents to share ideas and gain knowledge from each other. I encourage you to use each other as the wonderful resources you are, so as an organization we can grow stronger.

Committee members Raya Cupler and Melanie Fleury and I decided on “NSNA: Paving Pathways, Finding Futures,” as our theme for the 2016-2017 year. We picked this theme because we believe that the NSNA provides student nurses with the tools and development opportunities that help each and every one of us confidently forge our way toward a bright and meaningful future. In order to do this, the NSNA fully supports its current members while reaching out to prospective members – encouraging both to seek new and challenging experiences. As we head into recruitment season we will give you the resources to ensure you have an effective and successful membership recruitment experience. Check the [“CATCH THE WAVE WITH NSNA”](#) (downloadable) recruitment video are available to you on the [NSNA WEBSITE](#). Please note we will be adding additional materials focused on simplifying the recruitment process soon.

The Membership Committee has chosen to continue the work on new chapter development started last year. The NSNA staff keeps record of schools that have indicated interest in starting a chapter. Many of these schools are eligible but do not submit an application. This year committee members will be speaking directly with faculty and students from a select number of these schools and schools active in the NSNA to determine major decision factors for partnering with organizations such as ours. It is our goal to clarify our membership communications to better meet the needs and concerns of schools hesitant to engage.

We are excited to introduce the, “NSNA Impact: Ambassador Award.” The winner of this student nominated award will be a person who inspired the student’s NSNA leadership journey – “I wouldn’t be here without you!” This individual can be anyone from a fellow student or a faculty member. The nomination is by essay and the criteria will be available on the NSNA [AWARDS AND HONORS](#) page shortly. We are thrilled to offer this recognition to a person that has played a major role in the development of a student nurse leader!

Currently over 130 nursing schools participate in the Total School Membership program. This is another way to increase membership in which NSNA dues are incorporated directly into school tuition. Should this option sound like it might work at your school, please discuss it with the students and faculty and review the [Total School Membership](#). NSNA staff is ready to assist you in any way possible to make this method of NSNA membership enrollment work for your school.

Project InTouch (PIT) is a recruiting program. NSNA members can [REGISTER](#) as PIT recruiters. PIT recruiters play a vital role in increasing membership and are eligible for recognition and prizes. Take a look at the opportunity – encourage school presidents to seek out good candidates and remind students of the benefits of becoming recruiters!

August and September are great months to start thinking about your recruitment plan. You can show the Catch the Wave video and highlight certain benefits that you think your potential members would be interested in. These could be *Imprint* magazine, scholarship opportunities, the benefits program and Leadership U. Encourage students to sign up for [NSNA MEMBERSHIP](#) online – it’s faster and easier. Member numbers are issued immediately after payment. Remind students that membership in the NSNA provides them access to the benefits program, great savings and services.

The 2016 – 2017 [DUES SCHEDULE](#) is now available. Check the [STUDENT MEMBERSHIP](#) webpage for the membership brochure. It includes the current dues schedule and an application.

Again, thank you for stepping up and being of service! You are at the start of a challenging and exciting year and I am honored to be a part of it. If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns, please contact me at vicepresident@nsnainc.org

Coventry Jankowski, Chair, Membership Committee
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Message from Community Health and Disaster Preparedness

Hello everyone! My name is Lauren Earnshaw and I am the Community Health and Disaster Preparedness committee chair. We hope to inspire more schools, classes and individuals to do community service projects, so each month we are going to list the upcoming months National Health Observances. We would love to have pictures and a brief summary of the service you accomplish so it can be displayed for others to see. If there is a project you have completed, please submit the picture and description to me, at directore@nsnainc.org.

September

Childhood Cancer Month
Fruit and Veggies — More Matters Month
Leukemia & Lymphoma
Awareness Month
National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month National Atrial Fibrillation Awareness Month
National Cholesterol Education Month
National Infant Mortality Awareness Month
National Pediculosis Prevention Month/Head Lice Prevention Month
National Sickle Cell Month
Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month
Prostate Cancer Awareness Month
Reye's Syndrome Awareness Month
Whole Grains Month
National Farm Safety & Health Week (September 19-25)
National Suicide Prevention Week (September 5-11)
National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day (September 18)
Healthcare Housekeepers Week (September 13-19)
Nephrology Nurses Week (September 13-19)
Neonatal Nurses Day (September 15)
National Surgical Technologists Week (September 20-26)
National Rehabilitation Awareness Celebration (September 19-25)
World Alzheimer's Day (September 21)
Family Health & Fitness Day USA (September 25)
National Mesothelioma Awareness Day (September 26)

Lauren Earnshaw, Chair, Community Health & Disaster Preparedness Committee
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Message from Bylaws and Policies Committee

Again, congratulations on your office! Bylaws and Policy committee members Marcus Henderson (Ex-Officio), Lauren Earnshaw (Director) and I look forward to working with you as we all successfully navigate the year to come.

The Bylaws and Policy Committee decided on “NSNA: Building a Foundation of Futures” as our focus for the 2016 – 2017 year. We picked this theme because we believe that the NSNA provides student nurses with the tools and development opportunities to help each and every one of us confidently build bright and meaningful futures. The NSNA’s bylaws and policies provide the framework that supports the organization in its efforts to engage members and encourage them as they seek new and challenging experiences.

This year our goals include finalizing the update of [THE CODE OF ETHICS](#). The document is close to completion and will be sent to you for review and comments. We will also hold a Roundtable Discussion at the MidYear Career Planning Conference and would like full participation by state presidents and school chapter leaders. Your feedback is crucial to ensuring we are meeting the expectations and needs of our members. The final draft will be presented to the HOD during the 65Th Annual Convention for review, comments and approval. Be prepared to ask questions, provide additional feedback and vote!

In order to facilitate review of submitted student resolutions, the Bylaws and Policy Committee is assessing a proposed amendment to the NSNA’s Bylaws that would increase the number of Resolution Committee Members. This proposed amendment will also be presented to the HOD during the Annual Convention for review, comments and approval.

The NSNA [BYLAWS AND POLICIES](#) page contains numerous resources including the NSNA [BYLAWS](#), NSNA [CODE OF ETHICS](#), and “Getting the Pieces to Fit,” the handbook for school and state chapters. A PowerPoint presentation explaining the difference between law, policy, shared governance, and parliamentary procedure is also available for students interested in more information.

Take some time to review the [GUIDELINES FOR PLANNING: BYLAWS AND POLICIES BOOKLET](#). This is a valuable resource that addresses many of the common concerns members have.

If you have any questions about the process of policy change, the NSNA’s bylaws and policies or bylaws and policies specific to your state and/or school chapters, please feel free to contact me. I strive to be a resource for you and welcome your emails and calls. As a reminder, download the [CALENDAR](#) on the NSNA website for important deadlines.

Again, I am honored to have the opportunity to work with all of you this year and look forward to meeting you in person during the Midyear Career Planning Conference in Kansas!

Coventry Jankowski, Chair, Bylaws and Policies Committee
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Message from Global Initiatives in Nursing

The NSNA Board of Directors and Committees met this June in NYC during the NSNA Board of Directors Orientation and Board Meeting. In addition to myself as Chair, I would like to introduce Katelyn Finnegan and Lauren Earnshaw as my committee members. Our theme for this year is, “Student Nurses’ Beyond Borders,” which promotes the involvement of NSNA members in global volunteer health efforts to improve the overall

health of our global community. I am excited to serve on the NSNA board and I hope that you all are enjoying your summer.

I am delighted to inform you that we will be having a discussion with Sharon Morgan, MSN, RN, NP-C from the American Nurses Association who will be sharing her experiences as a nurse working in Guatemala with underserved patients at the upcoming MidYear Career Planning Conference. The [34th Annual MIDYEAR Career Planning Conference](#) will be from November 10-13, 2016 in Kansas City, MO. This will be a great opportunity for NSNA members to learn more about global nursing opportunities and issues that are prominent in the global and local communities.

A goal of this committee is to increase the awareness of human trafficking locally and abroad because human trafficking affects the nursing profession and is a significant problem that affects the global community as well. In addition to that, we hope to bring more awareness to the Zika virus which is a hot topic with the Summer 2016 Olympics occurring in Brazil this summer. We are working providing evidence-based information will be made available to NSNA members in regards to this global health issue through social media and the NSNA Imprint Magazine. Here are some links focusing on areas that this committee is working on:

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

<https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/human-trafficking/what-is-human-trafficking.html>

Polaris Project—Freedom Happens Now

<http://www.polarisproject.org/human-trafficking/overview>

Humantrafficking.org

<http://www.humantrafficking.org/>

Zika Virus

<http://www.cdc.gov/zika/>

<http://nursingworld.org/zika-virus-information>

I encourage all of you to take a look at the awards available for global health initiatives and apply. You can check out the awards and the criteria for them at: [NSNA Annual Awards](#) . There is a Global Initiatives-International Photo contest and an award that recognizes schools and state chapters that create an activity, program, or project that provides awareness about global health issues.

Amina Aden, Chair, Global Initiatives in Nursing Committee

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Message from The Nominations and Elections Committee

Greetings from the Nominating and Elections Committee! The upcoming [34th Annual MIDYEAR Career Planning Conference](#) in Kansas City, MO on November 10-13, 2016 is quickly approaching. It has been an exciting year so far, and the Nominating and Elections Committee (NEC) is looking forward to meeting potential candidates from each state at the MidYear. Our goal is to assist individuals as they begin their quest towards serving in a NSNA leadership position.

The NEC has planned several opportunities to meet with interested candidates and to provide information and details regarding the application and election process. These sessions are designed to answer questions about

roles, qualifications, and application requirements for positions on the 2017-2018 NSNA Board of Directors and NEC. These opportunities include:

- Information table in the Student Activity area
- Running for National Office Workshops on Friday and Saturday
- Roundtable discussions on Saturday evening, hosted by the NEC

The NEC will also participate in the Council of State Presidents and will present an update to the COSP. We encourage State Presidents to run for a National NSNA office and to encourage other State and Chapter leaders to explore these opportunities, as well.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, and we look forward to seeing you in Kansas City!

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Board Meeting Highlights

On June 7-8, 2016 the NSNA Board of Directors met in New York City. The following highlights their actions:

- Accepted/approved the following minutes: March 28, 2016 and April 3, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.
- Accepted reports from the following committees: Finance, Image of Nursing, Legislation/Education, Membership, Convention and Program Planning, Breakthrough to Nursing, Community Health/Disaster Preparedness, Bylaws and Policies, and Global Initiatives in Nursing. Reports were also heard from *Imprint* editor and the COSP Planning Committee Chair.
- Approved the appointment of the 2016-17 Resolutions Committee and *Imprint* reporters.
- Appointed NSNA Director Lauren Earnshaw as the Board representative for the NSNA Summer Leadership Conference.
- Established an “Ambassador” Award.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors takes place November 8-9, 2016 in Kansas City, MO.

Summer Memos

Summer memos for the [PROGRAM ACTIVITIES](#) and committees will be on individual committee web pages for all membership to view. All summer memos will open in PDF format.

Breakthrough to Nursing® – [WEBPAGE](#)

Bylaws & Policies – [WEBPAGE](#)

Community Health / Disaster Preparedness – [WEBPAGE](#)

Convention & Program Planning – [WEBPAGE](#)

Global Initiatives in Nursing – [WEBPAGE](#)

Image of Nursing – [WEBPAGE](#)

Legislation / Education – [WEBPAGE](#)

Membership – [WEBPAGE](#)

State Association Resources:

An area for state association information has been developed on the [NSNA WEBSITE](#). [Click here](#) to access the State Association resource page. Also check out the [COSP page](#). Let me know what other information you would like to see posted.

The Foundation of the NSNA (FNSNA) News: Please share with your members!

- The Foundation of the NSNA is pleased to announce that the 2017-18 scholarship application will be available September 6, 2016. The deadline to submit a completed application is Friday, January 13, 2017. To complete an application visit www.forevernursing.org. For further information on scholarships please contact the FNSNA at (718) 210-0705 or email NSNA@NSNA.ORG Attn: Foundation Scholarships.
- Applications for the Marilyn Bagwell Leadership Development Grant will be available September 6, 2016. School clubs or official NSNA chapters wishing to establish or enhance their involvement in NSNA may apply for a grant of up to \$2,500. For more information or to complete an application please visit www.forevernursing.org
- Beat the fall rush and purchase your graduation cords today, visit www.nсна.org on Fundraising Items for more information.

NSNA Membership and NSNA MidYear Career Planning Conference Brochures

The membership recruitment campaign theme, “Paving Pathways, Finding Futures” highlights the many benefits and services available exclusively to NSNA members and encourages participation in leadership development. The new dues schedule became effective July 1, 2016 and remains in effect until June 30, 2017. To request a supply of the membership and MidYear Career Planning Conference brochures, visit the [online order forms page](#).

Back-To-School

An email will be broadcasted to the entire membership and faculty advisors with web links to all the up-to-date NSNA information and valuable tools to help launch membership recruitment and retention campaigns. The revised [Getting the Pieces to Fit 2015/16](#) will be posted soon.

Schools that do not have official NSNA chapters can request Start-a-Chapter information. If you know of any schools that need help strengthening their chapters or want to start-a-chapter, please contact NSNA Headquarters NSNA@NSNA.ORG. Click [HERE](#) for the NSNA Back-to-School page.

How to Invite an NSNA Board Member to Visit Your State

Did you know that you can invite an NSNA board member to attend your state convention? NSNA allocates a portion of its budget toward sending board members to state conventions.

[Field Visit Request Form](#)

Requests for field visits are reviewed by the NSNA Executive Committee and should be submitted at least 30 days prior to your meeting. Decisions are based on the availability of a board member, cost, location, and any other considerations mentioned in your request. Please keep in mind that NSNA may not be able to accommodate your request for a specific board member. Also, NSNA board members are expected to attend their own state conventions. States with a national board member should take advantage of the opportunity to invite this official representative from NSNA to bring greetings at the convention.

COSP Communication Schedule

As state presidents, you can expect to hear from the NSNA Board of Directors on a regular basis. Through the *COSP Connection*, broadcast emails, telephone calls and discussion on [FACEBOOK](#), the Board hopes to keep the channels of communication open between state presidents and the NSNA Board. If you do not receive these communications from your NSNA Board contact, please contact Qiana Valenzuela at the NSNA office NSNA@NSNA.ORG, Attn: Qiana.

Share Your Activities Year Round!

The deadline for submissions to the next COSP Connection is September 30, 2016.

For those of you who attended the COSP, you experienced the importance of state presidents sharing their activities and their concerns. Please submit ongoing activities and concerns that you experience at your state. These items can be emailed to Qiana Valenzuela, nsna@nsna.org, Attn: Qiana.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and the start of the new academic semester!

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