

NSNA[®] Convention Planning Committee
SUMMER MEMO

To: State Vice Presidents and Chair of the Convention Planning Committee
From: Melanie Fleury, NSNA Director, and Chair, Convention and Program Planning Committee
Re: Think Big: Nursing on a Global Scale
Date: July 2016

Hello NSNA members! I am very pleased to be serving as the Convention Planning Committee Chair for 2016-2017, with committee members Vice President Ashlee Halstead and COSP Chair/Ex-Officio Marcus Henderson. We are looking forward to a great year at both the NSNA MidYear Career Planning Conference and Annual Convention and hope to see each and every one of you there!

Our planning started off with a Board of Directors meeting in New York City in June. We were able to meet with NSNA staff and consultants to learn about furthering the NSNA initiatives and to develop new plans to help NSNA in supporting its members. Our work included:

- Analyzing evaluations from the Annual Convention held in Orlando, FL, in April 2016
- Reviewing plans for the [MidYear Conference](#) scheduled for Kansas City, MO (Nov. 10-13)
- Discussing ideas and plans for the 65th Annual Convention in Dallas, Texas (April 2017)

2016 MidYear Career Planning Conference

The 2016 MidYear Career Planning Conference takes place November 10-13, 2016 at the Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center, Kansas City, MO. We are very excited to have Dr. Diana Mason, PhD, RN, FAAN, author, national speaker, and nursing leader as the Keynote speaker. The American Nurses Association is sponsoring speaker, Sharon Morgan, MSN, RN, NP-C, Senior Policy Advisor at ANA and infection control specialist, who will present the general session on Friday, November 11. This session will focus on developing a culture of safety. Sharon will discuss ANA's work with the CDC and the Association of Professionals in Infection Control and prevention. This conference also includes the Nursing Specialty Showcase with 12 or more nursing specialties represented as well as the Career Development Center, Exhibits, Posters, leadership workshops, and more. There will be plenty of time to network and explore the city of Kansas City.

2017 Annual Convention

The 65th Annual Convention will be held April 5-9, 2017 in Dallas, TX. We are proud to announce the convention theme, "Think Big: Nursing on a Global Scale." Through the quality programs and focus sessions being planned, we will highlight the many global resolutions that were passed during the House of Delegates at the 2016 Resolutions. We will keep you posted as programs, speakers and events are finalized so stay tuned to the NSNA website, *Imprint* magazine, and any communication coming from NSNA.

Planning a Convention

If you are in need of any assistance or have any questions in regards to your own state and planning your convention, please do not hesitate to ask. I am here to serve you! We would love to hear what your state is doing at your convention so email me and let me know what exciting things you will be doing. Also, did you know that you can request an NSNA board member to attend and/or bring greetings to your state event? The form can be found [here](#)!

I look forward to seeing each of you at the Midyear Conference and the Annual Convention! Please contact me with any questions/thoughts/insight you may have! I would love to hear from you! Email: directors@nsna.org