

**NSNA<sup>®</sup> Bylaws and Policies Committee**  
**FALL 2016 MEMO**

**To:** Bylaws and Policies Chairs, Board of Directors,  
State Consultants and State Presidents, NSNA Members  
**From:** Coventry Jankowski, Vice President and Chair, Bylaws and Policy Committee  
**Re:** *Building a Foundation of Futures*

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Greetings to you all, and welcome back to school! Whether you spent your summer continuing your education, engaging in a summer job, traveling the world, or simply getting some well-deserved rest and relaxation, I hope everyone had an enjoyable and productive summer. New classes, fresh clinic experiences, reconnection with old friends and the promise of meeting new ones always makes the beginning of the school year an exciting time. In addition, starting the planning process for the year's activities in your local NSNA chapters adds to the excitement and sets the stage for a successful year!

Keep in mind that it is normal to feel overwhelmed as you assume the responsibilities of your NSNA office. Regardless of your position, the Board of Directors is available to help. Feel free to contact us at any time; we welcome your questions, concerns and ideas.

#### **BYLAWS AND POLICY RESOURCES**

It is a good idea to take a close look at your bylaws and policies at the start of each year. For those of you who are chair for the Bylaws and Policy committees or are otherwise responsible for your chapter's bylaws and policies, NSNA has a number of resources available to you. Take a look at the Guidelines for Planning booklet, [Shared Governance: Bylaws, Policies and Procedures](#). It is a valuable resource for local and state NSNA chapters alike. In addition to being a useful aid in explaining the importance of bylaws and policy, it also answers numerous questions you or your members may have. Take some time to visit the [Bylaws and Policy](#) page. There you will find links to videos created to help navigate available resources and better understand Bylaws and Policy, as well as additional information about shared governance and the NSNA Code of Ethics.

#### **MIDYEAR CAREER PLANNING CONFERENCE**

Before you know it the [Midyear Career Planning Conference](#) will be here. November 10 – 13, 2016 is right around the corner; start planning your trip to Kansas City, Missouri now! Some important deadlines to remember include hotel reservations by October 7<sup>th</sup>, advance registration discounted fee by fax or mail by October 18<sup>th</sup> or online at [www.nсна.org](http://www.nсна.org), by October 25<sup>th</sup>.

The NSNA Board of Directors invites NSNA members to a Roundtable Discussion on the revision of the NSNA Code of Ethics. The Code consists of three parts: the Bill of Rights and Responsibilities; the Code of Professional Conduct; and the Code of Academic and Clinical Conduct. On Thursday, following the Keynote Address, please provide your input into the recommended revisions as well as additional revisions. The goal is to have the document ready for consideration and adoption at the 2017 NSNA House of Delegates in Dallas, Texas, April 5-8, 2017. Please plan to participate in this important policy development process. Your valuable input will help us shape a comprehensive Code of Ethics and Conduct that reflects NSNA's Core Values and ideals of nursing students!

### **BYLAWS AND POLICY AWARDS**

The start of the year is the time to begin thinking about recognition and awards. The Bylaws and Policy Committee is excited to see your submissions for the [NSNA Core Values Award](#). Look for students you know who exemplify the [NSNA Core Values](#) of leadership and autonomy, quality education, advocacy, professionalism, care, and diversity. For more information on NSNA's Core Values, please visit [www.NSNA.org](http://www.NSNA.org).

Another award to keep in mind as you schedule events for the year is the Bylaws and Policies Award. This award is given to a chosen school that runs a successful event to inform students about Bylaws and Policies. For more information about both the NSNA Core Values Award and the Bylaws and Policies award, please visit NSNA's [Awards and Honors](#) section.

### **CONTACT ME**

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out. I am available at [VicePresident@nsnainc.org](mailto:VicePresident@nsnainc.org) or [NSNA@nsna.org](mailto:NSNA@nsna.org).

I look forward to seeing you in Kansas!  
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