

MEMORANDUM

TO: Disaster Preparedness Directors/Chairs
FROM: Jill Beasley, NSNA Vice President and Chair,
Disaster Preparedness Committee
SUBJECT: Fall Memo
DATE: October 19, 2009

Hello fellow nursing students! We are well into the school year and Midyear is fast approaching. I hope everyone has made plans to attend the [2009 MidYear Conference in Phoenix, October 29 to November 1](#). I certainly look forward to seeing everyone. Please make sure to stop me to say hi and introduce yourself.

I would love to hear about the Disaster Planning projects that your local and state chapters have undertaken. Make sure to attend the Concurrent Workshop: **Disaster Planning: A Student Nurse's Role** (Phoenix Convention Center Room 121 BC) to hear about exciting opportunities for you to get prepared to volunteer in disaster preparedness, disaster relief, and disaster recovery! Also, don't forget to [complete your NIMS certifications online](#), then print out your completion certificates and bring them to the NSNA Midyear registration desk for a **NIMS Certified** ribbon recognizing your achievement.

I also encourage you to explore projects in your state and local chapters that you can submit for an [award at Annual Convention in Phoenix, April 7-11](#). The deadline for submission of these projects has been extended to Received by March 19, 2009 to allow you to include projects carried out over spring break. If you have a Disaster Preparedness Committee in your state chapter, please email me their names and contact information.

The Disaster Committee has been working on resolutions adopted during last year's NSNA House of Delegates in Nashville, TN. The [2009 NSNA Resolutions](#) assigned to the Disaster Preparedness Committee are: (Resolution 7: *In Support of Liability Protection for Paid Healthcare Personnel During a Declared Disaster or State of Emergency*; Resolution 18: *In Support of Prevention, Awareness, and Nationalized Regulatory Standards for Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus*. As current laws can vary from state to state, I encourage each state association to research the laws that address liability protection for paid and volunteer health care workers during a declared disaster or state of emergency. If you have any input on ways to implement and work with either of these resolutions, please let me know. As always, if you have any comments, suggestions, or questions, feel free to contact me at vicepresident@nsna.org. I look forward to seeing everyone at Midyear!