



NSNA's 55th Annual Convention The Wonderful World of Nursing

NNSNA's 55th Annual Convention takes place at the Anaheim Convention Center in Anaheim, CA, April 11-15, 2007. *The Wonderful World of Nursing* offers a range of sessions on current trends and issues in healthcare and nursing, presented by renowned speakers and nursing leaders. For more details, housing and registration form, see the convention brochure contained in this issue.



Beverly Malone
PhD, RN, FAAN

Opening Ceremony

Don't miss what promises to be a memorable opening evening for NSNA's 55th Annual Convention. The Keynote Speaker is Beverly Malone, PhD, RN, FAAN, immediate past General Secretary of the Royal College of Nursing, London, UK. Dr. Malone is an inspirational speaker, visionary, educator, and respected health care leader who is the Chief

Executive Officer of the National League for Nursing, New York, NY. She served as president of the American Nurses Association (ANA), worked for the Clinton administration, and was Detroit, Michigan's first psychiatric nurse practitioner. Someone who began her career thinking that leadership had "nothing to do with me," Dr. Malone is one of today's top nursing leaders and has been named one of *Ebony* magazine's 100 most influential African-Americans.

The Keynote Speaker is sponsored by Nurses Service Organization, Hatboro, PA; and the Opening Ceremony is sponsored by USC University Hospital, Los Angeles, CA.

Plenary Sessions

This year's two plenary sessions feature distinguished speakers who will inform and motivate you. On Thursday, April 12, Patricia E. Benner, PhD, RN, FAAN, the author of nine books including *From Novice to Expert*, presents "Learning to be a Nurse." Dr. Benner

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is a celebrated researcher and lecturer on health, nursing skill acquisition, ethics, stress and coping. You'll also hear from Molly Sutphen, PhD, Research Scholar, Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Dr. Sutphen is co-director of the Carnegie Foundation's National Study for Nursing Education research project. Come and hear the preliminary results of the survey that NSNA members participated in. The survey evaluated nursing education from the students' point-of-view and the preliminary results include what has worked well for nursing students, what has not, and the weaknesses and strengths of nursing education as reported in the survey. This session is sponsored by Cambridge Health Alliance, Cambridge, MA.

On Friday, April 13, "Lessons Learned: Disaster Preparedness, Response, and Recovery," focuses on NSNA's new Disaster Relief Project. Dr. Patricia M. Prechter, Dean and Professor of Nursing, Our Lady of Holy Cross College, New Orleans, LA will share her story about what it was like to be in charge of special-needs patients at the Louisiana Superdome during Hurricane Katrina. NSNA Vice President, Justine Mize, chair, Disaster Relief Task Force, will provide information about the important work that NSNA is doing to help prepare nursing students to respond and assist in the recovery from disasters. The moderator for the session is Rebecca M. Patton, MSN, RN, CNOR, president, American Nurses Association. Friday's plenary session is sponsored by the American Nurses Association, Silver Spring, MD.



Rear Admiral
Bruzek-Kohler

Endnote Address

Rear Admiral Bruzek-Kohler has served a long and distinguished career in the U.S. Navy; and is the the 21st Director of the Navy Nurse Corps and the Naval Medical Inspector General, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Bethesda, MD. She promises a rousing end to NSNA's 55th Annual Convention. The

Endnote address is sponsored by the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps Recruiting Command.

Annual Terrance Keenan Nursing Leadership Lecture

Mary Knudtson, DNSc, NP, Professor, Family Medicine, and Director of FNP Program University of California Irvine, will present the Annual Terrance Keenan Nursing Leadership Lecture. The annual lecture



Mary Knudtson

is sponsored by the RWJ Executive Nurses Fellows Program Leadership Legacy Fund.

NSNA NCLEX-RN® Mini Review

NSNA is pleased to offer an eight-hour Mini-Review for the NCLEX-RN® exam that is scheduled so that all student registrants, including delegates, can attend. Add the Mini-Review to your convention registration for an additional \$20 for members pre-registering. Sponsor: Drexel University NCLEX EXCEL! Philadelphia, PA.

Association Activity Seminars

An excellent opportunity to network with other NSNA leaders, these sessions give registrants the opportunity to attend association activity seminars presented by the NSNA Board of Directors in their areas of responsibility. These include: community health projects; membership recruitment; convention planning; image of nursing; bylaws and policies; role of the association secretary; Breakthrough to Nursing projects; financial management and fundraising; and legislation/education activities. Additionally, NSNA President, D. Todd Uhlman, will host a School Presidents Forum and a Chapter Connection Participatory Forum (see details on page 3 of the convention brochure).

Exhibit Hall

The Exhibit Hall is one of the Convention's biggest attractions! Over two-hundred exhibitors from hospitals and healthcare agencies, nursing schools, publishers, and others will be there to answer your questions. Bring your résumé and business cards: this is a great opportunity to network, find a summer internship, RN to BSN program or graduate school, and search out the best RN position that is just for you!

Annual Awards Ceremony

The Foundation of the NSNA Scholarship sponsors and recipients are recognized and honored at the Annual Awards Ceremony. At this evening of surprises and excitement, NSNA also recognizes school and state chapter award winners. Don't miss the Leader of Leaders Award (presented to an extraordinary faculty member); the Army Nurse Corps Spirit of Nursing Award (given to a student who has exceeded all expectations); and the Honorary Membership award presentation. There will



also be a special viewing of Johnson & Johnson's Hurricane Katrina video. A delightful dessert reception takes place at the close of the Awards Ceremony. The Awards Ceremony is sponsored by *Nursing Spectrum/Nurse Week*, Hoffman Estates, IL. The reception is sponsored by the US Army Recruiting Command, Army Nurse Corps.

First Night

NSNA is California Dreamin' and you're the star!

NSNA is bringing a little bit of Hollywood to you at the Annual Convention in Anaheim, CA! Come join us at the Annual First Night Party on Wednesday, April 11, 2007, and watch out for the paparazzi! Come as your favorite star, past or present.

Will we see Greta Garbo or Humphrey Bogart? Or perhaps Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt? You'll just have to wait and see and do a little California Dreamin'! Awards will be given out!

First Night is sponsored by the Nurses Service Organization; the University of Southern California; Cedars Sinai Medical Center; University of Southern California Hospital; Byrdine F. Lewis School of Nursing at Georgia State University; and Nebraska Methodist College, Omaha.

Project Showcase

NSNA's Project Showcase offers school and state chapters an opportunity to display projects they have conducted in a number of program areas, including: Breakthrough to Nursing; Community Health; Legislation/Education, Image of Nursing, Newsletter publication, and other topics. This is a great opportunity to share knowledge, gain

inspiration, and network. Faculty and students are encouraged to collaborate on posters presentations.

Student Activity Tables

School and state constituents may sell fundraising items to benefit their chapter only in the Student Activity Area. Due to convention center fees, there is a charge of \$15 per half-table.

Participants must share tables which are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Come to the NSNA convention office at the Anaheim Convention Center to sign-up for a table. For NSNA's policies related to fundraising at convention, please visit www.nsna.org and click on "Meetings" and then on Code of Conduct for NSNA Meetings.

Alcohol Policy

Beverages containing alcohol are not served at official NSNA student convention program events, and participants may not use, consume, or bring alcoholic beverages into or upon the premises of any venue where such official events are held; nor shall any participant use the premises of any facility provided by NSNA, including student activity tables, to promote any non-NSNA event where alcohol is served, nor sell tickets or other promotional items that endorse events where alcohol is served. Those of legal drinking age who choose to consume alcoholic beverages off the premises of NSNA-sponsored events are urged to do so responsibly.

Transportation & Hotel Information



Fly into the John Wayne Orange County Airport (20 minutes); Los Angeles International Airport (50 minutes); Ontario International Airport (45 minutes); or the Long Beach Airport (30 minutes). Shuttles/buses, and taxis are available from each airport. Please see the convention brochure for more details.

American Airlines (AA) is the official airline for the NSNA 55th Annual Convention. AA offers an exclusive low fare for NSNA convention attendees flying into John Wayne or Los Angeles Airport. The special fare is 5% off any published AA round trip fare – call the American Airlines Meeting Service desk toll free at 1-800-433-1790 or go on-line at www.aa.com for ticket purchase. The reference authorization number is A1847AD.

The Marriott Anaheim (headquarters) and the Hilton Anaheim are both adjacent to the Anaheim Convention Center. Special rates are available. The cut-off date is **March 12, 2007** (*Please note that the Marriott room block is sold out.*) Use the official housing reservation form in the convention brochure, reserve on-line or download form: www.nsna.org.

Pre-register for Convention and Save \$\$

March 19 (postmark) by mail or FAX; and **March 26** online at www.nsna.org are the deadlines to save money by pre-registering for the convention. Please be sure to check the refund policy. Use the registration form in the convention brochure; download form www.nsna.org; or use the convenient member services link on www.nsna.org homepage.

MidYear Wrap-Up



Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

The NSNA Board of Directors met October 31-November 1 and November 4, 2006, during the MidYear Conference in Atlanta. The following highlights their actions:

- Accepted reports from the following: Disaster Relief Project Task Force, Finance Committee, *Imprint* and Image of Nursing, Legislation/Education, Membership, Convention and Program Planning, Breakthrough to Nursing, Community Health, Bylaws and Policies, and the State Presidents' update.
- Approved the 2007 Operating Budget.
- Approved changes to the NSNA Campaign Regulations.
- Approved proposed Bylaws amendments to be presented to the 2007 House of Delegates. See page 19 for the complete text of the proposed changes.
- Approved Salt Lake City, Utah for the 2011 Annual Convention.
- Approved the addition of Rule 15 to the Rules for NSNA Business Meeting as follows, "Only topic and proposed changes for resolutions be read in the House of Delegates."
- Approved the topic for the Board of Directors resolution to be submitted to the Resolutions Committee.
- Appointed Dr. Carol Toussie Weingarten as the incoming National League for Nursing Appointed Consultant to NSNA. Dr. Weingarten will succeed Barbara Chamberlain when her term expires on April 14, 2007.
- Approved that the Disaster Relief Project Task Force continue for a minimum of two years at which time the Board of Directors will evaluate the work of the Task Force and future plans.
- Approved the revised Field Visit Policies.

Budgeting Information for the

55th Annual Convention

The following information is provided to assist with budgeting for the Convention. Estimated expenses (excluding travel) are for 4 days and 3 nights.

Minimum	Maximum
Registration\$85.00 (Member Convention only Advance)	Registration\$105.00 (Convention & NCLEX Mini Review Member Advanced)
Hotel139.00 (4 nights, quad room, \$120 per night, at the Martiott Hotel includes 15% hotel tax, and \$1.15 occupancy fee per night)	Hotel460.00 (4 nights, single room, at the Martiott Hotel includes 15% hotel tax, and \$1.15 occupancy tax per night)
FOOD (5 DAYS)	FOOD (5 DAYS)
Breakfast.....40.00 (\$8 per day, including tip)	Breakfast.....60.00 (\$12 per day, including tip)
Lunch50.00 (\$10 per day, including tip)	Lunch75.00 (\$15 per day, including tip)
Dinner.....100.00 (\$20 per day, including tip)	Dinner.....105.00 (\$21 per day, including tip)
MINIMUM TOTAL\$414.00	MAXIMUM TOTAL\$805.00

- Fitness Center for Hotel Guests is \$7.00 per day.
- Hotel Parking is \$12.00 per day self-park or \$16.00 per day valet, both with in/out privileges.
- Early departure charge is \$75. (If you leave before the date you stated on check-in)

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NSNA Member Services

Remember that many of NSNA's communications to its members, including Delegate information, are now sent via email. To receive these updates, make sure to regularly update your email and other contact information at Member Services on **www.nсна.org**.

NSNA's member privacy policy protects your information from unauthorized parties. Read it under Membership at www.nсна.org. ©

Board of Directors and Nominating and Elections Committee 2007 Slate of Candidates

The NSNA Nominating and Elections Committee is pleased to announce the 2007 Slate of Candidates for Board of Directors and Nominating and Elections Committee. Delegates will vote for the candidates at the upcoming NSNA Annual Convention in Anaheim, CA, April 11-15, 2007. Candidates may also be nominated from the floor of the House of Delegates. If you would like information about running from the floor, send an e-mail with your name, complete mailing address, phone number, e-mail address, and the position you are planning to run for to nsna@nsna.org. An application and packet of information will be mailed to you. The Nominating and Elections Committee urges those who are planning to run from the floor to have their completed application to NSNA no later than March 27, 2007, so that you'll have a candidate's packet before Convention.

President

Jennifer Davis
University of Akron
Akron, Ohio

Danielle Strandlien
South Plains College
Levelland, Texas

Vice President

Jenna L. Sanders
University of Saint Francis
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Secretary/Treasurer

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Imprint Editor

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Proposed NSNA Bylaws Amendments		
<p>Proposed bylaws amendments are voted on at the 2007 House of Delegates which convenes in Anaheim, California, April 11, 13, and 14, 2007. The following proposed bylaws amendments were approved by the NSNA Board of Directors when they met in Atlanta, Georgia last October. Changes are indicated in bold type.</p>		
Current Article V Officers and Directors	Proposed	Rationale
<p>Section 3. Eligibility e) Those members holding state office who are then elected to a national office must resign from one of these offices prior to the Board of Directors meeting at the MidYear conference, or a vacancy will be declared in the national position.</p>	<p>e) No Change Add f) Those members not holding state office who are elected to a national office may not be elected or appointed to a state position during their term of office on the NSNA Board of Directors.</p>	<p>The way that the current bylaw is written does not prevent an NSNA Board member from election or appointment to a state office after election to the NSNA Board of Directors. This amendment will help to clarify the bylaws.</p>
Current Article VI Nominating and Elections Committee	Proposed	Rationale
<p>Section 1. Eligibility e) Those members holding state office who are then elected to a national office must resign from one of these offices prior to the Board of Directors meeting at the MidYear conference, or a vacancy will be declared in the national position.</p>	<p>e) No Change Add f) Those members not holding state office who are elected to a national office may not be elected or appointed to a state position during their term of office on the NSNA Nominating and Elections Committee.</p>	<p>The way that the current bylaw is written does not prevent an NSNA Nominating and Elections Committee member from election or appointment to a state office after election to the NSNA Nominating and Elections Committee. This amendment will help to clarify the bylaws.</p>

Breakthrough to Nursing Director

Devyn K. Denton
Bacone College
Muskogee, Oklahoma

Director (North Election Area)

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Director (South Election Area)

Meg Anderson
Francis Marion University
Florence, South Carolina

Director (East Election Area)

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Director (West Election Area)

Arlene Hady
San Diego State University
San Diego, California

Nominating and Elections Committee (North Election Area)

Jenna Thiry
University of Nebraska Medical Center
Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Nominating and Elections Committee (South Election Area)

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Nominating and Elections Committee (East Election Area)

Sarah Ellen Baker
Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore, Maryland

Nominating and Elections Committee (West Election Area)

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New: Delegate Notification Broadcast Email

NSNA has implemented a new procedure for delegate notification. For the 2007 delegate notification, NSNA will send a broadcast email to all NSNA members in early

March, informing them that the NSNA Official Constituent Eligibility Report is posted on the NSNA Delegate Information Web Page.

School leaders will be able to look up their school to see if they are eligible for constituency status and if so, how many delegates and alternates they are entitled to seat in the House of Delegates. NSNA can still

mail hard copy to the state presidents upon request.

The NSNA Delegate Information Web Page will include information about:

1. Being a Delegate Step-by-Step
2. Convention Schedule for Delegates
3. Slate of Candidates
4. Business Meeting Agenda
5. List and abstract for resolutions
6. Proposed Bylaws Amendments

If you have questions about constituency, please call NSNA headquarters, (718) 210-0705, and ask for Susan Wong or email at susan@nsna.org.

Planning to Specialize in Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing?



Through the generous support from an educational grant from Janssen, L.P. administered by Ortho-McNeil Janssen Scientific Affairs, LLC, the American Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA) is pleased to announce the availability of 15 scholarships for undergraduate nursing students to attend the APNA Annual Convention, October 3-7, 2007 in Kissimmee, Florida. Deans and directors of schools of nursing are invited to nominate one or more students who are interested in this specialty. The APNA-Janssen Student Scholarship includes all travel and lodging expenses to attend the 2007 APNA Convention, as well as a stipend for meals and the registration fees for the entire convention. In addition, winners will receive one year complimentary membership in the APNA. Administration for the nomination and selection process is coordinated by the National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA). Deadline for application is April 30, 2007. For complete information and an application, visit www.nsna.org or call (718) 210-0705.

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14 Nursing Schools to Help Improve Care at Bedside

Fourteen schools of nursing nationwide have been selected to participate in *Transforming Care at the Bedside* (TCAB). Sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

(RWJF) in conjunction with the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI), TCAB will link the schools with major regional hospitals to create 14 strategic partnerships in communities across the country.

“As the largest group of health professionals providing direct care to patients, nurses are in a unique position to affect the quality of care

a patient receives in a hospital,” said Sue Hassmiller, R.N., Ph.D., F.A.A.N., senior program officer at RWJF.

The following hospitals and schools were chosen for the partnerships based on their commitment to quality care and health care improvement:

✓ Austin: The University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing and Austin Community College will be working with Seton Healthcare Network (Seton Hospital Northwest).

✓ Chicago: DePaul University Department of Nursing will be working with Children’s Memorial Hospital.

✓ Houston: The University of Texas School of Nursing - Houston will be working with The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center.

✓ Long Island: Molloy College will be working with North Shore-LIJ Health System, both on Long Island.

✓ Los Angeles: University of California Los Angeles School of Nursing and California State University Los Angeles School of Nursing will be working with Cedars-Sinai Health System.

✓ Northeast Wisconsin: University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh College of Nursing and Fox Valley Technical College will be working with ThedaCare, Inc.

✓ Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing and Shadyside School of Nursing will be working with University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

✓ Sacramento: California State University Sacramento School of Nursing will be working with Kaiser Permanente Roseville.

✓ Tampa: University of South Florida College of Nursing will be working with James A. Haley Veteran’s Hospital.

✓ Watertown, S.D.: South Dakota State University College of Nursing in Brookings will be working with Prairie Lakes Hospital.

For more information visit www.ihl.org.

Nurse Educator Honored by *New York Times* “Tribute to Nurses”



Tracey Gaslin

MSN, RN, CRNI, CPNP

Tracey Gaslin, MSN, RN, CRNI, CPNP, was the first nurse educator to be honored at the fourth annual *New York Times* “Tribute to Nurses.” Gaslin was one of four nurses honored at the November 17, 2006 New York event. Over 500 nominations were received for the awards.

Nominated by one of her students, Gaslin is a full-time assistant professor at the University of Louisville, Louisville, KY, and an adjunct faculty member at Indiana Wesleyan University. She is a physician liaison for the Visiting Nurses Association-Nazareth, Louisville, KY, and a pediatric nurse practitioner with Brownsboro Park

Pediatrics. She is an infusion nurse who treats children with hemophilia, cancer, and other diseases.

In addition to her teaching duties and her professional practice, she has completed her doctoral work at the University of Louisville. Her clinical research interests are IV therapy and children with bleeding disorders. Her academic focus is nursing faculty recruitment and active teaching methodologies. Gaslin serves as the faculty advisor for the University of Louisville Nursing Student Organization, and the State Consultant to the Kentucky Association of Nursing Students. Congratulations Tracey Gaslin!

Run for Office

Show the World Your Character Running from the Floor



Kenya D. Haney
Northern Election Area
Representative

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It is always fascinating to see the new faces of nursing at each NSNA conference. I can't help but think of the powerful force each of us will have on the future of nursing as we enter the profession. This is also one of the reasons I encourage students to run for NSNA elected office: it allows them to have a lasting impression on NSNA and nursing students across our nation.

I am thrilled to report that the Nominating and Elections Committee held two Running for Office workshops at the

Midyear Conference in Atlanta, GA, last November. We addressed the application process; campaigning; campaigning regulations; how to pre-slate; and running from the floor. We had many individuals attend the workshops and express their interest in running for NSNA elected office.

The application deadline to be pre-slated was January 23, 2007. While pre-slating has already taken place, there are still opportunities to plan ahead and run from the floor at the House of Delegates. To run from the floor, it is imperative that you first submit your credentials to the NEC and then be nominated by a delegate at the House of Delegates.

Another important point is that those interested in running for the position of President or Vice President should begin the process of obtaining a passport as soon as possible as it is a requirement for those positions. The 2007-2008 President of NSNA will have the responsibility (and amazing opportunity) to attend the International Council of Nurses (ICN) Student Assembly Conference in Yokohama, Japan, May 26-June 1, 2007. In the event the president is unable to attend, the vice-president may be appointed to attend the conference to represent NSNA.

It was a pleasure to meet so many nursing students at the Midyear Conference and I am just as excited to meet

everyone at the Annual Convention in Anaheim, CA, in April.

I encourage everyone who is interested in running for national office to log on to www.nsna.org to get more information about running for elected positions. Please note that you can email NSNA at any time at nsna@nsna.org to request a running-for-office packet and application.

Remember, the NEC is always eager to answer any questions to help you along the way. If you have any questions about running for national office please email me or the other NEC members so we can help point you in the right direction.

We choose our leaders as a collective body: together we can make an indelible impact on the world of nursing. *Show the World Your Character*: run for NSNA elected office. I wish the best to all candidates and I look forward to seeing you in Anaheim!

Nursing School Enrollment Rises for 6th Consecutive Year

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) released preliminary survey data which show that enrollment in entry-level baccalaureate nursing programs increased by 5.0 percent from 2005 to 2006. Yet colleges and universities turned away more than 32,000 qualified applicants primarily due to a shortage of nurse educators.

"Nursing schools nationwide are effectively answering the calls to expand student capacity given the growing need for nursing services in the U.S.," said AACN President Jeanette Lancaster. "With limited resources available to nursing schools and a dwindling population of nurse faculty, future enrollment increases may not be possible without a significant boost in federal and state funding needed to prepare new faculty, enhance teaching resources, and upgrade nursing school infrastructure."

In a report released in April 2006, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) projects that nursing schools must increase the number of graduates by 90 percent in order to adequately address the nursing shortage. With an 18.0 percent increase in graduations



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from baccalaureate nursing programs this year, schools are falling far short of meeting this target. By the year 2020, HRSA projects that more than one million new Registered Nurses (RNs) will be needed in the U.S. healthcare system to meet the demand for nursing care.

This is the sixth consecutive year of enrollment gains with 9.6, 14.1, 16.6, 8.1, and 3.7 percent increases in 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002, and 2001, respectively. Prior to the six-year upswing, baccalaureate nursing programs experienced six years of declining enrollments from 1995 through 2000.

Though interest in nursing careers is strong, access to professional nursing education is becoming more difficult. AACN's preliminary findings show that 32,323 qualified applications to entry-level baccalaureate programs were not accepted in 2006 based on responses from 449 schools. The number of qualified applications turned away each year from these programs remains high with 37,514; 29,425; 15,944; and 3,600 students turned away in 2005, 2004, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

More information about the upcoming data reports will be posted soon on the AACN Web site at www.aacn.nche.edu/IDS/datarep.htm.

NSNA E-NEWS

Get ready for NSNA's latest *e-Newsletter*, your online connection to the latest updates from NSNA, including deadlines, new publications, program highlights, Convention and MidYear previews, and more. We hope you find it useful, and welcome your ideas for feedback and suggestions. Do you have story ideas? Please email us at nsna@nsna.org and let us know!©