



Run for Office

Running from the Floor

It is an exciting time as the Nominating and Elections Committee (NEC) continues to search for new NSNA leaders. As many of you know, we have encouraged prospective candidates to “Seek the Adventure—Transform the Journey.”

Activities have included direct outreach to interested candidates, attendance at many State Conventions and most importantly, the Running for Office workshops held in Kansas City in November 2007. Many of you may have made the decision to run then or you may have taken away information that allowed you to make a decision to submit your applications by the **January 8, 2008** deadline. Candidates that submitted complete and qualified information prior to the deadline are the pre-slated candidates for NSNA elections at the Annual Convention in Grapevine, TX, March 26-30, 2008. (See the Slate of Candidates on page 14.)

Whether you are reading this just prior to NSNA’s Annual Convention or at Convention itself, and you feel a tug at your heart telling you to run for office, fear not – your journey is about to be transformed. It is not too late to “Seek the Adventure” by running from the floor.

Running from the floor can be accomplished two ways: 1) you can come to the Convention in Grapevine where you will have a tight time line to complete your application, be credentialed, and organize your campaign or 2) you can contact your NEC representative to receive guidance that will allow you to arrive in Grapevine fully prepared to run from the floor! By submitting your application by **March 14, 2008**, you will be mailed a



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candidates’ packet to prepare for your campaign.

Either way, your next step is to contact your NEC Representative to obtain more information about your office of interest and/or to request an application packet. The NEC is dedicated to taking the fear out of running for office by offering navigation assistance as you read through the checklist, *Getting the Pieces to Fit*, and the *Digest of Information for 2008 NSNA Candidates*, which contains NSNA position descriptions and bylaws.

An important part of the preparation process for this new adventure is to make sure you understand the requirements and the process for nominations from

the floor, which can be found in the Eligibility Section of the *Digest of Information*.

It is time to get excited about your potential as an NSNA leader! Candidates now serving on the current board and the NEC (including myself) may not have been pre-slated at the time of election. We successfully ran from the floor. In fact, I knew that I wanted to move forward as a leader in the nursing world, yet I was not sure of the next steps. The amazing support of the NEC team educated me, streamlined the process, and made it possible for me to be here to serve you today! Be encouraged!

If you are still contemplating or your decision has been made to take the next steps, please contact any one of the NEC Committee members by contacting us at nsna@nsna.org (fill in NEC on the subject line), logging on to www.nsna.org to get more information, or plan to visit us at Campaign Headquarters in Grapevine. Seek Your Adventure and Transform Your Journey: run for national office! ☺