

## BYLAWS



The "ByLaws" and Policies column is for exploring and discussing issues relevant to NSNA governance.

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# Bylaws and Policies Column

"Bylaws and Policies" may sound like a dry subject, but I assure you it's not. Bylaws and association policies define how an organization is structured and how it makes its decisions. Without them, even our most basic decisions would be difficult to carry out. The resolutions we pass at each year's Annual Convention, the Boards of Directors we elect, and the individuals that make up our membership make us a powerful voice for nursing students throughout the

United States. Take a look at the word find below – all the terms listed are taken from NSNA documents, including *Getting the Pieces to Fit*. Find them, then check them out and see how you use them in your own chapters! They're all important to how we function as an organization. For example, *there are certain procedures to getting resolutions passed. Once a resolution is passed, it becomes NSNA policy; in order to pass resolutions, the House of Delegates must maintain quorum.*



Find the following words in the puzzle:

- Amendments
- Area of Conformity
- Article
- Board of Directors
- Bylaws
- Committees
- Code of Ethics
- Constituent
- COSP (Council of State Presidents)
- Dues
- Duties
- Eligibility
- Membership
- NEC (Nominations and Elections Committee)
- Officers
- Policies
- Preamble Procedures
- Resolutions
- Quorum

Don't forget to check out the updated *Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures Guidelines* booklet on the NSNA website at [www.nsna.org](http://www.nsna.org)