

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Legislation/Education Directors/Chairs  
**FROM:** Diana Carbone Peck, NSNA Director and Chair,  
Legislation/Education Committee  
**SUBJECT:** Fall Memo  
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Wow! How the time flies! Summer has come and gone and here we are at the NSNA Midyear Career Planning Conference already. I hope all of you are prepared for a great learning experience and some time for making connections... and we'll throw in a little fun too. Being that a lot of you all are newly elected to your state and school chapter positions and ready to hit the ground running, we want to make sure you have all the tools and support necessary. This is also a critical time, in that, the new fiscal year has just begun, as of October 1, and the convening 2010 Legislative Session is just around the corner. Check out the [National Conference of State Legislatures](#) site to find out what date your state's regular session begins!

We are still waiting for the Senate to vote on the Labor HHS FY 2010 appropriations bill, follow its progress by visiting the [status of appropriations](#). The vote will hopefully take place by the end of October. If the Senate accepts the proposed \$216.7 million for Title VIII funding, a conference committee will work together to resolve the differences between the House and Senate on the matter.

We have posted the 2010 [Legislative Activity Planning Guide](#), [Getting the Pieces to Fit](#), and the [Awards and Honors Booklet](#) on the [NSNA website](#). Make sure you update your [calendars](#) and resource list with the most up-to-date information.

To get some great information and resources to help you in your chapter check out the **Legislative/Education Workshop on Getting Back to the Basics** on Saturday, October 31, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in room 121A. Right after that, be sure to come to the roundtable discussion in room 126ABC from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. and I would love to answer any of your questions, hear some of your ideas, and chat about the current legislative issues going on around us.