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Cheryl K. Schmidt Selected ANA-Appointed Consultant to NSNA

Brooklyn, NY. April 11, 2008. The National Student Nurses' Association is pleased to announce the appointment of Cheryl K. Schmidt, PhD, RN, CNE, ANEF, as the American Nurses Association (ANA)-appointed consultant to NSNA. Dr. Schmidt is stepping into the position as Dr. Anne Manton ends her two terms in the role. During her two-year tenure, Dr. Schmidt will serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Directors during their business meetings. She will fulfill this position along with Carol Toussie Weingarten, PhD, RN, the National League for Nursing (NLN)-appointed consultant.

Dr. Schmidt is an associate professor at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Nursing in Little Rock, and brings over forty years of experience to her new role. Dr. Schmidt's dedication to NSNA goes back many years and includes her services as the Resolutions Committee resource person during NSNA's Annual Convention. Additionally, she has served as a trustee of the Foundation of the National Student Nurses Association since 2006. Her work with nursing students' associations goes back to 1971 when she worked with the Student Nurses' Association of Ohio and has continued ever since.

A dedicated American Red Cross (ARC) volunteer since 1974, Dr. Schmidt taught 181 nurses and physicians to serve as ARC volunteers for the over 100,000 Hurricane Katrina/Rita evacuees in Arkansas. She has been an invaluable resource to NSNA's Disaster Task Force.

Dr. Schmidt is also a retired Lieutenant Colonel for the U.S. Army Nurse Corps Reserves, and is an “Operation Desert Shield/Storm” veteran. She received the Army Achievement Medal and Army Commendation Medal.

In addition to years of continuing community service, which includes singing in church and community choirs, Dr. Schmidt has also been granted research funds to develop teaching programs to educate health care providers and health profession students to respond to terrorism and other public health emergencies.

Among her many honors and awards, Dr. Schmidt was most recently inducted into the NLN’s inaugural class of Fellows of the Academy of Nursing Education.

“NSNA is the best pre-professional organization in the United States,” said Dr. Schmidt. “It has prepared thousands of outstanding nurse leaders in its 56-year history. I have been truly honored to work with NSNA since the 1970s, and look forward to my new role as the ANA-appointed Consultant.”