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Carol A. Fetters Andersen Joins NSNA Staff as Director of Governance and Program Development

Brooklyn, New York. December 9, 2008. The NSNA is proud to announce that NSNA past president (1991-1992) Carol Fetters Andersen, MSN, RN has joined the executive staff at NSNA as Director of Governance and Program Development, effective November 3, 2008.

In her role at NSNA, she will work with nursing student leaders across the country in the areas of governance, legislation/education; disaster preparedness, community health, resolutions, and nominations and elections. Experienced as an association executive, she will assist with program development including services and products to build leadership skills within the student membership, now 51,000 strong. Her book, *Nursing Student to Nursing Leader: The critical path to leadership development in nursing*, published by Delmar Cengage Learning (1999; second edition under revision), is used by nursing schools in the US and abroad and is the required text for NSNA's Leadership University (see www.nsnaleadershipu.org/nsnalu).

Immediately prior to joining NSNA staff, Carol Fetters Andersen spent four years with the National League for Nursing in New York, the nation's largest and oldest membership organization in nursing education. She served in numerous management capacities for the NLN during her tenure including: Manager for Professional Development; Director of Product Development; and most recently as Director of Curriculum Assessment and Retention Solutions for NLN Testing Services. She also worked with the NLN Nurse Educator Workforce Development Advisory Council, and their task groups on Leadership in Nursing Education and Healthful Work Environments, the Evaluation of Learning Advisory Council, the NLN Think Tank on Expanding Diversity in Nursing Education, and the NLN Think Tank on Assessment and Evaluation in Nursing Education.

Carol Fetters Andersen completed her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Grand View College in Des Moines (1992) and her Master of Science in Nursing at the University of Iowa (1998.) She has held numerous clinical, professional, and academic leadership positions over her 16 year career in nursing. Prior to joining the NLN, she was a Visiting Professor at Harford Community College in Bel Air, MD and faculty in the RN-BSN program at the College of Notre Dame in Maryland.

Today, she is a doctoral candidate at Teachers College Columbia University, in the Doctor of Education Executive Program for Nurses. Her dissertation is titled, *Expanding Diversity in Nursing Education Leadership: Understanding the Experiences of Minority Nurse Educators Achieving Tenure*. Representing the NLN in 2006, she was one of thirty nurse leaders who attended the 2006 National Leadership Summit on Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health, DHHS Office of Minority Health in Washington, DC and has been invited back to participate in the Third National Leadership Summit on Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health in February 2009. Carol Fetters Andersen, MSN, RN hopes to complete her doctorate in 2009, at which time she plans to complete study to achieve recognition as a Certified Association Executive (CAE).

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NSNA is a membership organization representing 51,000 students in Associate Degree, Diploma, Baccalaureate, generic Masters and generic Doctoral programs preparing students for Registered Nurse licensure, as well as RNs in BSN completion programs.