

**The Foundation of the  
National Student Nurses Association**  
*In Memory of Frances Tompkins*

**Press Release**

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**FNSNA Elects John F. Garde to Board of Trustees**



**Brooklyn, NY – September 23, 2008.** The Foundation of the National Student Nurses' Association (FNSNA) has appointed John F. Garde, CRNA, MS, FAAN to serve on the FNSNA Board of Trustees.

Since his retirement as Executive Director of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA), Mr. Garde has served as Interim Executive Director for the American Academy of Nursing, the American Psychiatric Nurses' Association, and the National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission. Currently, Mr. Garde is an Associate with executive search specialists Tuft & Associates located in Chicago, IL.

Under Mr. Garde's guidance as Executive Director, the AANA has played an integral role in bringing nurse anesthesia programs into a graduate curriculum, moving half of all nurse anesthesia programs into Colleges of Nursing, and forming the International Federation of Nurse Anesthetists (IFNA).

The AANA has recognized Mr. Garde for his achievements by honoring him with the Helen Lamb Outstanding Educator Award in 1981 the Agatha Hodgins Award for Outstanding Accomplishment in 2000.

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*The FNSNA was created in 1969 to honor Frances Tompkins, the Association's first Executive Director. The Foundation is organized as a 501 (C) (3) charitable foundation and contributions are tax deductible.*