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National Student Nurses' Association  
59th Annual Convention · Salt Lake City, Utah

**CONVENTION NEWS**



Thursday, April 7

## NSNA 59th Annual Convention

April 6-10, 2011  
Salt Palace Convention Center  
Salt Lake City, Utah

### Today's Highlights:

9:00 am

Plenary Session: The Future of Nursing

11:00 am

Grand Opening:  
Exhibit Hall & Career Counseling Center

11:00 am

The Sanctuary opens

1:15 pm

Finance Forum

1:45 pm

Bylaws Form

2:30 pm

Focus Sessions, Part 1

3:45 pm

Focus Sessions, Part 2

3:45 pm

Resolutions Hearing



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## Council of State Presidents Planning Committee Election Results

The 2011 Council of State Presidents (COSP) met on Tuesday, April 5, to address association priorities, accomplishments, and challenges. Some familiar faces as well as new faces filled the room. The COSP meeting is a forum for state presidents to network, share ideas and have a little bit of fun with a traditional white elephant gift exchange.

After a warm welcome and introduction by **Bobby Schnittker**, 2010-2011 COSP Chair, the state presidents heard from NSNA President, **Carylin M. Holsey**. Ms. Holsey gave a wonderful overview of activities over the past year as she represented NSNA and was grateful for all the hard work and dedication that the Board of Directors has given over the 2010-2011 year.

**Lola Fehr**, the NSNA Parliamentarian, also gave a presentation to the presidents, as well as NSNA Secretary/Treasurer, **Laura Lunsford**, who spoke on governance. During the traditional COSP dinner, attendees were treated to an excellent presentation on leadership by **Donna Poduska** of the American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE).

Be sure to check in with your state president to find out what ideas they will be taking from the meeting and sharing with state constituents.

### COSP Elections

Elections were also held for the next COSP Planning Committee. Elected to the Northern Election Area is **Amber Nerdig** (IA); **Scott Goodsite** (NC) will represent the Southern Election Area; for the Western Election Area,

**Suzanne Camp** (UT) was elected; and finally, **Regina Leonard** (MD) is now the East Election Area representative. Following elections for the Planning Committee, Regina Leonard was elected as the 2011-2012 COSP Planning Committee Chair. Due to her election as Chair, she will now serve as the Ex-officio member of the 2011-2012 Board of Directors. Congratulations to the new committee and Chair! ■

*Below:* The newly elected COSP Planning Committee (l to r): **Amber Nerdig** (Iowa); **Scott Goodsite** (North Carolina); Chairperson **Regina Leonard** (Maryland); and **Suzanne Camp** (Utah).



*Above:* The Council of State Presidents with the 2010-2011 Board of Directors, Nominating and Elections Committee, and dinner speaker **Donna Poduska**.



The first part of the NSNA NCLEX-RN® Mini Review began on Wednesday. The incomparable Judith Miller is leading this prep course for the most important test you will pass. This 8-hour course is spread across three days and covers health promotion and maintenance, physiological and psychosocial integrity, and the nursing process. It continues this morning and concludes on Friday. ■

## Today's Plenary Session



This morning's Plenary Session, *The Future of Nursing—Leading Change, Advancing Health*, begins right at 9am at the North Foyer entrance of the **Grand Ballroom**. We are lucky to have

**Susan B. Hassmiller** of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Initiative on the Future of Nursing. She is speaking on what this Institute of Medicine report and implementation initiatives mean to the delivery of healthcare and nursing services. ANA President **Karen Daley** is moderating the session.

The session begins with the presentation of the NSNA Leader of Leaders award and the Project InTouch Grand Prize winner. Don't miss it! ■



Be at the entrance of the Exhibit Hall at 11:00 am for the Grand Opening traditional ribbon cutting with the NSNA Board of Directors. The Exhibit Hall is located in Hall A. A list of exhibitors and a map of their locations in the Exhibit Hall is located in your Program Book on pages 60-62. Be sure to see page 4 of this issue for important exhibitor updates.

## Career Counseling Center Opens Today

During exhibiting hours, NSNA is providing a Career Counseling Center in the Exhibit Hall to help you find your first nursing job. Faculty advisors and consultants will review your resume with you and discuss the primary steps for obtaining your first job. Prepare yourself by making a list of your interest and goals. Take this opportunity to learn and discuss the basic steps for success. Volunteers for the Career Counseling Center are still needed. See page 3 for more information. ■



## Don't miss the FNSNA Beehive Auction tomorrow!

It takes place in the back of the Exhibit Hall (Hall A) from 1:45 pm – 3:45 pm. Auction items can be viewed in the NSNA Convention & Fundraising Office (**150A**). There are many great items to bid on including a Florence Nightingale porcelain doll. Until recently, this limited collector's item was available for purchase through NSNA. NSNA's inventory for purchase has been exhausted and the dolls are no longer in production. This is a rare opportunity to bid on the doll while supporting nursing student scholarships. Donations for the auction (minimum value of \$25) will be accepted by the Convention Office until noon today. ■



## Resolutions to Come Before the House

1. In Support of the Future of Nursing Campaign for Action To Implement the Recommendations Made In the Institute of Medicine Report Titled, "the Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health
2. In Support of Increased Awareness of Rosa's Law Which Changes the Term "Mentally Retarded" To "Intellectual Disability
3. In Support of Increased Research and Education on Eating Disorders through the Freed Act
4. In Support of Research and Education for Quality Pediatric Palliative Care
5. In Support of Working with the American Nurses Association to Increase New Graduate Membership
6. In Support of Ongoing and Increased Awareness of Needle Stick Injuries in the Health Care System
7. In Support of Increased Government Funding for Nursing Faculty Development
8. In Support of Increasing Awareness and Identification of Physical and/Or Mental Abuse Related To Hazing
9. In Support of Mandatory Nursing Bedside Handover on Inpatient Units
10. In Support of the Implementation of Comprehensive School-Based Health Centers
11. In Support of Adoption of Screening for Severe Combined Immune Deficiency to Every States' Core Panel of Disorders for Newborn Screenings
12. In Support of Incorporating Situation-Background-Assessment-Recommendation (SBAR) Techniques In Nursing Education
13. In Support of Screening and Enhanced Healthcare Provider Awareness for the Undiagnosed Bleeding Disorder Community
14. In Support of Increased Education of Immunizations for Families
15. Increased Awareness of Parental Education Methods Related To the Prevention of Childhood Obesity
16. In Support of Promoting a Positive Image of Nursing Students with Disabilities
17. In Support of Increased Student Preparedness for the Future Nursing Clinical Practice through the Incorporation of Genetics in Nursing Curricula
18. In Support of Adoption of an Individual Informed Consent for Use of the Drug Pitocin in Women During Labor
19. In Support of Increased Awareness of Research for Artificial Pancreas Systems for Insulin Dependent Diabetics
20. In Support of Increased Research, Awareness, and Education On the Dangers of Distracted Driving, Focusing On the Prevalence of Text-Messaging While Driving
21. In Support of Managing Nurse to Patient Vertical Hostility
22. In Support of Team Based Learning Aimed At Fostering a Healthcare Delivery System That Assures Quality Care and Patient Safety
23. In Support of Increased Education & Awareness of Blood Transfusion Alternatives and Blood Management Options for Patients
24. In Support of the Period of Purple Crying Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention Program
25. In Support of Awareness and Education Pertaining To Behavioral and Nutritional Interventions Regarding Prevention and Management of Obesity In Elementary School Children
26. In Support of Implementation of Standardized Blood Pressure Screenings To Promote Early Detection of Hypertension In Children and Adolescents
27. In Support of Further Evidence-Based Research On the Effects of Job Related Nurse Fatigue
28. In Support of Increased Education about and Awareness of the Effects of Caffeinated Energy Drink Use and Patterns of Teenage and Young Adult Consumption
29. In Support of Accessible Hand Hygiene for Patients
30. In Support of Increasing Awareness for Equitable and Comprehensive Health Care Services for Women Veterans
31. In Support of Increased Awareness of National Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Installation and Training In All K Thru 12 Schools for All Students and Staff
32. In Support of Ethics Education among Nurses and Nursing Students
33. In Support of Educating Health Care Providers in Obstetrics and Pediatrics As Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians
34. In Support of Increasing Awareness of the Growing Mental Health Facility Deficit
35. In Support of Increased Awareness of the Effects of Bullying In Children and the Need for Bullying Prevention Programs
36. In Support of Promoting the Social Responsibility of Nursing Students to Assist With the Health Needs of the Homeless Population
37. In Support of Increased Awareness of Organ Donation and Donor Registration
38. In Support of Nurses Pursuing Higher Levels of Education and Training

## Volunteers and Tellers Are Needed

**General Volunteers:** Please consider helping out this week in the House of Delegates, Sunshine Auction, or other Convention events. This is a great way to experience all Convention has to offer. If you are able to volunteer at any time please visit the Convention & Fundraising Office located in Room **150 A**. Volunteers receive a gift of appreciation and certificate.

**Career Counseling Center Volunteers:** Faculty and nursing leaders are need to provide leadership coaching and lifelong learning recommendations to NSNA members during exhibit hours on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Please visit the Convention & Fundraising Office in Room **150 A** to sign up.

**Tellers:** Be a part of the NSNA election process. Tellers are needed to assist with the elections Saturday morning. Tellers cannot be a delegate or from a school that has a candidate. If you are interested in serving on this very important committee, please see a member of the Nominating and Elections Committee in Campaign Headquarters, Room **151 G**, on Thursday morning. Tellers receive a gift of appreciation and certificate. ■

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## Malpractice Insurance

Nurses Service Organization (NSO) is the official NSNA-endorsed provider of professional liability insurance for nursing students. NSO offers students malpractice protection coverage up to \$1 million per occurrence up to \$6 million annually, for only \$29 a year! After you graduate and begin to take on full nursing duties, you'll be eligible for a 50% discount off the full-time nurse's premium as a First-year Graduate (good for 12 months following graduation date). Visit [www.nso.com/](http://www.nso.com/) NSNA or stop by NSO's booth (#407) in the Exhibit Hall for more information. ■

opens today at 11:00am

enjoy the serenity of our sanctuary



Join the Johnson & Johnson Campaign for Nursing's Future and the Urban Zen Integrative Therapy (UZIT) program in "The Sanctuary" to revive and refresh your mind, body and spirit.

Experience the calming and grounding effects of integrative therapy and how these skills provide effective tools for self-care.

Comfy couches, healthy refreshments and electronic charging stations will be available.

A photographer will also be taking professional headshots at select times during the day, for easy uploading to your professional networking page profile.

Visit The Sanctuary in Room 150G

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## Visit The NSNA Store!

You've Earned It!



The NSNA store, located in the main Registration area (South Lobby), has graduation honor cords, NSNA key chains, videos, books, pins, and other products. The blue and white cords, worn with other honor cords, indicate your participation and commitment to nurses and student nurses in professional organizations. Sale of the graduation cords and key chains benefit the Foundation of the NSNA's General Scholarship Program.

## Terrance Keenan 10th Annual Nursing Leadership Lecture: Today at 2:30!

The FNSNA is pleased to present this year's lecture sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Executive Nurse Fellows Program Leadership Legacy Fund. Hear speaker Teresa Garrett discuss how to accomplish your goals through the leadership journey. This session begins at 2:30pm in Room 255 A. ■



### Leadership U Certificates

...may be picked up in the NSNA Convention Office (150A) from 8am - 5pm Wednesday through Friday and 8am - 3:30pm on Saturday.

### Tomorrow's Weather:

Forecast for Friday, April 8 via [www.wunderground.com](http://www.wunderground.com)



47° | 29°  
60% Chance of Rain



Registration count as of press time on Wednesday, April 6

2,378

## Exhibitor List UPDATE

Booth Number	Exhibitor Name
130	American University System, Dallas, TX
234	Everest College BSN Program, Salt Lake City, UT
135	Nebraska Methodist College, Omaha, NE
335	University of Colorado Hospital, Aurora, CO
126	University of Kansas School of Nursing, Kansas City, KS
128	University of Rochester School of Nursing, Rochester, NY
133	Wyoming Medical Center, Casper, WY

### Canceled:

Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing, Baltimore, MD

Delmar, Cengage Learning has been relocated to Booth #433